

# Minutes of the 2009 J/24 World Council Meeting

Malmö, Sweden  
September 26, 2009

## 1. Call to Order and Welcome

Bob Turner called the meeting to order at 0900.

## 2. Role Call and Proxy Recognition

Each member in attendance gave a brief introduction and indicated his voting rights and any proxies held for the meeting. 24 total votes were represented at the meeting.

**Attendance:** Bob Turner – Chairman (holding proxies for BER & AUS – 2 votes), Jim Farmer – Vice Chairman, Eric Faust – Executive Director, Lorne Chapman – Technical Committee Chairman (holding proxy for CAN-JCA – 1 vote), Paul Scalisi – USA-JCA (5 votes), Roberto Authier – ARG-JCA (1 vote), Nils Jannichsen – NED-JCA (1 vote), Toshi Hayakawa – JPN-JCA (1 vote), Gino Polin – ITA-JCA (2 votes), Robin Eagleson – IRL-JCA (1 vote), Jan-Marc Ulrich – GER-JCA (1 vote), Dennis Frederikssen – MON-JCA (1 vote), Tasos Nikolaou – GRE-JCA (1 vote), Marianne Schoke – SWE-JCA (1 vote), Jorge Castillo – MEX-JCA (holding proxy for VEN, PUR & CHI – 4 votes), Remco van den Berg – Executive Committee, Stuart Jardine – GBR-JCA (holding proxy for FRA, 2 votes). Observers included: Kenneth Porter – ITC, Paulo Boido – J Boats Italy, Ikuko Horikawa – observer/translator, Graham Smith – Howth Yacht Club, Diederik Ten Horn – NED-JCA, Mercedes Authier - observer/translator.

## 3. Appointment of Secretary

Bob Turner appointed Eric Faust as secretary for the meeting.

## 4. Chairman's Update

Bob Turner thanked everyone for attending and also thanked the local hosts for their hospitality and for the opening reception. Bob reminded the group that the World Council is the policy making body for the IJCA and with a full agenda, the group should act to optimize its time during the meeting by focusing on creating policy. Bob noted that Geoff Evelyn had passed away and would be missed in this meeting. He asked the group to observe a minute of silence in memory of Geoff.

Bob Turner noted that despite the economic downturn, there were many bright spots for the IJCA during the year. The J/24 offers good value to its users and will be well placed to progress as the economy recovers. The strategy paper approved at last year's meeting still acts as a good framework for the decisions the Class should take moving forward. The Executive Committee and the Technical Committee take the brunt of the work during the year, but the people in attendance need to identify and encourage additional leaders around the world to take on individual projects. Continuity of the IJCA management is also important and is a key factor to the continued success of the Class.

## **5. Approval of 2008 WCM Minutes**

**P Scalisi made a motion that, “the minutes of the 2008 World Council Meeting be approved as written.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **6. Actions Arising**

B Turner indicated that all actions arising from the 2008 meeting would be taken up in agenda items later in this meeting. He emphasized that the World Council should make decisions when it can, but may need to seek additional data in order to make accurate decisions. An example of this was with the change in genoa material, where the policy decision was taken by the WCM last year but the implementation required further ITC work to affect the correct rule change.

## **7. Elections**

J Farmer gave an overview of the elections needed at this meeting. The World Council needs to elect a Financial Chairman, elect the members of the Technical Committee and appoint the additional members of the Executive Committee.

E Faust indicated that Roger Harden, as the outgoing Financial Chairman, has nominated Bryan Dyer of Ft. Worth, Texas to be his replacement. There were no other nominations. **The nomination of Bryan Dyer as Financial Chairman was seconded and unanimously approved.** B Turner then formally thanked Roger Harden for all his commitment and detailed work for the IJCA over the past years.

**L Chapman nominated the following slate of members to the Technical Committee: Alexander Finsterbusch ARG, Stuart Jardine GBR, Günther Müller BRA, John Peck USA, Gianpietro Pollesel ITA, Kenneth Porter MEX, Reid Stava USA, Alyn Stevenson AUS, Tim Winger USA and Lorne Chapman CAN as Chairman. The slate of members was seconded and unanimously approved by a vote of the World Council.**

J Farmer nominated Remco van den Berg (NED-JCA) and Alister Morison (AUS-JCA) as additional members of the IJCA Executive Committee. There were no other nominations. **The World Council unanimously approved Remco van den Berg and Alister Morison as members of the IJCA Executive Committee. B Turner then noted that as the representative of the host country for the next World Championship, Marianne Schoke is appointed to the IJCA Executive Committee under Constitution 9.1.**

## **8. Review of Reports**

### **8.1 2010 World Championship Report**

Anders Nilsson from the Malmö Segel Sällskap made a presentation to the group outlining the details of and the planning for the 2010 World Championship. The planning was going well with no major problems envisaged, although sponsorship was proving hard to attract.

