

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
MINUTES**

**Attending**

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Sam Veilleux	VP
Ted Slee	Fleet Captain, Fleet 9	Bill Berry	Class Measurer, Fleet 10 Captain
Ian Smith	Fleet Captain, Fleet 8		

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

**1) President's Report: Eric Anderson**

- President thanked people for attending call.
- Masthead:
  - Eric reported that a new editor, Art Sutton, had been identified – a long time Shields sailor and club member
  - Plan is to get spring edition out early – before end April.
  - Will need reports from Fleet and **high resolution** photos.
  - Eric reminded Fleet Captains to use the Masthead as a marketing tool for potential members, sponsors and for general outreach.
- Trophies:
  - Updates to class procedures still being worked on; will be circulated in due course.
  - Golden Stern: discussion of continuing/retiring this trophy:
    - Eric suggested, and there was general agreement, that the award be retired.
    - It was agreed that the intent of the award was good, but that its effect depended somewhat on circumstances, the way, the tone with which it was delivered and that perhaps it was time to take a different approach.
    - Motion to discontinue the Golden Stern was raised, seconded and passed.
    - Trophy is currently stored in Pete McWhinnie's garage and will be reduced in size, kept on hand for potential future consideration.
- Dues:
  - Discussion of due date for dues. One year ago, due date was moved from August 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jay Dayton reported that some Fleets were still late.
  - This year Jay/Eric plan to remind Fleet Captains of the importance of getting dues paid on time. It was suggested Fleets adopt a policy used at some Fleets which is "you can't get scored in a sanctioned race unless dues are paid".
  - Eric reminded everyone of the desire of push for increased numbers of Associate members and the request that skippers make efforts to sign up their crews as Associates, with a goal of at least 2 associates per boat.

- Motion for Class to partially reimburse for boat transport to 2016 National Regatta:
  - In past, \$400 was offered for boats coming more than 400 miles to Nationals. Eric proposed increasing this to \$500 for the 2016 Nationals and asked whether Fleet could afford and would support this.
  - Jay Dayton noted there was \$8,000 in the class accounts, and if a few boats took the reimbursement up it would be OK but if 10-15 did, it would be a problem. Pete McWhinnie noted that with Class operating budget running at breakeven, any take up of the reimbursement would draw down on the capital balance, but that this would provide extra motivation to sign up Associate Members.
  - It was noted that it is unlikely that many boats will travel to California, with best estimates of transport costs in the \$3k-5k range.
  - Eric proposed motion that \$500 be reimbursed for first 5 boats who agree to travel to Nationals from outside the 400 mile minimum. Motion was seconded and passed.

**2). Treasurer’s Report: Jay Dayton**

Very little activity since last report:

• Account Balance as of 1/31/2016	\$8,391.37
• Income	
○ Deposits: Shields Book Sales	\$84.90
• Expenses:	
○ US Sailing – Shields Class Dues (02/06/16)	-\$ 165.00
• Approximate Ending Balance: as of 2/8/2016	\$ 8,311.27

There were no questions.

**3) Secretary’s Report: Peter McWhinnie**

- Nothing to report since last meeting

**4) Technical Committee: Bill Berry**

- Bill Berry said he was still recruiting his team and was getting some rule questions from members.
- There were no questions.

**5) Discussion Topics**

**Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge: Bill Berry**

- Status of preparations: still on track, going well.
- No registrants yet, but expectation is still for an 8 boat turnout.
- Eric asked for Fleet captains to push to commit their teams and sign up early. Reminder of the goal: the Class hopes for this event to be fully subscribed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2016 National Regatta: Garth Hobson**

- Status of Preparations:
  - Preparations are going well.
  - NOR published.
  - Sponsorship: \$8,320 raised, another \$6k pledged which will ensure breakeven. Any additional \$ raised will go towards enhancing the visitor experience.
- Transport:
  - Monterey Fleet has committed to offer \$1000 for first 5 boats trailering to Nationals. With the Class offer of \$500, and a likely cost of around \$3000, this means that half the cost of transport would be covered for the first 5 boats.
- Goal remains to have 20 boats on the line.

### **2017 Nationals Regatta - Mystic**

- No one from Mystic was on call, so there was no discussion.

### **2018 National Regatta Proposals**

- Eric commented that two excellent proposals had been received, from Chicago (Fleet 3) and Edgartown (Fleet 8), and congratulated both on their submissions.
- Sam Veilleux (Chicago): talked through the highlights of Fleet 3's proposal, which were well received by the group. Then Ian Smith (Edgartown): talked through the highlights of Fleet 8's proposal, which were also well received by the group.
- Eric commented that it was really exciting to have 2 great proposals and that he did not want to drag out the decision making, reminding the group that Board has to vote within 90 days.

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.