



**Motion seconded by Schwartz**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Secretary's Report - Steve Mettler**

Minutes from February meeting were distributed separately and will post to the class website as their own document.

**Motion made by Garth Hobson to accept the report**

**Motion seconded by Mackinnon**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Technical Committee - Garth Hobson**

The Technical Committee approved the following two items at the recent meeting.

1. The new mast section produced by Cape Cod Ship Building around 2017 was determined to be legal and all boats currently using and who will ultimately use one of these 12 masts will deemed compliant to Shields Class Rules
2. The rules for mast step measurement were changed to require each fleet to certify mast step measurements for all registered boats every two years. See the class rules for specific language amendments to the old rule.

**Motion made by Garth Hobson to approve**

**Motion seconded by Gronberg**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Additional items from the Technical Committee**

- The proposed (and passed unanimously by the Technical Committee) rule change relative to allowing the spinnaker pole to made from any material, shall await comments from the fleets prior to any further action being taken
- Full Batten Mainsail – The class requested input from several vendors of mainsails for their comments on the performance/durability impact of allowing full batten mainsails within the class

Discussion items on Technical Committee Report

Ted Slee asked if the class could publish the individual boat measurements online, similar to our public information on sail inventory. Garth said he would check to see if this was possible.

Mike Schwartz said he agreed with the new mast step measurement proposal

Jay Dayton said he will check back with Fleet 21 to get their feedback and comments

Ken asked that all fleets provide comments before the next meeting.

**National Championship Regatta Rules Committee**

Criteria for Nationals Rule VI 2.4 and VI 2.5 - Ken Deyett

A proposed Rules Section VI 2.0 can be seen

<https://shieldsclass.com/bluebook/sectionvi2.php>

Survey results at <https://fleet10.shieldsclass.com/survey/results.php>

Richard reviewed the findings and recommendations of the National Championship Regatta Rules Committee. The recommended changes can be read by following the link to our rules pages above.

Specifically, as it relates to this year's national regatta, Jay said his local committee could react to any changes and incorporate them as late as August 2020.

Ted said he prefers longer races and would not like to see a regatta decided with a single race completed.

Ken asked all VPs and fleet captains to check with their fleets and be prepared to vote next month. (a survey of class members was conducted prior to the committee meeting and the results can be found by following the link above)

### **Ocean Great Lakes Challenge**

We need one boat from every fleet

### **New Business**

- North Sails Seminar held in Newport will be rescheduled to a new date. The possibility of the class participating via an online meeting is being researched. The new date will be communicated once determined.
- Jay announced that Fleet 21 member, Charlie Robertson, skipper of #255, recently died. Jay requested feedback from the Governing Board on the pricing for the 2020 Nationals entry fee of \$650, which includes meals for 4 crew members. Ken said he thought it was a little high. Jay reminded the class that the hoists in Oxford are all free of cost to the skippers. He also said he would review the cost question with his local organizing committee.
- Ted mentioned that Fleet 9 was having a new Shields hoist designed by Safe Harbor New England Boat Works. They plan to produce this and use it at the hoist at Sail Newport. They requested a contribution of class funds to help pay for the design and production. The concept of this device is to hoist the using hull slings like a typical travel lift and opposed to the lifting bar which has been the usual Shields hoisting device.
- The Kap Dun Trophy has been fully repaired.

**Jay motioned to adjourn**

**Mike seconded**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Meeting ended at 9:11 EDT.