

J/109 Class Association

Minutes of the Class Officers Conference, November 2, 2006

The meeting was held by telephone conference and was called to order at 2000 (Eastern) by Class President, Len Siegal. Participating were Vice President, Rick Lyall; Treasurer, Barry Gold; Secretary, Ed Dailey; Kendra Muentner; and Jeff Johnstone.

Len chaired the meeting.

Treasurers Report

Barry reported that 145 members and associate members registered in 2006, representing 87 boats, most of which appear to be racing boats. Membership revenues were \$7,801.61; expenses \$290.60; and the present balance on account is \$6,818.01.

Barry reported also that he has billed sailmakers about \$1,000 for J/109 class sailtags which are required for new class sails purchased from and after September 1, 2006. Sailmakers are charged \$35.00 for each sailtag. The sailtags represent certification the sails meet J/109 Class Rules specifications and measurements.

Barry will prepare a proposed budget for 2007. The officers agreed that provision should be made for the cost of the semi-annual newsletter, class measurer, social gatherings at major class events, and awards and "brag" flags for Key West and the North Americans.

Key West - 2007

Kendra reported that nine J/109's are registered to date for the Key West winter regatta in January. The event will be sailed under the Class Rules. All drivers must be registered as Class members for 2007. Additionally, all crew members must have a current ISAF competitor level registration. All sails used in the event will be marked or stamped for identification and are subject to measurement.

Team Racing

The officers discussed concerns about team racing which is prohibited. It was agreed that informal efforts will be made to reenforce our concern and to discourage such tactics at major events.

Measurer / technical committee

The officers agreed to invite Karl deHam, a experienced sailor and measurer to serve as Class Measurer. The Chief Measurer will serve as a member of the Technical Committee together with Jeff Johnstone and a third member to be recommended from the fleets or at large membership. The Chief Measurer will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses and travel.

Web site

The officers discussed several enhancements to the J/109 Class website, including the addition of a “rules corner” for discussion and review of rules issues.

Fleet captains will be asked about their interest in and need for fleet websites which can be linked to the Class website and can be constructed from a template designed by Nelson Weiderman. Each fleet will be responsible for the cost of set up, operation, and maintenance of its site.

North American Championship

The officers discussed a developing proposal to hold the second North American Championship in Long Beach next summer. Jeff Johnstone is meeting with Long Beach sailors on November 3d and expects a formal proposal from Long Beach before year end.

Annual Meeting

The officers agreed to hold the Annual Meeting by teleconference on November 14th, beginning at 2000 (Eastern). The notice of meeting will be posted on or before Monday, November 6th. The agenda will include the Treasurer’s report and proposed budget for 2007, status of the sailtag program, 2007 membership drive, completion of the technical committee membership, fleet website interest, and fleet captain reports.

There being no further business, the conference adjourned at 2130.

/s/ Ed Dailey
Secretary