

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
October 13, 2015
MINUTES

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Chris Wick	VP	Bill Berry	Class Measurer, Fleet 10 Captain
Betsy Yale	Fleet 9 Captain		

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

President's Report

Eric thanked Fleet 9 and specifically Robbie Benjamin and Betsy Yale for great job on hosting the 2015 National Regatta. All sailing and social aspects were well planned.

He welcomed the new board and thanked returning board members Jay Dayton, Richard Robbins, Chris Wick and Rick Hendee for agreeing to continue.

Treasurer's Report

Jay Dayton reported the class funds are \$11,959.86 as of Oct 9.

Income since 8/31 include: \$500 for Fleet 10 dues, \$46.94 from Blurb (current publisher of Shields Class Book) for the sale of 2 books.

Expenses were \$150 to Bonnier Corp for the Harken One Design advertisement.

Measurer's Report

Bill Berry said he will begin inviting people to join the Technical Committee.

Garth Hobson volunteered to continue on the committee and Bill accepted.

Bill addressed a question which Eric asked regarding weighing boats as part of the National Regatta.

Bill said there were no plans to do this, citing both the cost and logistics. He added there is no consensus on correlation of boat weight and boat speed. While lighter boats are thought to be faster, heavier boats have increased waterline.

Discussion Topics

Fall 2015 Masthead

Eric noted that John Burnham had reported using \$2,279.85 for the entire Spring 2015 Masthead. This was within the budget of \$5,000 annually for two issues. He asked if the current projected revenues would allow for a printed and mailed issue to continue. Jay said the rough guideline for costs was \$238 per page. There was a short discussion about annual receipts and annual costs. Jay said he would send out a budget that was prepared earlier in 2014. Eric asked whether or not the class should consider selling ads to lower costs. Those in attendance preferred to keep the magazine without advertisements. Richard motioned to produce the Fall Masthead in the print and mail format, Jay seconded this. The motion passed. Eric agreed to remind all fleet captains of the editorial deadline 10/31 for submitting fleet news to John Burnham.

Proposed Rule Change: Toe Rail Height, Width and Material

The Technical Committee under Acting National Class Measurer, Richard Robbins produced the following –

Proposed Rule:

The toe rail shall be in place, be made of wood and be ~~at least~~ nominally minimum 5/8 inch in width and ~~at least~~ nominally 3/4 inch in height with allowances made for maintenance and age. Scupper holes ~~Small gaps or bottom slots~~ may be used to facilitate deck drainage.

This change answers several issues:

1. Must the toe rail be wood? YES
2. Is it allowed if the width or height is slightly small? YES
3. Can the width be made wider than 5/8 inch? YES

Richard motioned to adopt this change as written, Jay seconded the motion.

The proposed rule change passed unanimously.

After 60 days, unless there is an objection from one or more fleets, this rule change will be in effect.

New Committee to Review, Complete and Correct Class Rules related to National Regatta Trophies

Richard introduced this topic. It actually is a holdover from the previous board.

The current rule is vague on most aspects of our trophies. These include responsibility for updating with new winners' names, maintenance as required, transportation to/from regatta venues.

Richard thought a member of Fleet 1 should lead this as the trophies are permanently housed there.

Com Crocker was nominated to chair this committee. Richard and Garth volunteered to join committee.

Motion was made by Richard to enact this committee, seconded by Jay.

Board voted to create this committee with Com, Garth, Richard and any other volunteers who may wish to help.

2016 Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Cup – Marion, MA

Bill said planning is underway for this event. George Gardner is event chair. Dates are June 17-19 at Beverly YC. NOR should be ready for distribution in Dec/Jan timeframe. 8 boats will be available for fleets. Early indications of interest have 6-7 boats already committing for this event.

Eric asks each Fleet Captain to keep this weekend with their local fleet 2016 racing calendars to prevent unnecessary conflicts and promote maximum participation in Marion.

2016 National Regatta

Garth, event chair, indicated the Monterey Fleets have been holding regular planning meeting for the past year. The dates are Sept 28-Oct 1. There are 14 local Shields in Monterey. A committee has been formed to identify and secure additional west coast Shields for this event. Currently 5-6 additional Shields in California are considered likely available as charter boats. Monterey intends to make 1 charter available to each Fleet Champion. These additional boats would allow for a second entry from a fleet. Members are encouraged to bring their boats to Monterey. This committee is also investigating various transport options to reduce costs for Shields being transported from east coast and Midwest fleets. 4 boats have already made \$300 deposits for 2016 National Regatta.

2018 National Regatta Proposals

Eric indicated the window for submitting proposals for hosting 2018 National Regatta is open. To date no fleets have submitted. The deadline for this February 1, 2017. Eric asked that all Fleet Captains consult with their respective fleets to determine interest in submitting.

Used Sail Donations

Eric asked indicated that there are two organizations which are seeking donated sails. Both are 501c3 groups which can issue a letter entitling the donator to receive a tax deduction for the amount of the gift. The organizations allow the giver to determine the value of the asset and to add shipping charges at cost. These include:

The Defense Language Institute (DLI) Foundation at the Presideo of Monterey

Point of Contact: LT Tina Pryne, USN tina.pryne@gmail.com

Cal State Long Beach Sailing Association

Point of Contact: Carol Lyon sailcsulb@gmail.com

Eric stated that Shields #139 was originally at UC Irvine. When that fleet disbanded, Jerry Stratton bought all 5 Shields and trailered them to Monterey. Laine McDaniel, CAPT (ret) USNR, purchased and supplied all funding for this Shields to continue the legacy of Shields sailing for the active duty students at the Naval Postgraduate School. With Laine's passing, his widow, Janet continued the financial support for this Shields. Shields #139 was recently given to the DLI Foundation which has agreed to keep her in good racing shape for NPS personnel. Tina has indicated they could really use a spinnaker and a mainsail.

Eric indicated that CSULB Sailing Association (Fleet 20) has been a great story for the class. They have 4 Shields which are in great condition. Carol Lyon has personally supervised their restoration. CSULB SA has indicated 3 of their boats could be available as charters for 2016 National Regatta. Please consider helping this group with any sails you no longer require.

Eric asks any member who knows of another group requiring used sails to please advise him so we can send an e-blast to the membership in time to receive a 2015 tax deduction. All donatations must be completed by 12/31/15 in order to qualify for a 2014 tax deduction.

New Business

Jay reminded the group that the National Class Association is now a 501c7 organization. This status might be useful for soliciting donations.

The meeting concluded at 8:58 EDT