

**Shields Class Governing Board Meeting
July 12th, 2016
MINUTES**

Attending

Eric Anderson	President	Garth Hobson	2016 National Regatta Chair
Jay Dayton	Treasurer	Richard Robbins	VP
Peter McWhinnie	Secretary	Sam Veilleux	VP (Fleet 3)
John Klein	VP	Bill Berry	Fleet 10

The meeting began at 8:00 EDT

1) President's Report: Eric Anderson

- President thanked people for attending call. Remarked that most of his comments would come later under the Great Lakes Challenge & Nationals agenda topics.

2). Treasurer's Report: Jay Dayton

Moderate activity since last report:

- Account Balance as of 6/10/2016 \$8,995.10
- Income
 - *Deposit: Fleet # 19 annual dues:* + \$345.00
 - *Deposit: Fleet # 3,10,19 annual dues:* + \$1,565.00
- Expenses:
 - *World Publications (Harken One Design Ad) (7/11/16)* -\$ 150.00
 - *Susan Scala – OGLCC Trophies (7/11/16)* -\$ 500.00
- Approximate Ending Balance: as of 3/7/2016 \$ 10,255.10

There were no questions.

3) Technical Committee Report

- Richard Robbins reported that there were no discussion topics from the technical committee.

4) Discussion Topics

Ocean Great Lakes Challenge Review

- All reports were that Marion held a great event and that everyone had a good time.
- Plans for the future of this "Championship Sailing without the hassle" event were discussed, and it was noted that "we were writing rules as we went along" so there was potential for flexibility in approach.
- Eric commented that with past events at Chicago, Monterey and then east coast (Marion), symmetry would suggest next event go back to Chicago.

- Sam provided a detailed perspective on how Chicago could host:
 - The cost of hosting a one-off small regatta doesn't work so well at Chicago with costs of RC etc over \$1000.
 - Best option would be to combine it with an existing event to leverage Club resources.
 - Preferred option would be to combine it with the Verve regatta which occurs in mid-late August. Expected date would be August 27-29, 2017 and costs would be about \$50 per boat
- There was a brief discussion about whether August was a good time vs June timing of earlier events.
- There was also a discussion about increasing the number of boats participating with more than one local boat and more than one visiting boat per Fleet. General consensus was that limiting numbers to one visiting boat per Fleet helped keep the event "exclusive" but that local Fleets had option to write NOR as they wished.
- There was a discussion of other potential locations:
 - Larchmont was suggested and Pete McWhinnie stated he would discuss with LYC and local fleet to assess potential.
 - Formalizing the location as "the next year's Nationals host" was suggested as another option. Comments on this were that it might "provide some learning for host club" but in general it was felt that this somewhat detracted from the appeal/attractiveness of both events and placed a burden on the hosting club two years in a row.
 - It was agreed that the Board would aim to make a decision about location at the next meeting.
- Updating trophies: Eric asked what needed to be done to update perpetual trophies hosted at Chicago. Sam was going to check, but it was noted there were no deeds of gift and no-one seemed to know what, if any, requirements existed.

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- Status of Loaner boats: which fleets were committed to taking up their allocated boat?
 - Committed: 1,9,10,21
 - Possible interest: 3,8
 - No: 17;
 - No response yet: 19
- Who might trailer in? Some discussion of this at Fleet 10. Eric commented that Dan Coughlin (transporter) might discount.
- Potential charter boats: Eric reported that 2 boats had been delivered and should be available for charter at \$500 each.
- Sponsorship: Eric and Garth announced that Heineken have been signed up as a sponsor. Cheers all round.

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- No updates.

The meeting concluded at 9pm EDT.