

## Shields Class Governing Board Meeting

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> , 2017

### MINUTES

#### Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Al Burnett	Fleet 19
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Bill Berry	Fleet 10
Jay Dayton	Fleet 21		
Sam Veilleux	Fleet 3		
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		
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, realized there is a lot of material to cover.
- Seeing a lot of energy in the Fleet – both for this year's regattas, and Buzzards Bay – a lot of excitement.

#### 2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

- Not a lot to report. No activity.
- Opening & Ending Balance: \$8,259.04
- Question: Eric: do you have an average day for when Fleet's submit dues?
- Jay: First Fleet: Fleet 21 in Jan – because it's billed to YC. Typically don't see another one until April, then May, June and some in July. Depends on Fleet's sailing season.

#### 3) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

- Nothing to report this month

#### 4) Technical Committee Report: Bill Berry

- Many distractions in the last month. Nothing to report. Hope to have more to say next month.

## 5) Discussion Topics

### A: Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review (Pete McWhinnie)

- General update: making progress with organization for the event:
  - NOR has been drafted and submitted to LYC RC for review
  - Booking made for Saturday night dinner
  - Discussed the event at annual Fleet dinner – Fleet is enthusiastic
  - People have volunteered to help with organization.
  - Charter boats: currently have 6 commitments; optimistic we will have 10 boats available
- Eric asked about interest in attending from Fleets
  - Fleet 3: have not discussed. Nothing definite
  - Fleet 7, 12: 2 boats ready to go
  - Marion: 95% certain
  - Edgartown: not discussed yet
  - Fleet 21: very likely 1
  - Overall: current expectation: 5 visitors for sure, maybe 2-3 more
- Eric: event is cheap; short, logistically easy, and we've tried to de-conflict the date with racing calendars. Should be a great event. Encourage all Fleets to consider sending a representative.

### B. 2017 Nationals: update from Al Burnett

- Things coming along well. Website is up.
- Spending time on sponsorship which is coming on well.
- Have volunteer to run the lobster fest
- RC is falling into place.
- Housing set up: volunteers in place
- Launch haul: same as before – will be at Mystic shipyard.
- Signups: 5 local boats have signed up; one other
- Questions? None

### C. 2019 Nationals Proposals: two proposals received

- **Chicago:** Sam Veilleux ran through Fleet 3's proposal. Some highlights of discussion:
  - Have official support of club
  - Dates: early September. Weather in September is generally great: water still warm; wind in low teens;
  - Organization: Fleet members have agreed to participate
  - Only gap: don't have an economical way to hold the OGLC in the preceding year. Only option is to host with another regatta – specifically the VERVE cup in August
  - There were no questions from the Governing Board.
  - Comments
    - Eric: is a great proposal. One clarification: was the \$650 entrance fee all in for crews of 5? Sam: expect yes, but will have to revisit specifics of numbers.
    - Eric: Cost of hotels? Sam: they are in \$150 range – quite reasonable.
  - Issue for OGLC is the large cost of running event by itself (RC, party). \$1000 per day for RC. Unless you had 12 boats; need a sponsor to make up \$.
  
- **Oxford:** Jay Dayton ran through Fleet 21's proposal. Some highlights of the discussion:
  - Jay apologized for rudimentary nature of proposal – not as nice as the one put together by Chicago!
  - Oxford: host 20-25 regattas a year and have a strong volunteer group for RC. Some regattas have been around for over 80 years. Have 9 month sailing season.
  - Proposed dates: late September/ early October – breezes are ideal; cooler.
  - Venue: great location.
  - Happy to host again: last hosted in 2008; 2013.
  - Ran Star North Americans Championships; opti North Americans; approved to hold Star World Championship in 2018– very excited.
  - 11 boats in the Shields Fleet; last year Jay sailed in 61 races.....Fleet spends a lot of time on the water.
  - Cost: \$650 (same as last time): \$650 covered 4 crew with additional charge \$115 for fifth member
  - Provide 100% housing. Very fortunate that club members are big on hosting out of town participants.
  - Have not talked about Ocean Great Lakes – would be a challenge to host since Fleet is also hosting star worlds later that year.
  
- Questions:
  - How much is additional charge? \$115 for fifth crew. But no extras for hotel; no charge for launch and hoist – so overall is great value.
  - Is it cost prohibitive? Eric and others did not think so.
  - Bill Berry: most people come with 5 crew. Does not think the \$115 is an issue. Wondered if there are other ways to work costs vs all in approach – some people don't do all the socials.

- Richard Robbins: any consideration of making Nationals a Friday, Saturday - Sunday event. Issue is often crew members taking time off. Comments from Board:
  - Chicago: would be easier for us
  - Tred Avon: would be fine for us.
  - Bill Berry: issue has been discussed extensively in the past, but never been done because of tradition. In general, there is a lot of support for Friday, Saturday and Sunday event. Maybe there is an opportunity to modernize.
  - Jay: should we send an email to Fleet Captains to ask for opinion? Eric: agreed we should ask Fleet Captains
  - Bill Berry: historically the reason we had the format was that Sunday was the relief day in case there was not enough wind; but relief day never used.
  - Can still do dinner on Saturday and give awards out in casual gear after racing on Sunday.
- Straw poll: all were in favor of Friday, Saturday, Sunday event.
- Pete: suggested survey be sent to Fleets to ensure all Fleets are buying into this change. Offered to draft survey. Board consented to this approach
- Eric: any other questions? None raised. Rules give 90 days for decision. Probably schedule a vote for April. Fleet captains should also poll members about choice of venue

**D. New England Shields Championships: Richard Robbins provided update:**

- NOR posted.
- Boats can sign up at any time (only one registrant so far). Expecting a few locals and visitors.
- With Eric's permission; can we get an email blast out to cover Buzzard's Bay regatta; OGLC and National? This was agreed.

**Any other business? None.**

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.