

Shields Class Association Governing Board phone conference 11-19-13:

Members in attendance:

Com Crocker-President (1)

Wendy Goodwin- Secretary (10)

Kristian Martincic- Tech Committee (3)

Jay Dayton-Treasurer (21)

Richard Robbins-Marion (10)

Roland Schultz-Larchmont/trophy chairman(1)

Betsy Yale-Newport Hosting Nationals 2015(9)

Jan Slee-Newport (9)

Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor (2)

Chris Wick-Masons Island (19)

Presidents Report: Com Crocker: The NOR for the 2014 Nationals is in draft form. They are distributing it among themselves before publication & will be posted by the end of November. They will be taking early registrations as they want to keep the momentum going that was started in Oxford. Com reports that he sent an announcement/invitation to Richard Slaughter for publication in the Masthead & encouraged all the fleet reps to send in their news. Com thanks everyone for their passion & commitment to the class. He was encouraged by the level of commitment & speed at which everyone offered to help each other in the last meeting. We should together be able to build on that to propel the class into the future.

Treasurers Report: Jay Dayton is working with Fred to move the Treasurers details from Larchmont to Oxford. He didn't have an official report but there has been \$5,900 in income & \$5,200 in expenses. The current balance is approx \$21,000. He is still getting up to speed as Fred filled him in on the specifics of his responsibilities. Jay hasn't made headway on establishing a dues committee just yet, but will in due time.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last month's call have been posted on the website. Please forward the minutes to your fleet membership to keep everyone informed. I look forward to working out the details on upgrading the membership/dues payment process with Jay once he is more comfortable in the treasurer's chair. Don't get down on yourself if you feel you haven't accomplished much since our last meeting, we are all volunteers. No bids to host the 2016 Nationals have arrived in my mailbox. The deadline is February. I submitted a "From the builder" article for the Masthead & I encourage fleets who have yet to submit their fleet reports to Richard Slaughter to do so asap. His e-mail is richard@attractionmag.com

Technical Committee Report: Kristian does not have a full slate just yet, but did get commitments from Bill Berry, Bam Miller & Garth Hobson. Kristian has inquiries into Mike Valluchi, Betsy Yales crew from Newport, Mike Schaefer from Indian Harbor & someone from Larchmont. There was discussion about an Oxford rep as well either Schuyler Benson or Googie. As there is no greater resource than Richard Robbins, he will also hang in there for the first several meetings to transition. The committee has to work through the Governing board so the committee does not have to have a rep from each fleet. Richard encouraged comments from the membership to the tech committee has topics to discuss. Wendy G was asked to join in to supply the builders prospective. Topics to be discussed are the loose footed main as well as the required material for the toerail & fairing over the toerail. The group agreed to accept Bam, Garth & Bill & more to be added. The group was encouraged to communicate with the governing board to assure when changes are put to a vote it's clear what each board member is voting on.

New & Old Business:

Membership Issues: The committee is forming & beginning the task/planning. One group is working on automating the membership/dues. Wendy sat in on another one designs conference call last week going through the same growing pains. They have over 900 boats built & 200 boats represented in membership. The shields have 131 boats represented & there have been 260 Shields built. The other group is working on finding Shields that are currently not noted in the online registry. We as a group need to collect info on the boats in our area & encourage everyone to join/reach out/maximize involvement. Jan's group is working on completing the on line registry. He gets better results when calling as opposed to e-mail. He wants to know the status of ownership for the Oakcliff boats. The registry is a living document & he will send Richard Slaughter an article about the

fun of this project for the Masthead. There was discussion on better defining what it means to be an institutional fleet as some were unaware that these fleets have a different dues schedule. There are some conflicts within our class rules & although there are institutional fleets in Newport & Long Beach, the UC Irvine fleet sold to Monterey. Work is needed to better define this aspect of our membership. Jan needs to hear from everyone who he has reached out to.

Perpetual Trophies: Kristian will look through the class rules to assure there are no conflicts with the housing of the perpetual trophies. We need to make sure the language matches the current practice. Jay will look into our options for insuring the trophies. The question was asked do we need a directors/officers policy, a general liability policy or property coverage. We will need to assign values for the perpetual trophies & then we can get quotes. Rick Hendee was going to look into whether we are a for profit or not for profit entity. Com will touch base with Rick.

Masthead: Send all fleets reports to Richard Slaughter. His e-mail is richard@attractionmag.com.

Great Lakes Challenge Cup: Mike was not on the call, so there was no new news, but Mike did present these ideas to the board at the Chicago YC. Kristian will give Mike Schwartz a call so we can have an update.

Sponsors: Jan & Com are working on sponsors for multiyear commitments. The question was raised what to sponsors get & what does the class get. What does this relationship look like? Jan & Com are working on the answers to these questions. Some sponsors have already committed for multiple years. Richard noted that they get exposure on the class website, all e-blasts & the Masthead.

National Regattas:

2014 Shields Nationals-Larchmont, NY: Wednesday Sept 10, 2014 to Saturday Sept 13, 2014. There was discussion about supplying loaner boats as we may have more need than usual. They have a decent size fleet but will reach out to surrounding fleets. This is a good problem to have as they have a goal of 50 boats in attendance. The rule is that the host must supply 1 boat for each visiting fleet. They are pressing locals to sign up for Nationals or face your boat potentially being requested as a loaner.

2015 Shields Nationals-Newport, RI: Betsy confirms the dates are the second week of September (Thurs, Fri Sat). They are currently working on race committee support.

2016-the Class association is currently accepting proposals. Garth Hobson is working on a proposal. They last hosted in 1984 and all boats were chartered. They asked whether the group would prefer that same format. The question was raised whether Edgartown is due to host. Perhaps Edgartown could host and the fleets support a mid winters in California to build them up. Com & Wendy will check in with Edgartown.

Reminder:

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2016 Now accepting applications-deadline February

Our next conference call is **Tuesday January 21 at 8PM** eastern time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodwin
Shields Class Secretary