

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
November 10th, 2015
MINUTES**

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Mike Fratantoro	Fleet Captain, Fleet 20
Chris Wick	VP	Bill Berry	Class Measurer, Fleet 10 Captain
Rick Hendee	VP	John Klein	VP, Edgartown, Fleet 8

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call.
- Group agreed to follow past precedent and cancel the December Board meeting. Next meeting in January.
- Masthead: Getting submissions a challenge. Fleet Captains have been contacted in last 2 days to follow-up. Eric enquired about a submission from Fleet 21 – Jay Dayton believed Fleet Captain was still work on it. Eric reminded everyone that any photos submitted to Masthead should be high resolution.
- Trophies updating records: Com Crocker has committed to working on this – progress expected in New Year. Newport winners are being engraved on trophies.
- Dues:
 - Eric commented that payment of Class dues is critical to efforts to maintain and build the Class.
 - Following long discussion earlier in year, June 1st due data was set for collection of dues.
 - It was noted that Edgartown (Fleet 8) only has an 8 week season which does not start until well after June 1st – so this date may prove challenging for them.
 - Class needs good accountability of boats in each Fleet to ensure effective dues collection. Jay Dayton noted that in Oxford, if dues aren't paid, then boats don't get scored in races which provides a strong incentive to comply.
 - Eric noted that Class records are still not 100% with boats still listed as being in Monterey, when they've not been there for over a year.
 - Eric suggested Fleet Captains, working with Class Secretary, should have primary responsibility for ensuring records are up to date. He is testing a spreadsheet template linked to the Class records for updating Monterey records and will report back on how well it works.
 - Peter McWhinnie, as Secretary, will look into the process of updating Class records and work with Eric to lay out a process for all to follow.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

Our only activity since last month's report are the payment to the accounting firm which assisted in filing our first 2014 tax return with the IRS and payment for our Harken One Design ad, as follows:

- Account Balance as of 10/01/2015 \$11,959.86
 - Deposits: None
- Expenses:
 - Mid Shore Tax & Accounting (10/13/15) -\$ 620.00
 - Bonnier Corp (One Design Ad) (11/09/15) -\$ 150.00
- Approximate Ending Balance: as of 11/9/2015 \$11,189.86

It was noted that in the future, the cost of accounting assistance for tax return filing should be lower. Archiving of tax returns was also discussed. Decision reached that Jay would scan previous year's tax returns, email them to Richard who would archive them on the website, with password protection.

3) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

4) Technical Committee: Bill Berry

Bill Berry said he was recruiting others to join the Technical Committee, and that this was a project for the next month. He said he would contact Fleet Captain's for candidates and in particular was looking for someone from the Newport Fleet.

5) Discussion Topics

Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge: Bill Berry

- Progress made: Bill had met with club management to discuss event; NOR is in progress.
- Problem: Bill noted that it was a challenge to follow up on last year's well run event and do so within a reasonable budget. Last year was \$250 per boat – and that will be difficult at Beverly.
- Current plan: set up party on Friday – fairly low cost; formal dinner on Saturday would be ~\$50/head - which would take up most of the budget.
- Options: subsidize the event from Fleet 10; plan something more informal.
- Eric asked whether \$350 entrance fee would be a barrier. Bill thought it would be – for example, for boats from Newport.
- Sponsorship options are being explored.
- Eric felt that it was critical for the Class to keep building momentum for the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge event. Noted that there was precedent for using class funds, but also noted that the balance sheet was not what it once was.
- Richard Robbins said that trophies cost around \$500 and wondered if the Fleet could pay for that. Eric stated that Fleet could support that.
- Eric also requested that Fleet Captains promote the event to their Fleets. He is hoping to have 8 boats attend in 2016, thought it was likely that 2 would come from the West Coast, 1 from Edgartown, hopefully someone from Newport, Larchmont.

2016 National Regatta: Garth Hobson

- Garth, event chair, stated that they had placed a deposit on the location for the awards ceremony – the top floor of the Marriott Monterey – which is a great location.
- Sponsorship is going well – have nearly hit the goals for year end.
- Aiming to break even with 18 boats, with more sponsorship they are hoping for 20 boats.
- Monterey team are reaching out to Long Beach and up and down West coast to look for boats and are also investigating the costs of getting boats from out of state.
- Mike Fratantoro, Fleet 20 Long Beach, stated he would be available to look at options.
- Eric mentioned that their publicity chair was meeting with a local news personality and that the team were looking for any Shields movies. Peter McWhinnie was tasked with investigating the availability, copyright status etc of the movie shot by Peter Fernberger last year and shown at the Larchmont Nationals.

2018 National Regatta Proposals

- Eric indicated the deadline for submitting proposals for hosting 2018 National Regatta is February 1, 2017 and encouraged Fleet Captains to consider submitting bids. Requirements are on the website.
- There was a brief discussion of possible interest from Edgartown who last held the Nationals in 2004.

Used Sail Donations

- Eric 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 mentioned that an email blast would go out to the Fleet with a reminder about sail donations. He asked if there were any other items for the email blast and none were noted.
- Mike Fratantoro (Fleet 20 Long Beach) expressed his sincere thanks for all donations received. Fleet 20 sails every week of the year so sails don't last that long. He indicated that they can take sails in need of minor repair.

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.