### **8.2 NJCA Reports**

Each NJCA representative gave a brief report on the status of his home Class.

### **8.3 Executive Director's Report – Eric Faust**

E Faust stated that membership remains stable, with several smaller NJCAs renewing memberships for 2009 after letting membership lapse. One ongoing issue for the smaller countries is a lack of measurers to bring boats into compliance. Communication with some nations remains a challenge as the leadership changes regularly in some NJCAs. Rule books were printed and distributed to each country again in 2009 along with the membership cards and transom decals. Measurement certificates continue to be produced in a timely manner in the Class office and are now being sent to the boat owners as printable PDF files. Several NJCAs, such as the AUS-JCA are in the process of bringing their measurement data into the IJCA database and the office will issue certificates directly to the members going forward instead of having them issued from the National Authority. This will help homogenize the measurement certificates on a worldwide basis.

### **8.4 Financial Report – Eric Faust**

E Faust presented financial statements for the organization with projected year-end information for FY2008. The IJCA is expected to experience a net loss for the year due to the significant decrease in the sale of royalty labels. This decrease was most likely caused by the state of the economy during the fiscal year and it is expected that this will increase in the coming years. Discussion about the system for allocating royalty label revenue to the country of the sail purchaser then followed. E Faust indicated that the system established by Geoff Evelyn was still in place and that system only applies to North Sails and Quantum Sailmakers for export data. Discussion then turned to the use of sail royalty buttons (as are used in the Star and Optimist Classes) issued by the NJCAs instead of the Class office. **After further discussion, R Eagleson made a motion that, “The World Council explore the possibility of switching to sail royalty buttons and the best way to arrange for the worldwide distribution and sale of the buttons.” The motion was seconded and approved.**

**\* P Scalisi volunteered to take the lead on this project, assisted by N Jannichsen. This team will report back to the World Council as soon as is practicable.**

E Faust then noted that the IJCA has been experiencing significant cash burn over the past few years and suggested that the organization should aim to replenish its cash reserves if possible. The financial statements (including the proposed budget for FY2009) were discussed in depth by the group and some revisions were made to the proposed budget. L Chapman answered a question about measurement tools by stating that keel and sail templates are produced by the Class and sold to regatta organizers and NJCAs at cost. The intention is to have those people who use the tools pay for them. **L Chapman made a proposal that, “The year-to-date and projected year-end financial statements be approved as presented.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.** The approval of the budget was deferred to until after discussion of marketing and promotions later in the meeting.

### **8.5 Technical and Measurement Report – Lorne Chapman**

L Chapman presented a report on behalf of the IJCA Technical Committee (ITC.) The introduction of the new genoa material went smoothly and followed the pattern of the change model expected by the ITC. This model may prove helpful for introducing other changes in the future. Measurement at the 2009 World Championship in Annapolis went well and was finished ahead of schedule. One issue from this regatta was finding boats with lead in the sump, but this was handled on site and all parties involved learned from the experience. L Chapman assured the group that all effort will be made to communicate to boat owners that they each take

responsibility for sailing their boats in compliance with the Class Rules. At this year's Worlds, the Race Committee was given the option to use 4-leg races. This change will be adopted into future versions of the regatta regulations with a clear statement that the IJCA prefers 5-leg races at World Championships if the conditions permit. There was some discussion on the IJCA website about lowering the minimum sailing weight for the J/24. This item needs more work and analysis before it can be presented as a change to the Class Rules. L Chapman stated that one of the ITC members, Reid Stava, has had communication with a material testing facility with the capability to perform testing on sail cloth material, both in durability and material make-up. This is an interesting opportunity that will be explored for feasibility in the near future.

### **8.5 Marketing and Promotion Report**

J Farmer gave a report on behalf of Nancy Zangerle, who was not in attendance, based on a phone conversation and email he had received from her. N Zangerle was unable to complete the annual J/24 Yearbook as expected. The claim was that the lack of information provided by the NJCAs made it difficult to finish the project. The suggestion was that each NJCA should specify a contact person to handle communication with the yearbook coordinator. S Jardine stated that the lack of follow-up from the yearbook coordinator was insufficient during the year. B Turner indicated that the annual timeline for the yearbook deadlines is already available on the IJCA website in the Annual List of Returns and it should therefore be no surprise for NJCAs to make their contributions on time. However, he is willing to follow up with NJCAs to assist in obtaining information if requested by the Yearbook Coordinator. J Castillo pointed out that marketing needs to be directed outwardly (i.e. push strategy) rather than relying on people to visit the website for information (i.e. pull strategy.)

