



J/109 UK and Ireland Class Association

2022 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date of AGM: Thursday 30 June 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Royal Ocean Racing Club, Cowes

Attendees: **Full Members**

Chris Burleigh, Class Treasurer, Jybe Talkin' (Chair)
Rob Cotterill, Class Secretary, Mojo Risin'
David McGough, Class Technical Officer and Measurer, Just So
David Richards, Class Chair, Jumping Jellyfish

Neil MacLachlan, Jai Ho
John Smart, Jukebox
Anthony Tahourdin, Jedi
Jim Will, Red Arrow

In attendance

Charles Berry, Jenie
Wayne Palmer, Key Yachting

Apologies:

John Stanley- White , Blue Jay (Clyde)
Mike Yates, JAGO
Klaus Rasmussen, Mojo Risin'
Lesley Brooman, Jumunu

1. Confirmation of quorum and validity of meeting

The AGM was called by the class secretary on 20 April, more than three weeks' notice.

With more than 5 full members in attendance, quorum for the meeting was confirmed.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 25 June 2021 at the Royal Southern

Neil MacLachlan was noted to have been present.

Subject to this amendment, the minutes were accepted as presented, and made available on www.j109uk.com

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising that were not already on the agenda for this meeting

4. Class Committee

a. Committee members

- i. David Richards – Chair
- ii. Chris Burleigh – Treasurer
- iii. David McGough – Technical Officer and Measurer
- iv. Rob Cotterill – Secretary

There were no resignations from the committee

b. Committee member elections

The committee is looking for a volunteer to take on marketing and publicity including managing content for the web site. No volunteers were available.

5. Chair's Report

Dave Richards presented the class Chair's report as previously distributed to the members.

It has been a positive year after the pandemic.

Before the pandemic, there was a feeling of decline in the class. Now, following the rule changes, things have equalised. Getting 12 boats to the J Cup is a great achievement. Now the challenge is to maintain the fleet and get more owners involved.

IRC results are looking very good. We need to encourage people to participate. We need to promote Dartmouth to the Irish.

For Information:

Wayne Palmer announced that there would be two J Cups each year from 2023. One in the UK and one in Ireland. The 2023 Irish event will take place on 26-27 August (Clashing with Dartmouth Week).

Wayne also told the meeting that mooring in the Solent is filling up. Especially for boats over 40ft.

6. Class Technical Officer and Measurer's report

David McGough thanked Stuart Miller, who provides him with technical advice for current and future owners.

Discussion

Tony Tahourdin reported that JEDI had been re- engined with a new Volvo Penta, and that he considers the new engine to be "crap". There have been 2 warranty recalls.

It was suggested that we start to consider alternatives to replacing equipment now that original parts are no longer available. Class suggested replacements would be very helpful to members.

In particular:

- Engines
- Primary Winches
- Mainsail systems.

7. Treasurer's Report

Chris Burleigh presented the Treasurer's report as previously distributed to the members.

The annual dinner lost money and didn't have enough attendees.

The website needs to deliver better value

Suggestion: Maybe Jo Bowden, who used to help out when she sailed on Jiraffe, could help out in return for payment.

It was agreed to pursue this. The meeting agreed that a maximum of £500 a year be allocated to the committee for this purpose

Suggestion: That a promotional document, to encourage joining the class association be drafted to be sent by Key Yachting to their database.

Suggestion: That a "welcome to the class" letter be drafted and passed to Key Yachting.

Suggestion: That an article about replacement backstays be drafted and posted to the website.

8. Proposal: That the class subscription fee be raised to £25.

This was agreed by the meeting.

9. Annual Dinner 2023.

The meeting considered the three options for the dinner proposed (To continue in London, but with more notice, to hold it at a South Coast hotel, or to hold it somewhere that crews could sleep on boats.) There was little enthusiasm for sleeping on board in the winter.

It was agreed to pursue both the London and the South Coast options; to come up with rough proposals and to submit these to the members as an online poll to decide which to go with.

10. Calendar of Events for 2022

The meeting considered the calendar presented.

11. Any Other Business

Suggestion: To try to engage with non- engaged owners.

Suggestion: To start a WhatsApp group for J109 owners

Suggestion: To amend the class rules to allow removal of seat cushions and/or swimming ladder. There was opposition to this proposal, for the seat cushions because of lack of storage options ashore. For the swimming ladder for safety concerns. The meeting ran out of time to discuss the matters further.