

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting May 1, 2012

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Members in attendance by conference call:

Wendy Goodwin-Secretary

Richard Robbins-Measurer

Fred Werblow-Treasurer

Mike Schwartz-President & Chicago fleet

Jay Dayton-Oxford, MD fleet

Chris Wick-Mystic fleet

Rick Hendee-Indian Harbor fleet

Andy Segal-Newport Fleet

New Business:

- National Sponsorship Committee: Jan Slee suggested to Mike Schwartz that a National Sponsorship committee be formed to handle Nationals from year to year. Jan recommends the committee be centered in Newport & they would secure sponsors for multiple years. Having 1 committee would keep costs down & prevent conflict between conflicting supporting businesses. Jan is looking for high level sponsors to enhance our image. The group voted & passed the creation of this committee. Jan will chair the committee 3 others are asked to work with him. Rick Hendee volunteered. Fleet reps will ask their fleets for two additional members. The group will work to secure sponsors for 2013 & beyond. Mike Schwartz will draft up the exact objective of this committee.
- Mike also began to discuss the idea of a steering committee for nationals that better describes a check list for running Nationals. He will get back to us on these details.
- The topic turned to the new proposed rule, revising VI 3.0 Selection of venue for the national championship regatta. The following changes were discussed & voted on:

3.1 The site of future National Championship Regatta shall be determined by a vote of the Governing Board based on proposals of those Fleets that wish to hold the event.

3.2 The responsibility for arranging **the regatta including** providing suitable facilities, prizes and entertainment rests with the Fleet holding the event with input from the National Championship Committee (see Section VI-1.1). The Regatta shall be self-funded (fees, sponsorship and merchandise sales) with profit or loss being borne by the local Fleet except that expenses related to perpetual awards (shipping, engraving, maintenance, insurance, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the National Association.

3.3 Fleets wishing to host the National Championship Regatta shall submit a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to the National Governing Board as soon as practicable.

3.4 The National Governing Board shall accept one proposal **from those submitted** each year, **until February 1st. Proposals not accepted shall be given time to re-submit for subsequent years. Every effort shall be made for Regatta sites to be determined at least**

two years ahead. Discussion of these proposals shall be given no more than 90 days consideration, at which time the Governing Board shall vote on the proposals.

3.5 The National Governing Board may reopen the RFP process even after an award has been made if, in its opinion, there is sufficient reason to do so.

~~3.6 The winning RFP shall be announced at the annual Shields National Meeting or by other means as soon as practicable ideally two years ahead.~~

The changes in red passed & have been updated on line.

Old Business:

- Trophy Committee: Roland was not able to attend the meeting so we will discuss the current state of the trophy issues at the next meeting.
- 2012 Nationals Marion: Richard Robbins reports that the Marion Nationals committee met on Sunday to discuss the planning of the regatta. We have door prizes, sponsors, a scorer, judge & pro etc.
- The draft masthead is being circulated & will go for print Mid May. Richard reports that the distribution will occur from the list of members sent from fleet representatives. We haven't heard from all fleets. We still need names & addresses from Newport, Oyster Bay to name a few. The question was raised how much are we saving by printing the spring issue & sending the fall issue by e-blast, the cost savings approx. \$1,000.

Technical Committee Report: Richard Robbins reports the group continues to discuss & define modifications, but it is slow due to the variety of opinions. Sailors may experiment with the loose footed mainsail this summer.

Treasurers report:

Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Marciano all old SCYC fleet dues and amounts related to missing ties have been paid. Dues from one yacht were paid and the March 31, 2012 bank balance was \$18,372.

To Do- Include in future Shields Class communications the need to pay 2012 dues, namely:

Yacht and one Skipper \$50

Each Additional Skipper \$15

Crew and others interested in the Shields Class \$10

Make checks payable to-Shields Class Sailing Association

Mail to- Fred Werblow, Treasurer

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Scarsdale, NY 10583

There was a question as to whether all Shields with co skippers had to pay the \$15 or is this just boats that attend Nationals. The answer is that all Shields that race with co-skippers are to pay

an extra \$15-regardless if they attend nationals or race locally. This pay scale has not changed, it has always been this way. If you co skipper a Shields, please pay accordingly.

Fleet Reports:

Fleet 9: Andy Segal reports the Newport fleet held an opening season social. The current topic of discussion is conduct on the race course. Although the fleet is lucky to have Jan to set up a sponsorship committee Andy mentioned that the group will need to work together to get things accomplished.

Fleet 21: Jay Dayton reports the Oxford fleet has 11 boats registered. Their spring series started 2 weeks ago with a decent turnout. Four Oxford boats are committed to attending Nationals in Marion.

Fleet 19: Chris Wick reports the Mystic fleet is on schedule-no changes.

Fleet 10: Please sign up early to attend Marion Nationals September 20-22. There is also a Mini regatta in Marion Sunday September 16 for those who would like to attend. We look forward to getting together with you all.

The meeting ended. Mike Schwartz will announce the date & time of the next meeting.

Respectively Submitted

Wendy J. Goodwin
Secretary
Shields Class Association