

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 2-10-15:

Members in attendance:

-Com Crocker-President (fleet 1) -Jay Dayton Oxford (fleet 21)
-Wendy Goodwin- Secretary Marion (fleet 10) -Garth Hobson-Monterey (fleet 12)
-Betsy Yale-Newport & Nationals 2015(fleet 9) -Alan Burnett-Masons Island/Mystic (fleet 19)
-Eric Anderson-Monterey (fleet 12)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: For those in New England we understand you are still digging out from the Blizzard. We have a nominating committee: John Burnham, George Gardner & Mike Schwartz have agreed to the task. Al Burnett is with us to discuss the 2017 Nationals & the Mason's Island bid to host. Although we only have one bid & it won't be a competitive process, we will still go through the process to give the fleet & Governing Board an opportunity to ask questions.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton:

The past month has been relatively quiet in our Class Treasury compared with the previous two months. A few more book purchases & membership dues have come in and the final expenses for the book have gone out (other than postage for future sales).

Per discussions in our January meeting we are attempting to develop a budget for 2015. More to follow on this.

INCOME:	(Approximate Account Balance as of 01/08/2015)		\$ 8,883.84
	Deposits:		
	Book Purchases & Membership Dues	01/14/15	+\$ 350.00
	Book Purchases	01/26/15	+\$ 700.00
	Book Purchases & Membership Dues	02/03/15	+\$ 510.00
	Book Purchases	02/09/15	+\$ 200.00
		Sub-Total Balance:	\$10,643.84
EXPENSES:	Withdrawals:		
	Book Postage	01/14/15	-\$ 130.62
	Book Postage	01/16/15	-\$ 75.95
	Bank Service Fee (Balance fell below \$10,000)	01/30/15	-\$ 12.00
	Book Picture Royalties (\$1,100) & Design (\$2,000)	02/06/15	-\$ 3,100.00
	Book Postage	02/09/15	-\$ 58.45
		Approximate Account Balance:	\$ 7,266.82

Jay is working on a projected budget. This past year, the big/unusual expense was the book. Every year we have annual expenses for the Masthead & our Harken One Design listing. Going forward, it's Jay goal to have the income match the expenses. To reduce costs there was discussion about having one of the two Mastheads be electronic to save on costs. The cost for the printed versions can be reduced if we keep the number of pages and complexity of the design work in check.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Goodwin: We have only 13 books left in inventory. We sold one at the Boat builders Show on Cape Cod. Wendy still needs to finish updating the current membership roster before the next masthead mailing which should reduce the mailing cost & stop the number of return to senders.

Measurer's Report: Richard is away & could not join us on the call, but we will discuss under new business his proposal for changes to the blue book to help with those running the National regatta.

New Business:

- 2017 Nationals Bid:** Al Burnett gave us an overview of their proposal. The group discussed the event to run either Thurs/Fri/Sat or Fri/Sat/Sun. The Masons Island committee will consider keeping in mind that the goal will be to time it so they can get the most participation. There was no official vote, but the Mason's Island fleet has been awarded the hosting responsibility for 2017.

2. **2015 Nationals Newport, RI Sept 8-12 Hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club:** Newport is ready for the task & looks forward to everyone attending the Nationals. The NOR can be seen from the Shields Class Website of by clicking this link <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015/documents/2015ShieldsNationalsNOR.pdf> . They are close to completing the sailing instructions.
3. **2015 Ocean Great Lakes Challenge: May 1-3 The NOR can be seen at** <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015gloc/nor2015.pdf>
The entry forms can be seen at: <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015gloc/entryform2015.pdf>
There was discussion about what to do if more than 1 entry per fleet could attend & Eric reports that they made provisions in the NOR should that occur.
4. **Nominating committee for a 2015 slate:** George Gardner, Mike Schwartz & John Burnham will be the nominating committee.
5. **Electronic version of the Shields Book:** Com reported that the book is preserved in electronic form both on the Shields website & with the publisher. There has been discussion about whether to offer an electronic copy for a reduced price. There was discussion & confirmation that electronic copies are less expensive to purchase, but also that Bruce felt that would not be fair for those who spent the money on the hard copy. For now, the electronic version will not be sold.
6. **Richard Robbins request to update the Class Rules - Section VI - 5.0 and 6.0** - He had hoped this would come out of the trophy committee but want to get it done in any case since these sections are in need of revision. There was a proposal included with the agenda & the following changes were highlighted:
 - Eliminate the paper form for winners to fill out and sign Section VI-6.0. This has not been used in my experience.
 - The regatta committee would have the responsibility to inform the Secretary of the winners and the Secretary to log the winners on the website. (This is in place on the website.)
 - Re-worded the descriptions of Senior, Junior and Institutional to indicate that the Perpetual Trophies have been lost. NOTE: If they are ever found the description can be changed. Going forward the winners will be recorded on the website. I do not support replacing these trophies.
 - Indicated that Larchmont YC is the permanent storage location for the trophies. Does this also apply to the Take-a-Bow or Golden Stern?
 - Did Larchmont YC ever provide a *letter of understanding* as to their responsibility to the trophies? If so this could be incorporated into the Rules or at least archive on the website.

He was not sure about the following:

- Is there a Perpetual Trophy for the newcomer award? Is it inscribed? We need a picture of this one.
- Are (should) there be keepers for the Fleet Trophy? Is this one inscribed?

Without Richard on the call or anyone from the trophy committee, the group agreed to discuss upon Richard's return. Some of this is house-keeping & some is important changes that eliminate confusion/the question each host asks of the Association when preparing for Nationals.

The meeting adjourned.

Reminder:

2015 Great Lakes Ocean Challenge May 1, 2 & 3, 2015 <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015gloc/nor2015.pdf>

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: September 10-12, 2015 <http://www.shieldsclass.com/2015/>

2016 Monterey, CA

2017 Mystic, CT

Our next meeting is: **Tuesday March 10**, 8pm Eastern Time

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary