

Shields Class Sailing Association - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The Monthly meeting of the Shields Class Association was held pursuant to notice via zoom on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Copies of the meeting agenda, meeting minutes from January 9, 2024, and the monthly treasurer's report were distributed in advance by SCA President Steve Mettler.

The meeting was attended by SCA Members:

- Steve Mettler, President
- Jonathan Krumeich, Secretary
- Ken Deyett, Measurer
- Mike Toppa, FC
- Lee Reichart, VP
- Ted Slee, VP
- Jerry Stratton, FC
- Richard Robbins, Webmaster
- John Gronberg, FC
- Matt Hayes, FC
- James Wirtz, VP
- Tom McManus, VP

The meeting was attended by a majority of the Governing Board. A quorum was declared, and the meeting was called to order by S. Mettler at 20:01.

S. Mettler reviewed our mission and priority and the list of officers and fleet captains. John Gronberg, fleet 18 has retired as VP and Josephine Stanley has assumed fleet captain duties for fleet 22.

Treasurer's Report:

S. Mettler reported that Jay is recovering and delivered the Treasurer's Report. S. Mettler reported no withdrawals, but Fleet 21 had paid annual dues of \$410. The ending balance being \$20,888.89. Motion was made by S. Mettler to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by J. Krumeich. All in favor, no opposed.

M. Toppa asked questions on dues, if additional dues will come in, how funds are used. S. Mettler reported that he expects additional dues to be collected before they are due in June. Most of the funding goes towards operating expenses and disbursements to support the class. K. Deyett explained that some funding also goes towards our grant programs and OGLC Trophies.

Secretary's Report:

J. Krumeich delivered the Secretary's Report and a reading of the minutes of the January meeting. K. Deyett moved to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion seconded by T. McManus. All in favor, no opposed.

Ocean Great Lakes Challenge:

J. Stratton presented on Monterey's efforts for the OGLC. J. Stratton reported that the NOR should be published and provided to the class shortly. Racing will be on 4/12-14. Registration is \$500. Housing can be provided to all competitors. Please let the organizers know as soon as possible so they can arrange. Registration will be online. The schedule of events was reviewed. 5 tickets will be given per boat with additional tickets available. Loaner jibs and mains can be provided but spinnakers should be brought. Sail deliveries can also be arranged. Awards will be given for places 1-3 and will be custom half hulls.

LYC has committed 1 boat, possibly 2. Edgartown is committed. Fleet 9 is close to putting a boat together. Mystic will not be attending. Fleet 2 may attend.

Nationals:

2024: M. Hayes reported that registration is open with few registrants. No early bird discount. Launching and hauling will be taken care of by the club. It was mentioned that the IHYC Classic is the week before. J. Krumeich reported that IHYC can launch your boats and the Sunday navigator course may finish off LYC, making transportation easier.

S. Mettler reviewed plans for nationals in 2025 (Edgartown), 2026 (Oxford), and 2027 (Newport).

Technical Committee:

No report. The Committee has not met yet. Issues with Zoom licenses and scheduling. K. Deyett will look into a Google Meet subscription.

A lively discussion was held on measurement issues facing the Class. How we measure boats, what is class legal, questions on rigging, questions on masts. K. Deyett reported that of some boats measured in after Nationals 2023, some were not in compliance.

K. Deyett explained that boats need to be measured every two years. There are many measurements that need to be checked. K. Deyett reviewed his suggestion that the class look to purchase measuring kits for every fleet which was voted down at the last meeting. J. Krumeich suggested perhaps a regional measurement scheme would work well. T. McManus seconded this idea. T. Slee and K. Deyett explained that certain fleets like Newport with 35 boats and Marion would certainly need their own kits.

R. Robbins reviewed the history of the mast step calculation as this is one of the more concerning measurements. The mast step calculator and form were reviewed on the website.

The Technical Committee will meet and make a proposal to the Governing Board.

Having no further business T. Slee made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by J. Stratton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 21:04

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan A. Krumeich
Secretary