

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
August 9th, 2016
MINUTES**

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Bill Berry	Fleet 10
John Klein	VP		
Ted Slee	Fleet 9		

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call, and noted that a new email had been sent out to the Class. Board commented that it was a professional looking email from the new system.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

Very light activity since last report:

- Account Balance as of 7/10/2016 \$10,255.10
- Income + \$360.00
 - *Deposit: Fleet # 8 annual dues:*
- Expenses: nil
- Approximate Ending Balance: as of 8/8/2016 \$ 10,615.10

There were no questions.

3) Secretaries Report

- Updated Fleet lists with 2016 members and associates received from from Fleets: 1, 4, 7, 9, 12, 19 and 21.
- Updated lists still needed from Fleets: 8, 10, 17
- Plan is to update the class database over the next few weeks and have a full report of numbers by the next meeting

There were no questions.

4) Technical Committee Report

- No discussion topics from the technical committee.

5) Discussion Topics

Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review

- Peter reported that Fleet One was supportive of potentially holding the event and that discussions were now underway with Larchmont YC and the Race Committee.
- Eric noted that there was no need for a decision now, with October being a good time for decision making.

2016 National Regatta: Garth Hobson/Eric Anderson

- NOR has been published. SIs will likely be released in early September, 3 weeks before the event.
- Focus has been on race course, much of which is over deep water (170 ft), in order to get legs and courses of the required distance, and to get away from the kelp. Team has been experimenting with how best to hold the marks in this depth.
- Richard asked whether previous Nationals had been held in locations which did not comply with distance requirements, thought Dallas was likely where the lake was narrow.
- Eric and Garth commented that: a) they were aiming to be compliant with the Nationals rule and b) they would definitely set courses away from the kelp.
- Question was asked about why the course has to be so far out, so deep?
- Eric and Garth responded that it was about a) getting far enough out to have long legs and b) far enough from the landmass so that local knowledge would not be a factor. They did a trial race two weeks ago which ended up with a 5 mile course (not yet a 6 mile) and the trial went well. "Still a few things to iron out though".
- Garth comments on status:
 - Signups:
 - 13 signups, 8 out of town, 5 local.
 - Have 16 Shields available, plus 1 on hand, 1 in Marina del Rey
 - Looking for 4 more sign ups, which will be given priority to out of towners, then the local fleet.
 - Housing: should be able to accommodate everyone.
 - Social events will be great.
- Eric: reported that a spectator boat had been set up for Saturday which was meant for people from club, fleet, military and spouses. Pricing to be figured out.

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- No updates.

Eric noted that the next meeting would discuss waiver requests for Nationals, which will be discussed and reviewed by the Officers, not Fleet Captains.

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.