

## Shields Class Governing Board Meeting

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### MINUTES

#### Attending

Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Apologies received from:	Eric Anderson
Jay Dayton	Fleet 21		Ian Smith
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		John Klein
Rick Hendee	Fleet 2		Ted Slee
Bill Berry	Fleet 10		
Richard Robbins	Fleet 10		

The meeting began at 8:00 EST

#### 1) President's Report: Peter McWhinnie for Eric Anderson

- Masthead has been sent Laser Letters, expect it to arrive within 2 weeks
  - Exceptional job by Robert Banas of Fleet 19
- Nominating Committee Recommendations: current plan
  - Fleet contacts were confirming names for committee. At least 3 members needed, but can be more if interest supports
  - Request the committee to hold their first meeting by 6/1
  - Request report to Secretary by 7/15, although rules req. by 8/21
- Pete will check with Eric on status of nominations for the committee
- Congratulations were offered Fleet 3 & Chicago YC, Nationals Hosts in 2019. The Board enthusiastic about this venue.
- Proposed Rules Changes sent to the fleets on 4/25 for review. Some feedback received (see technical committee section)

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

- Not a lot to report.
- Opening Balance: \$8,715.98
  - Deposits: None
  - Withdrawals: H.L.Devore (website hosting) -\$142.20
- Closing Balance: \$8,573.78
- There were no questions

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

- No activity since last meeting. I still plan to send out the current fleet rosters to Fleet Captains to assist with dues collection and update/accuracy of addresses

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

- Ted Slee (Fleet 9) had raised questions about proposed rule change and requested to discuss proposed change at Annual Meeting.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the best approach to tackling Fleet 9's questions and the pros/cons of leaving it to the Annual Meeting vs trying to clarify and resolve things earlier.
- It was agreed that Bill Berry would follow up with Ted Slee and with Fleet 9's measurer and report back at the next meeting.

#### **5) Discussion Topics**

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

- General update: making good progress with organization for the event:
  - Charter boats: currently have 8 and will likely have 9 boats available
  - 3 confirmed visiting entries to date: Monterey (Fleet 7), Marion (Fleet 10) and Newport (Fleet 9).
  - Entries also expected from Indian Harbor (Fleet 2) and Oxford (Fleet 21 )
- Event is on track to be most successful in recent history.
- Liability insurance: Pete also confirmed that the \$300k liability insurance for the charter boats is provided under the LYC insurance.
- There was a brief discussion of Fleet 1's request for the cost of trophies to be supported from the Class budget, in line with practice from previous years.
  - Motion was raised for the Shields Class to provide up to \$500 for trophies.
  - Motion was carried unanimously.
- Pete encouraged Fleets to get their entries in prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, and reminded everyone it is an easy to attend event (no boat transport, housing provided).

##### **B: 2017 Nationals Update, Mystic (Chris Wick)**

- Update:
  - Making excellent progress with organization.
  - Entries to date: now 8 entries including two visiting boats.
- General consensus was that it was too early for most visiting boats to have gotten organized and made their entry, but there are expected to be multiple entries from Larchmont, Newport, and Oxford at least.
- Overall, signs are pointing to another excellent Nationals.
- There were no questions.

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

- Good enthusiasm for event. NOR posted.
- 5 boats currently signed up and working on getting other local boats.
- #207 from Indian Harbor is expecting to go – will be trailered up. Richard will check on hoist availability/weight restrictions to ensure easy launch/pull out.

**Any other business?**

- There was brief discussion about process for collecting Class dues and whether there might be an online/automatic solution (e.g. Paypal) that might be more efficient than the current process which relies on Fleet Captains / Fleet Treasurers. No one volunteered to spend time investigating possibilities and so for 2017 at least, dues will be collected in the usual way.

There was no other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm EST.