

**Shields Class Governing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2017**

**Attending**

Name	Fleet #	Position
Eric Anderson	12	President
Steve Mettler	8	Secretary
Jay Dayton	21	Treasurer
Kim Roberts	19	Measurer
Ted Slee	9	
Peter McWhinnie	1	
Bob Hurst	8	
Richard Robbins	10	
Chris Wick	19	
Kevin Hynes (for Rick Hendee)	2	
Lee Reichert	19	

The meeting began at 8:00 EST

**1) President's Report: Eric Anderson**

- Thanked attendees for making the call.
- Welcomed new board members – Steve Mettler, Secretary; and Kim Roberts, Measurer
- Shields Masthead, Fall Edition
  - Proposed scaling down from 12 to 8 pages due to in part to less Nationals content
  - Rich - suggested we delete this edition entirely
  - Ted – add other content to replace
  - Jay – Still important to publish and promote
  - Suggestions for content were builder section from Cape Cod, promoting Great Lakes in Spring, obituary section for Richard Slaughter, Corny Shields' induction to sailing hall of fame, and maintenance issues like decking repair.
  - Eric – any content ideas should be sent directly to Masthead editor, Bob Banas, robertbanas@sbcglobal.net
- Review of fleet Captain Roster
  - Eric – some changes so fleet Captains please send to Rich Robbins

**2). Treasurer's Report (sent with meeting invitation): Jay Dayton**

- Jay presented 2017 annual report with income/expenses and balance sheet
- Jay - There was only a minor \$15 change from figures presented at Nationals
- Eric - Fleet position is stable with a slight gain in account, ending balance 9/18/2017 \$10,993.20

### 3) Discussion Topics

#### **A: 2017 National Regatta Review (Chris Wick/Lee Reichert)**

- Chris – social events were great including Wednesday and Thursday lobster dinner
- Chris – rebate possible as accounts are finalized
- Lee – disappointed in low turnout as 28 boats at previous, 25 planned, 24 had registered at one point, 19 registered and 17 turned up
  - Lee – he expected some fleets to have more boats than 1 Larchmont, 3 Marion, 1 Edgartown, and 1 Oxford
  - Ted – turnout from Newport was 1/3 or 7 boats
- Lee – Getting a race committee was a challenge for MIYC. Huckins 40 came from Larchmont. US Sailing was no help. They found a head judge from San Francisco who came out to visit family.
- Lee- Launching and receiving facilities was a challenge. They made a deal with best Marina in area. Service was good and provided space and access. He did not expect daylight and limited staffing hours to become a constraint.
- Lee-reiterated that a rebate may still be possible after tallying up expenses
- Eric – Thanked MIYC for doing such a fantastic job hosting and organizing the event including meals, timeliness and hosts.

#### **B: 2018 Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review (Ted Slee)**

- Ted-Looking at Father's Day weekend (June 17) in Newport
- Ted-Newport has boats available
- Eric-Please finalize dates by next call

#### **C: 2018 Nationals Update, Mystic (Bob Hurst)**

- Bob-Dates are Sept. 5 – 8, 2018, weekend after labor day holiday
- Bob-coordinating with Beverly to possibly host Monday/Tuesday racing in Marion with a point-point race on Wednesday to Edgartown
- Bob-Regatta is earlier due to a major construction project in EYC starting immediately after regatta
- Bob-Judge and PRO is arranged
- Bob-Housing will be available for boats and spouses
- Eric-how difficult and expensive is to take a boat over on the ferry
- Bob/Steve-ferry is expensive (est. \$368/rt) and difficult to reserve as limited space for truck and trailer. We recommend launching in Marion or in Falmouth at MacDougalls. Falmouth is a one hour sail across Vineyard Sound and do not need to navigate Woods Hole. We will prepare specifics.
- Ted-storage area would be helpful especially if not able to have car on island

**D: Alternate National Regatta Schedule/Format**

- Rich asked if NOR should be amended to allow Sunday extension as weather day
- Ted thought we should also consider making practice day into race day if needed
- Peter said creates uncertainty in logistics and planning
- Lee thought we should make Sunday possible
- Steve said Sunday would not have been possible for Edgartown due to ferry

**E: Committee to Study Future National Regatta Attendance (Eric Anderson)**

- Eric-asked for volunteer to lead committee to make recommendations to boat. A small committee to study and make recommendations would be more effective. He asked for anyone interested in chairing or contributing to contact him.

**New Business**

- Richard – offered to serve on committee.
- Other qualified and interested people should be identified and be proposed to board.

There was no other business raised.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm EST.