

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting

June 13th, 2017

MINUTES

Attending

Eric Anderson	President		
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary		
Jay Dayton	Fleet 21		
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		
John Klein	Fleet 8		
Richard Robbins	Fleet 10		
Ian Smith	Fleet 8		

The meeting began at 8:00 EST

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- Thanked attendees for making the call.
- Status of nominating committee:
 - Eric: Was hoping for clarity on this from last meeting; names had been suggested, but was not clear on progress
 - Pete: Who would be collating the list?
 - Eric:
 - Rules require a committee of three
 - Current nominations: Skip Maguire (Fleet 1); Read Baer & John Burnham (Fleet 9)
 - Is there any reason to look for someone from a different Fleet?
 - Jay: would be ideal to have multiple fleets represented, but would not have an issue with current list. Read and John both from same Fleet but know the class and are well respected
 - Eric: if no objection, this will be the nominating committee.
 - Richard suggested appointing a Chairman
 - Eric proposed motion:
 - That Skip Maguire Read Baer & John Burnham be invited to sit on the Nominating Committee and that a Chairman be appointed.
 - Motion was seconded and carried unanimously
 - Eric offered to reach out to the three of them and advise them they were on the Nominating Committee and what their next steps should be
- Next step:
 - Usually, first task of Nominating Committee is to reach out to current Officers to see if they were willing to serve in same or other role.
 - Eric – to facilitate process – asked each Officer to send him an email stating their interest in continuing in their current role, or in another role.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

- Not a lot to report.
- Opening Balance: \$8,423.78
 - Deposits:
 - Fleet #4 Annual Dues 5/25 \$ 250.00
 - Blurb (Shields Book sales 6/13) \$ 46.94
 - Withdrawals:
 - Bonnier (Harken One Design Ad) 5/22/17 -\$ 150.00
 - Laser Letters (Spring Masthead) 6/9/17 -\$2,357.52
- Closing Balance: \$6213.20
- There were no questions

3) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

- No activity since last meeting. I will update fleet rosters when input and dues received from Fleet Captains.

4) Technical Committee Report: (Bill Berry – was not on the call)

- Eric: Had spoken with Ted Slee (Fleet 9) about their concerns about the proposed rule changes: toe rail change did not present an issue; the question of annual measurement was more problematic. Plan is to make this an agenda item for the Annual Meeting.

5) Discussion Topics

A: Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review (Pete McWhinnie)

- General update: in great shape for event:
 - Charter boats: currently have 8 and will likely have 9 boats available
 - 5 confirmed visiting entries to date: Monterey (Fleet 7), Marion (Fleet 10); Newport (Fleet 9); Indian Harbor (Fleet 2) and Mystic (Fleet 19)
 - Expect 3 Larchmont entries
- Jay: was under impression John Shanahan might enter for Fleet 21 – will follow up to see if this is still a possibility.

B: 2017 Nationals Update, Mystic (Chris Wick)

- Update:
 - Making excellent progress with organization.
 - Couple of loaner boats expected to be available
 - Entries to date: now 8 entries including two visiting boats. Expectations:
 - Ted Slee (Fleet 9) advised 4-5 teams from Newport were expected
 - Ian Smith (Fleet 8): not sure yet
 - Richard Robbins (Fleet 10): expecting 4

- Overall current expectations are for 20-25 entries
- Loaner boats:
 - Eric: boats typically needed for California, Chicago entries. Eric to chase up Fleets for potential entries
 - Next meeting (July): hope to have greater clarity for planning
- There were no other questions.

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

- Richard confirmed that a hoist will be available for travelling boats to launch/hoist.
- Good enthusiasm for event.

Any other business

- Richard commented on the sad and unfortunate loss of Richard Slaughter who will leave a gaping hole in the Shields Class, a sentiment shared by the entire Board. Jay planned to follow up with his widow at an appropriate time to understand how their company will be run and any implications for the Masthead.

There was no other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm EST.