J Farmer then noted that N Zangerle was interested in establishing the future schedule for the Women's Championship. She proposed that hosts for this event be solicited and the schedule set 3-years in advance of the regatta in order to facilitate better participation.

N Zangerle's report also included a proposal to produce "battle flags" with a J/24 logo. She has located a supplier in Australia and can obtain a price quote if interest exists for this type of product.

**R van den Berg made a proposal that "Unless the NJCA secretary is willing and able to handle the task, each NJCA nominate a contact person to act as the marketing and promotion liaison to the IJCA." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

Discussion then followed regarding the possibility of producing an electronic publication instead of a hard-copy yearbook. S Jardine indicated that his son is involved with a sailing website and has success in selling advertising.

\*B Turner suggested that we needed a volunteer leader to explore the production of an electronic publication for the J/24 Class which could be used in the much needed attempt to refresh the web site. R Authier, assisted by T Nikolaou, volunteered to lead this project and indicated that he did not require a budget to work on this project. His intention would be to come back to the World Council with a budget neutral plan.

P Boido suggested that the IJCA should produce a 2010 calendar for distribution to each member to make up for not delivering a yearbook during the 2009 calendar year.

Following the marketing and promotion discussion the budget was again reviewed. R van den Berg suggested that the proposed membership revenues be revised to \$30,000, effectively bringing the projected net income to zero for the coming year. **R van den Berg then made a motion that, "The budget as modified in this meeting be approved by the World Council" The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **8.6 Copyright Holder's Report – Bob Turner**

B Turner indicated that he did not receive the report he requested from Jeff Johnstone at JBoats Inc. and stated that he was interested in looking into the purchase of the copyright for the J/24. After some discussion, **L Chapman made a motion that, “The World Council authorizes the IJCA Chairman to pursue various avenues for gaining control of the J/24 copyright.” The motion was seconded and approved.**

## **8.7 Builders' Reports**

After the vote, B Turner asked for the input from the builders present at the meeting, noting that he had not received an input requested from USWatercraft. R Authier from JBoats Argentina stated that he did not agree that the Class should obtain the copyright because it would create too much work for the organization. He is already experiencing a lack of communication with the ITC and would not want to further stress that group.

P Boido from JBoats Italy stated that he supports the effort to obtain the copyright. The support from JBoats has been non-existent over the past 10 years and he feels that a change would be beneficial. He agreed that communication with the ITC has been difficult and suggested that it would be good for the builders to be copied on the communications of the ITC so they could be apprised of relevant issues as they occur.

\*L Chapman indicated that the ITC is willing to increase and enhance the communication with the builders and also asked both builders to submit their comments to him via email so that their concerns could be addressed.

## **9. Disciplinary Issues – Bob Turner**

### **9.1 Expulsion of ITA-JCA member Eros Angeli**

B Turner explained to the group the background on this situation and stressed that the issues are only those specifically between Eros Angeli and the IJCA and that he had agreed with the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) that the problems within the ITA-JCA should be resolved by their own members. B Turner indicated that he had continued to communicate at length with FIV and the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) on this matter. According to its Constitution article 1.3, “The IJCA shall have sole authority worldwide for the conduct and management of the International J/24 Class. The IJCA Constitution, the By-laws and other regulations are binding on all members, and all registered J/24s shall conform to Class Rules and any limitations imposed by the IJCA and the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).”

At the 2007 WCM, it was made clear to Angeli that the Regatta Regulations (RRs) must be adhered to for the 2008 World Championship. In 2008, Eros Angeli's measurer status was revoked by the IJCA for misrepresenting his status as an ISAF Measurer. Subsequently, the IJCA Executive Committee suspended Angeli for the period of one year for failure to follow the IJCA Regatta Regulations in running the World Championship. In particular, Angeli did not include the ITC representative on the World Championship list of measurers and did not choose to use IJCA measurement tools for that regatta. Since October 2007 Angeli had not accepted the authority of the IJCA and had never accepted his suspension. He had also excluded the formally elected Executive Committee member for Italy, Massimo Mariotti, from all communication thereby making it even more difficult to find a solution to the disagreements.

