

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting March 6, 2012

The meeting began at 7:30, but there was a discrepancy with the time between the itinerary & earlier e-mails. Some arrived closer to 8PM and members were brought up to speed as we went.

Members in attendance by conference call:

Wendy Goodwin-Secretary
Richard Robbins-Measurer
Stephen Potter-Edgartown, MA fleet
Fred Werblow-Treasurer
Mike Schwartz-President & Chicago fleet
Jay Dayton-Oxford, MD fleet
Chris Wick-Mystic fleet
Roland Schultz-Larchmont fleet
Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor fleet
Wayne Maciano-Oyster Bay fleet
George Gardner-Marion fleet

1. Treasurer's Report-Fred Werblow

Old Business-There has been no payment received for the sale of ties at the 2011 Nationals conducted by SCYC nor has there been any report that the 34 unsold ties were shipped or received by Richard Robbins to be held for the 2012 National Championship.-Payment was received for some of the ties, additional payment to be made and balance of ties (29) received by Richard Robbins.

New Business- A check was received for payment of the sale of one tie. The invoice for 2011 fall issue of the Masthead for \$3,495.57 was paid. Reed Baer was reimbursed \$71.56 for the charges he incurred for shipping the perpetual class trophy to Roland Schulz. The current cash balance is \$18,442.46.

2. Secretary's Report-Wendy Goodwin

- On February 20th requests were e-mailed to all the fleet representatives to update the membership list. I have not heard back from all the fleets, but most have responded, some with changes. I have yet to update the database, but will shortly.
- Some fleet captains included in their reply, owners who are not current on their dues. I may create a new category so we don't lose sight of the these folks, but should we create a policy that after so much time of non-payment, owners no longer receive the newsletters and or the e-blasts?
- It seems that the association might benefit from encouraging more associate memberships. Could the fleet captains start an association membership campaign?
- Currently all secretarial correspondence has been answered. I don't get any inquiries from our advertising in Sailing World, but perhaps as the season gets closer, we will. I'll keep a record of it.
- As an aside, Cape Cod Shipbuilding just created a new Shields stand up banner for display at boat shows etc. This has already created excitement here at the office & we will make sure it makes an appearance at the Nationals in Marion.

3. VP Reports:

a. Jay Dayton-the Tred Avon fleet has 11 Shields registered for local racing. The spring season starts in 7 weeks. They are doing everything to increase participation & grow the fleet.

b. Stephen Potter-the Edgartown fleet is still in hibernation. Their fleet races July & August. The biggest problem with attending Nationals is getting off the island. Not all fleet members own trailers, but also the Vineyard is just isolated enough that it's difficult to arrange transport. Stephen races in the Marion fleet for June to get in a full summer of racing.

c. Chris Wick-The Mystic fleet plans to send 2 boats to the Marion nationals. They also plan to attend a 3 day event in Oyster Bay in June.

4. Old Business:

a. Nationals 2012 Marion, MA the NOR has been posted on the website. We have a meeting scheduled Friday night. The budget is set, we need content for the Masthead, Presidents letter & material from all fleets & the builder.

b. Masthead budget: The budget for the spring & fall Masthead is \$2,776.00. Dues each year are between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The question was posed; can we publish 2 mastheads a year? We will need to budget funds to replace the trophies, the keeper trophies. Richard proposed a compromise that we print & distribute the spring Masthead but distribute the fall Masthead electronically. We can re-evaluate this in the fall. The spring mailing will go out mid May. Input is needed from each fleet captain. Wendy will send a request to each fleet captain.

Masthead Budget for 2012 (Proposed)

The proposal is to print and mail only the spring issue and to circulate the fall issue via email with an attached PDF. The photographer for the Marion National Regatta has agreed to do the graphic design.

	Spring	Fall	Total
Graphic Design	\$600	\$600	\$1,200
Administration	0	0	0
Printing - 500 copies offset, 16 pages #80 color staple bound	\$1,176	0	\$1,176
Mailing (postage) 200 copies to 200 locations	\$260	0	\$260
Bulk Mailing 300 copies to 20 locations	\$100	0	\$100
Mailing/shipping supplies	\$40	0	\$40
Email w/ PDF Attachment	0	0	0
	Total		\$2,776

Schedule

First Draft of Articles	03/31/2012
Final PDF for Approval	04/30/2012
Printing	05/04/2012
Mailing	05/18/2012

5. Technical Committee:

A. Loose Footed Mainsail-Last meeting the loose footed main was voted down but the technical committee would like to know how the Governors want them to proceed. No tank testing was done, but computer testing was done by North. Should we continue to experiment? The technical committee was unanimous that this change would be acceptable as there showed no speed advantage. It was mentioned that a tank test would only test the hull, not the sails. It was mentioned that some are angry as this would jeopardize the one design aspect of the class. Not having a boltrope would be convenient for changing sails. The question was asked if the sail makers that were asked about this could submit their findings. Richard said the findings could be submitted. It was said that if the loose footed main is convenient, then why not allow it. It was mentioned that we use mainsails loose footed for local racing now. For now, the Nationals must be sailed with traditional boltropes on the foot. The group agreed to continue experimenting, and we will revisit this when there is more information. It was requested that the group look at this asking what is out total plan for these changes. Richard invited Rick Hendee to be included in the next technical committee meeting.

