

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting

August 8th, 2017

MINUTES

Attending

Eric Anderson	President		
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary		
Jay Dayton	Fleet 21		
Chris Wick	Fleet 19		
Ted Slee	Fleet 9		
Ian Smith	Fleet 8		
Sam Veilleux	Fleet 3		

The meeting began at 8:00 EST

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- Thanked attendees for making the call.
- Status of nominating committee:
 - Three members now selected: Skip Maguire, Garth Hobson, Peter Durard (fleet 9)
 - Committee has promised to provide slate of Officers 30 days prior to Annual Meeting
- Concern about dates of 2018 Edgartown Nationals (raised at last meeting). This has now been resolved. Ian Smith reported that Shields Nationals team had met with Edgartown YC Board of Trustees and resolved the potential conflict. Eric appreciated Fleet 8's efforts in solving this
- Next Ocean Great Lakes Challenge:
 - John Burnham (Fleet 9) is pursuing this. Plan is not yet fixed, but it is looking promising. Option is to host mid-late June.
 - Ted Slee reported that Fleet 9: Flag Officers are in charge of sailing schedule and they are keen to host. The big issue for the Fleet is loaner boats.
 - Eric: it's been tough finding a venue, would be good to resolve.
- Nationals attendance: Eric asked for expected attendance by Fleet:
 - Fleet 1: hoped for 3-5
 - Fleet 2: 1
 - Fleet 3: Sam reported he was working on it and hoped for 1 entrant which would ask for a loaner
 - Fleet 7/12: single entrant
 - Fleet 8: maybe 1 more
 - Fleet 9: Ted Slee expected 6-8 total. 3 were already signed up, plus the navy, plus 2-3 more expected
 - Fleet 10: no-one was on call, but guestimate was 3.
 - Local Fleet had 6 boats signed up
 - Fleet 21: were hoping for a couple
 - Overall count looked like mid 20s in terms of turnout.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

- Only 7 Fleets had paid their dues (2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12 & 21). Other Fleets (1, 3, 5, 8, 17 and 19) have not yet paid and are now 2 months late, which is a very weak performance.
- Opening Balance: (7/11) \$6,328.20
 - Deposits:
 - Fleet #7 and 12 Class Dues (7/12) \$ 955.00
 - Fleet #9 Class Dues (7/17) \$ 1,090.00
 - Fleet #10 Class Dues (7/20) \$ 655.00
 - Withdrawals: none since last report
- Closing Balance: \$9,028.20
- There were no questions

3) Secretary's Report: Peter McWhinnie

- No activity since last meeting. I will update fleet rosters for the Annual Meeting.

4) Technical Committee Report:

- Bill Berry was not on the call. No report.

5) Discussion Topics

A: 2017 Nationals Update, Mason's Island (Chris Wick)

- Update:
 - Organization going very well.
 - Still looking for a Judge. Would welcome any suggestions/recommendations.
 - Sam Veilleux said he was a US judge and would discuss off line with Chris
 - Ted Slee had reached out to Robbie Benjamin
- Hoist cost: was \$350 vs \$250 the last time that MIYC hosted. Chris asked if the Class might subsidize the cost by \$100.
 - Eric: given there are ~15 visitors, asked for Jay's opinion.
 - Jay: referred to the subsidy given for boats travelling > 400 miles. Noted that subsidy had been given to OGLC.
 - Eric: goal would be to get nt 10-15% of entrants
 - Sam: noted that while it's great to offer incentives, he wasn't sure this would tip anyone's decision. Costs of going to Nationals are in the thousands. It's not the money that stops people going, it's the scheduling, crew.
 - Eric: not enough energy to put it to a vote. Request for relief of launch fees no supported.

Any other business

- Eric advised the next Board meeting would be in the 2nd week of September and solely to discuss waiver requests for Nationals

There was no other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.36 pm EST.