

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
Jan 10th , 2017 MINUTES**

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	John Klein	Fleet 8
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Bill Berry	Fleet 10
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		
Jay Dayton	Treasurer, Fleet 21		
Ted Slee	Fleet 9		
Richard Robbins	Fleet 10		

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call. In preparing agenda, realize there is a lot going on this year.
- Masthead should be out now with everyone. Please use to help promote the Fleet.
- The video by Peter Fernberger (Larchmont) about the Shields Class has been posted on the Shields Website (via Youtube). Please check it out.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

- Some activity since last report.

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Various activity in our Class Treasury since our last report per below:

<u>INCOME:</u>	(Approximate Account Balance as of 11/01/2016)	\$11,105.10
	<u>Deposits:</u>	None
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>Withdrawals:</u>	
	11/10/2016 World Publications (Harken One Design Ad)	-\$ 150.00
	12/15/2016 US Sailing Dues 2017	-\$ 156.75
	01/05/2017 Laser Letters (Fall Masthead)	-\$ 2,398.23
	01/07/2017 Peter McWhinnie (Nat'ls Trophy Shipping)	-\$ 291.08
	Approximate Ending Balance:	\$ 8,109.04

- Question from Eric: is this balance / activity normal?
 - Generally yes. In some years, spent a lot on Class Book. This total is about right. Will go up as dues come in.

3) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

- Following comments from last meeting, have collated and uploaded to website a PDF with list of winners from last Nationals. Noted that Richard has also put all winners on website.
- Plan to provide update on number of members/associates at next meeting
- Richard: Recollection that Wendy kept a good log of Nationals winners. Gaps in record predate Wendy's involvement, with much of the loss is earlier on. Recent years have been OK.
- No further questions

4) Technical Committee Report: Bill Berry

- No significant progress. Still trying to schedule meeting. Major thing is Shanahan proposal for automatic pump.
- Have done some research. The pumps are remarkable. But bottom line is, in my opinion, that it threatens one-design principles. We'll discuss as a committee but personally I am against it. Compromise may be that older skippers may want it, and that local fleets may experiment, but that it is not something for Nationals
- Eric: do you have ballpark idea of cost, weight, volume?
- Not a lot of weight involved. 12V battery maybe 8lb, pumps don't weight that much. Some pumps can do 25 gallons a minute – pretty substantial. Don't think this is something that will prevent you from sinking. But if taking water when racing, it would be a substantial help
- Don't think installation would be too expensive – certainly option to do it yourself. Maybe \$200?
- Think it would be a huge advantage in bad conditions - not having to take someone off the rail – and this impacts one-design principle. May also set of vicious circle (e.g people may want to install higher grade navigation systems).
- John: isn't one of the glories that it is native sailing? Taking someone off the rail, is part of the challenge, the glory of racing in the fleet.
- Bill: some people may want; some people would not => variation. If individual fleets want to experiment maybe OK
- Jay: not sure what John's motivation is – have not spoken to him
- Bill: general view, given size of cockpit and amount of water that can come in, a pump is not going to prevent sinking – so it's unclear if it is a real safety advantage. And there are other safety issues to address (e.g. sealing air tanks). Most of sinkings are arguably due to spinnakers being large. If allowed smaller spinnakers – as at Marion – believe this would avoid 80% of sinkings.
- Smaller spinnaker would be disruptive. Would take years to work through into the Fleet. But it could work. Tech committee will look at it..

5) Discussion Topics

A. Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review (Peter McWhinnie)

- Update
 - Little to report
 - Have started to draft NOR, get Fleet organized.
 - Aim: get NOR out by next month meeting

B. 2017 Nationals: Mystic (Chris Wick)

- Eric: website is really impressive. Done a lot of work.
- Chris:
 - Coming together well. Most arrangements done.
 - Housing mostly set up. Agreement with shipyard on launch/hoist to be finalized.
 - On Thursday night – will be serving clam chowder and beer to tide people over until dinner
 - Saturday dinner will be at the club this year. Weren't too happy with caterer the last time – so went for the Club
 - RC already to go. Working on judge, protest committee
 - Questions: None. General consensus that website looks great
- Eric: only question: have they found someone to handle Masthead editing? It is one of the responsibilities of the hosting Fleet to do this. A: not yet.
- Eric – earlier we get NOR the better. A: NOR is already posted
- No further questions.

C. 2017 New England Shields Championships (Richard)

- Really the Buzzards Bay Regatta. Held in even years at Marion, odd years at Bedford.
- In past years, we've not been attending. This year, there is enthusiasm in the Fleet to go
- Will be mixed fleet. 4 circles. Decided to label as New England Championships -it's not a home site. Hope to get a couple for Edgartown, Newport boats. Plus 6-8 Marion boats. Maybe one from Larchmont. But not expecting people to trailer in from long distance
- It's a good multi-class event.
- Ida Lewis: some older folks coming back into Shields – and Fleet is also hoping to start up weekend racing. Maybe 3-4 interested in local regattas. Ida Lewis going to be doing weekend racing – open to all Shields, PHRF also. Will post details. Will be using it as a Fleet Builder – for folks who can't race Wednesday/scared of starting with 30 on line.
- Eric: sounds like a great idea; hope gets some more boats out.

D. Season for proposals for 2019 regatta now open. Eric led discussion

- Had some discussions with Sam in Chicago. Strong interest in a combo proposal. 2018 OGLC and 2019 Nationals

- Eric, Board would welcome to proposals from other Fleets.
- Ida Lewis: always a standing offer to host in Newport. Ted to check with Flag Officers
- Jay from Tred Avon: we've discussed it. Also interested in 2019. Don't have firm commitment yet.
- Eric: hearing that 3 fleets are interested is fantastic. Going to be a big year for the Class. 3 big regattas: OGLC; Buzzards Bay and Nationals.

There was no other business raised

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm EDT.