B. process for picking a Nationals venue: Jay Dayton asked that there be a set deadline for when a fleet that submits a bid for hosting hears back from the governing board. It takes a lot of effort to propose. It was said that setting a date is a good thing so that everyone can plan. Hosting is labor intensive. When you are given the "go ahead" with less than 2 years to plan you end up behind the 8-ball. A 2 year ramp up is important. Richard will send the group a proposal for further wording for this change to the proposal guidelines. A new time-line & new wording is needed to make it clear. The next meeting the group will agree on a more acceptable wording.

Rule (Currently in effect)

VI 3.0 Selection of Venue for the National Championship Regatta

3.1 The site of future National Championship Regatta shall be determined by a vote of the Governing Board based on proposals of those Fleets that wish to hold the event.

3.2 The responsibility for arranging and providing suitable facilities, prizes and entertainment rests with the Fleet holding the event with input from the National Championship Committee (see Section VI-1.1). The Regatta shall be self-funded (fees, sponsorship and merchandise sales) with profit or loss being born by the local Fleet except that expenses related to perpetual awards (shipping, engraving, maintenance, insurance, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the National Association.

3.3 A Fleet wishing to host the National Championship Regatta shall submit a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to the National Governing Board as soon as practicable.

3.4 The National Governing Board shall accept one proposal each year. Ideally Regatta sites shall be determined two years ahead.

3.5 The National Governing Board may reopen the RFP process even after an award has been made if, in its opinion, there is sufficient reason to do so.

3.6 The winning RFP shall be announced at the annual Shields National Meeting or by other means as soon as practicable ideally two years ahead.

Proposed Change #1:

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3.4 The National Governing Board shall accept one proposal **from those submitted** each year. **Proposals not accepted shall be given time to re-submit for subsequent years.** Ideally Regatta sites shall be determined two years ahead.

Proposed Change #2:

3.3 Fleets wishing to host the National Championship Regatta shall submit a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to the National Governing Board as soon as practicable.

3.4 The National Governing Board shall accept one proposal **from those submitted** each year, **between January 1st and March 1st. Proposals not accepted shall be given time to re-submit for subsequent years. Every effort shall be made for** Ideally Regatta sites **to shall** be determined two years ahead. **Discussion of these proposals shall be given no more than 90 days consideration, at which time the governing committee shall vote on the proposals.**

C. Spring duties for fleet measurers: This was a reminder that fleet measurers get sails measured before we are sailing. There is a current class rule that fleet measurers must be notified when ever a boat has been faired, but that does not seem to be happening. The association measurer does not even know who the fleet measurers are for all the fleets. Wendy will send out a notice to the fleets to ask.

6. Trophy discussion: Roland reports that estimates are in for the cost for silver plaques for the wooden base \$50n each for 1" x 2.5" plaques. The plaques should equal the quality of the perpetual. The group discussed the various examples of bases shown. The base could be built with 2 or 3 tiers which would allow for 20 or 30 plaques. It would carry a couple decades of winners. The consensus was to make sure all the plaques were purchased & installed on the base at once for uniformity. A Plexiglas cover was also discussed to go over the base & protect. The group agreed the base should be rectangular as opposed to round or oval. Roland will ask a few trophy folks for quotes. Cape Cod Shipbuilding also offered to

make the base. The group discussed that it be made of teak, mahogany or cherry to contrast with the silver. Roland will supply drawings at the next meeting.

The discussion moved onto where the perpetual bases should remain each year. Some have been lost while at the recipient's home. Larchmont has agreed to be the permanent home to the Shields National trophy & it will go to the Nationals and then return to Larchmont. The question was asked what about all the other perpetual trophies. It was proposed that Larchmont be the keeper of all the perpetual except for the Take a bow and Golden stern trophies. Roland will go back to ask if Larchmont is able to store all of them, but a vote was taken that if Larchmont agrees, is the group willing to allow them to remain permanently in Larchmont. All but one agreed.

7. New business:

- a. Synergy with the websites: Any fleets without a website, please create one. It would be best if they all had a similar look. Could a template be made? Sites with weather links make it easy for sailors to plan. The Larchmont site would make for a good template, it was created by HL Devore. Mike will contact HL Devore for a template. Also, the next e-blast should invite all to join the Shields class facebook page. The newly reorganized Shields Class facebook page is up & running.
- b. Cost of the Masthead: The new printing will be digital to cut down on cost.
- c. Scoring the Nationals: it was brought up that there were mistakes in the tie breakers in the scoring for the 2011 Nations. Wayne asked Chris Wick to let him know what the mistakes were & they will correct them.
- d. Jay Dayton thanked Richard Robbins for the efforts of the Measuring/rules committee.

The meeting ended at 9:21

Time & place of the next meeting=To Be Announced.