Finally, B Turner indicated that he had recently initiated a compromise proposal. This proposal was for Angeli to step down as the ITA-JCA President and retain no official capacity with the

organization. The IJCA would in turn drop its effort to expel Angeli and remove the suspension. The IJCA would then work with FIV to establish the system for measurement in Italy. The IJCA would also work with ISAF and FIV to clarify the jurisdiction for all parties with regards to any future disputes. These proposals would then be evaluated within one year to determine their success or failure.

L Chapman then gave his views on the situation. He stated that Angeli had consistently refused to abide by the RRs in the time period leading up to the 2008 World Championship.

As Angeli was not invited to attend the meeting, G Polin gave the view of the ITA-JCA on this situation. He stated that the initial suspension of Angeli was based on six points, five of which were based on the internal operation of the ITA-JCA. Regarding the 2008 World Championship, G Polin stated that L Chapman was invited to lead the measurement team. Further, after a meeting with B Turner, E Angeli and FIV, FIV stated that Angeli had acted properly and should not accept the IJCA suspension. FIV never accepted the suspension and directed Angeli not to accept it and produced a letter from FIV to this effect. The IJCA's claim that Angeli was the only J/24 measurer in Italy is wrong. Only FIV can appoint measurers in Italy and Angeli was only one of several. Asking Angeli to resign is not a compromise, yet Angeli was willing to do so leading up to this meeting. However, Carlo Croce of the FIV had recently advised Angeli not to resign. FIV has stated that if Angeli is expelled from the IJCA, Italy will not host any major championships. This is not a service to the members of the IJCA. G Polin indicated that he would like more time to explore a reasonable compromise that would be acceptable to all parties. B Turner stated that he and the ITC Chairman had a different interpretation of the events and had spent hundreds of hours trying to achieve understanding but without success. The IJCA now needed to decide if it will allow a member to act in contradiction of its rules. The IJCA will not be interested in holding any championships in Italy as long as Angeli is the ITA-JCA President. B Turner indicated that if the vote for expulsion were not approved, then it would be clear that the IJCA did not have the global authority stated in Constitution Rule 1.3 and he and would be unable to continue as Chairman.

**B Turner then made a motion that, "Eros Angeli is to be expelled from the IJCA for the period of 18-months during which time he is not allowed to sail in J/24 events or hold any position in any J/24 organization." The motion was seconded and failed to pass on a vote of 16 in favor, 6 opposed and 2 abstentions.** A 3/4s majority vote was required for this motion, and there had been concern from some delegates that the correct parameters had not been established.

There followed a discussion on the definition of expulsion. It was decided that by applying a time limit to the expulsion, it was actually a suspension.

**P Scalisi then made a motion that, "Eros Angeli have his suspension from the IJCA extended for the period of one year during which time he is not allowed to sail in J/24 events or hold any position in any J/24 organization." The motion was seconded and approved by a vote on a vote of 20 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.**

## **9.2 The Suspension of USA-JCA member Steve Lopez**

P Scalisi noted that in July, 2009 Steve Lopez had been suspended for bringing the IJCA into disrepute from actions arising in conjunction with the 2009 World Championship. P Scalisi indicated that according to his best judgment, Lopez has been punished adequately at this point.

**P Scalisi made a motion that, "The suspension of Steve Lopez be lifted effective immediately and that his membership privileges be reinstated." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **10. Regatta Planning**

### **10.1 Primo Cup Update**

D Frederikssen gave an update on the 2010 Primo Cup to be held in Monaco. The organizers are very interested in increasing participation with the J/24. B Turner suggested that this regatta should act at the official “J/24 European Midwinter Championship” and he encouraged strong support from the European NJCAs.

### **10.2 2011 World Championship Update**

B Turner asked R Authier if everything was on track for the 2011 World Championship, to be held in Argentina, and if the organizers are prepared to comply with all aspects of the IJCA Regatta Regulations in the execution of the regatta. R Authier replied that they will comply with the Regatta Regulations, but expressed some concern regarding avoiding conflicts in obtaining sponsors for the regatta while the IJCA is also working to obtain sponsorship. B Turner indicated that any sponsorship that the IJCA negotiates will explicitly not be in conflict with a major regatta’s sponsors. The IJCA will actively avoid any conflict of interest regarding sponsors.

### **10.3 Youth World Championship**

B Turner stated that the BER-JCA is interested in hosting a Youth World Championship. The plan would be to host one team from each NJCA. The youth team must be endorsed by its NJCA and will have competed in the National Championship for that country in the year prior to the Youth World Championship. This was an excellent initiative from Peter Ramsdale and the Class expected an update on the status of this proposal by the end of the year.

