

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
November 8th, 2016
MINUTES**

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Bill Berry	Fleet 10
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		
John Klein	VP		

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call, and highlighted two topics: 1) need for decision on Ocean Great Lakes Challenge and 2) Masthead fall issue has a December 1st submission deadline

2) Mystic 2017 Nationals Update: Chris Wick

- Team is working on all aspects of Nationals and making progress. Current focus is identifying location for awards dinner – otherwise nothing specific to highlight.
- Eric asked about when the NOR would be issued, as this helps establish the date and get it into people's calendars. Monterey had an early January target for release of NOR.

3). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton (in absentia)

- Very light activity since last report. No questions

4) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

- No further updates on Fleet numbers.
- Richard Robbins requested that the Secretary submit a full list of Nationals winners to be archived, noting a) that this is the formal process set out in section 6 of the Class rules, but b) this process has not generally been followed in the past and that much of the history of class winners has been lost.
- Proposed actions were agreed:
 - That the Board would read/check section 6
 - That winners would be put in the Masthead
 - Eric/Pete to ask Garth Hobson for full list of winners, ideally with photos
 - Pete to post this list to the Shields Class website.

5) Technical Committee Report: Bill Berry

- Eric enquired on process on request for electric bilge pumps to be allowed under rules.
- Committee has asked for specs of electrical bilge pump, but not yet received details.

6) Discussion Topics

Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review

- Nothing further had been heard from Chicago
- Peter provided an update from Larchmont;
 - LYC, RC and Fleet One were supportive of holding the event, with the dates of Friday June 23rd to June 25th
 - Proposed design aims to increase attractiveness for local fleet:
 - Get as many potential charter boats as possible. Larchmont will aim for 10.
 - Boats are open to champions from other Fleets (1 per Fleet), but any boats that are not taken up will be open to Larchmont sailors. So it could be there are 5 visitors and 5 local boats, or 7 visitors and 3 local boats. It should lead to greater participation and excitement.
 - As before, no skipper would be sailing their own boat.
 - Pete noted that this proposed design moves event from being “exclusive” – as in 1 boat per fleet and something which represents a fair amount of work/loss of 1 day of sailing for most local boats, to something that is broader and more exciting for the host fleet.
- Reactions to this proposal were overwhelmingly positive:
 - Bill Berry noted: fabulous idea; in-line with Corny Shields ideas for Nationals (boat lottery vs sailing own boat); should work well for an event where the location rotates between Fleets.
 - Richard Robbins: likes idea
 - John Klein: liked the idea and pondered whether you could run the OGLC event within regular sailing for local Fleet. I.e. 10 boats out sailing but only 5 competing for the OGLC. Board consensus was that this would be too complicated.
 - Eric: supportive of idea. Event needs to flourish. Deed has been lost so can be flexible. Checked that Board had quorum
- Motion to hold at Larchmont was proposed by Eric, seconded by Bill Berry and passed unanimously.
- Eric: noted that he would encourage Chicago to hold OGLC in 2018 and would speak to Sam Veilleux.

There was no other business raised. As in past years, December meeting will be skipped. Next meeting will be second week of January.

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.