### **10.4 Copa México Regatta Update**

J Castillo gave a presentation about the planning and organization for the 2011 Copa México Regatta. The regatta will be held every other year in various locations in México and will involve J/24s in each event. Other classes will be invited to participate in each event and select J/24 champions will be invited to participate in order to raise the status of the regatta. This regatta is sponsored in part by the government and financial support will be offered to every competitor. More information about this event can be found at: [www.j24mex.com/copamexico](http://www.j24mex.com/copamexico).

### **10.5 2012 World Championship**

There were two possible locations for the Championships. The Chairman had received a request from Neil Burke of Barbados but as yet that Nation could not detail a shipping plan for competitors’ boats or charter boats. The bid was not yet in compliance with Class requirements. However, B Turner stated that the Caribbean area, led by Barbados was an enthusiastic and strongly growing region for the Class and he was hopeful that by running regional events and other World Championships, such as the Fireball Class, Barbados would soon be in a position to make a fully compliant World Championship proposal. In the meantime, he hoped that the IJCA could assist the region with expertise and advice, particularly of a technical nature.

P Scalisi indicated that the Rochester Yacht Club in Rochester, New York, USA continued to be ready and willing to host the 2012 World Championship. A formal proposal was reviewed and had been discussed at the 2008 WCM. **P Scalisi made a motion that, “The Rochester Yacht Club be awarded the 2012 World Championship.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **10.6 2011 European Championship and 2013 World Championship**

Graham Smith presented a proposal to host the 2011 European Championship and the 2013 World Championship at the Howth Yacht Club in Ireland. The proposed dates for both events would be in August and the organizers are flexible for the exact timing during that month. R Eagleson stated that the management team for the European Championship would remain in place to organize the 2013 World Championship. B Turner noted that a vote on the 2011 European Championship will be taken at this meeting and a decision on the 2013 World Championship will be made at the 2010 WCM. **S Jardine made a motion that, “The proposal to host the 2011 European Championship at the Howth Yacht Club in Ireland be accepted.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

## **11. Future Strategy**

B Turner noted that the Future Strategy Paper that was reviewed and discussed at the 2008 WCM is still available on the IJCA website and needed to be studied by all J24 owners. That document forms the basis of the strategy for the IJCA. B Turner then asked if there were any comments on strategy. R van den Berg suggested that the Class should look to hold shorter events that only require competitors to be away from home for one weekend. S Jardine suggested that the measurement time be minimized at Continental Championships with an increase in spot checks during the event. L Chapman noted that the competitors generally appreciate keeping a level playing field by holding measurement before major events.

\* B Turner asked that the ITC explore options and possibly develop a proposal for reduced measurement at regattas. The ITC should report back to the World Council with its findings. Any plan developed from this process could potentially be trialed on a country basis to determine its efficacy.

B Turner also asked that the ITC explore options and develop a proposal to lower that all-up weight for racing that currently applies to the J/24. The intention should be to increase the ease of sailing and racing a J/24 competitively. The ITC should report back to the World Council as soon as is practicable. **P Scalisi made a motion that, “The World Council task the ITC with developing a plan to reduce the all-up weight for racing with the intention of implementing such a plan by March 1, 2010.” The motion was seconded and approved.**

## **12. Date and Place of Next World Council Meeting**

B Turner noted that the procedure in the recent past has been to hold the WCM in the host country for the following year’s World Championship. But based on geography, Argentina may be a difficult location for the 2010 WCM. R Authier indicated that he is willing to host the meeting and is very interested in doing so. B Turner stated that the IJCA appreciates the invitation and the aim of the World Council is to hold the meeting in Argentina. But he suggested that the Executive Committee will explore the relative costs of hosting a meeting in Buenos Aires versus another location. The Executive Committee will then make a recommendation to the World Council based on the economics of each location.

## **13. Other Business**

On behalf of the IJCA and Wendy Evelyn, B Turner presented the Geoff Evelyn Memorial Trophy to Lorne Chapman. The newly created trophy is to be awarded each year by the IJCA

Chairman to the person he considers to have done the most work for the benefit of the Class over the past year or series of years.

**B Turner then made a proposal that, “The World Council appoint Wendy Evelyn as a Lady Councilor of Honor to the IJCA.” The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

#### **14. Closing Remarks**

B Turner thanked everyone for their attendance and for their input during the meeting.

**At 17:35 P Scalisi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**