

**Shields Class Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017**

Attending

Name	Fleet #	Position	Present
Eric Anderson	12	President	x
Steve Mettler	8	Secretary	x
Jay Dayton	21	Treasurer	x
Kim Roberts	19	Measurer	
Richard Robbins	10	Vice President	x
Peter McWhinnie	1	Vice President	
Sam Veilleux	3	Vice President	
Chris Wick	19	Vice President	x
Rick Hendee	2	Vice President	
Doug Millar	1	Fleet Captain	x
Tom McManus	2	Fleet Captain	x
Eric Beyer	3	Fleet Captain	x
Rick Gibson	4	Fleet Captain	
Michael Polkabra	7/12	Fleet Captain	
Ian Smith	8	Fleet Captain	
Ted Slee	9	Fleet Captain	x
Bill Berry	10	Fleet Captain	x
Ron Oard	17	Vice President/Fleet Captain	x
Al Burnett	19	Fleet Captain	
Harry Seemans	21	Fleet Captain	
Ken Deyett	10	Committee Chair, National Regatta Attendance Committee (NRAC)	x

The meeting began at 8:00 PM EST

References (provided prior to meeting):

- Agenda, Governing Board Meeting, Eric Anderson, 3-13-2018
- Treasurer's Report, Jay Dayton, 2-9-2018
- National Regatta Attendance Committee Proposals, Ken Deyett
- Fleet 9, ILYC 2020 National Championship Proposal, 2/22/2018, Ted Slee
- Fleet 21, TAYC 2020 National Championship Proposal, 2/27/2018, Jay Dayton

Meeting Minutes:

1. NRAC Report and Proposals – Ken
 - a. Ken Reviewed the report
 - i. Electronic publication will be the eMasthead
 1. Two eMastheads in 2018
 - a. Spring – Eric
 - b. Fall – Ken
 2. Looking for 2019 volunteer
 - ii. Call List, personally call prospective skippers/crews
 - iii. Two grants proposed
 1. Twenty-Something Grant
 2. Newcomer Grant
 - iv. Funding will come from selling advertisements in the eMasthead and savings from eMasthead publishing and bulk mailings
 - b. **Twenty-Something Grant Program** - Free Regatta Entry fees for teams under 30 years of age. This will improve regatta attendance, promote participation of younger sailors to our class and help build our local fleets. Proposal Guidelines as follows:
 - i. All Members of the crew shall be 29 years of age or younger in the calendar year.
 - ii. Must be recommended by a current class Shields Owner.
 - iii. Skipper(s) must meet the 10 race class rules and become members of class.
 - iv. Max number of two participants at \$750 each. Stipends will be awarded on a first come basis.
 - v. First two registered Skipper approved by the National Board will be awarded a check for \$750 at the Skippers Meeting.
 - vi. Twenty-Something Grant Program eligible crews must bring their own boat.
 - vii. Maximum possible cost to class - \$1,500
 - c. **Newcomer Grant Program**- The Newcomer Grant Program will give a \$500 discount to the Newcomer registered and paid in full for the Nationals. This will encourage a Shields Corinthian Sailor to attend the Nationals. Proposal Guidelines as follows:
 - i. Newcomer will be defined as a class member competing in his first Shields Nationals. Never having crewed or skippered in a Shields National Event.
 - ii. The Grant will be given to the first 2 registered new Shields skippers for the Nationals that have paid in full.
 - iii. Newcomer Grant eligible skippers must bring their own boat.
 - iv. The class will make the final decisions and present \$500 check at the Skippers Meeting.

- d. Discussion
 - i. Motion? – Eric
 - ii. This should be noted in NOR, amendment – Richard
 - iii. Limit to one per year due to cost? – Ted
 - 1. Keep the way it is
 - iv. Concerned about the cost – Jay
 - v. Grant programs will make fleet grow, money well spent, funding is identified and expenses are capped at \$2500/year – Ken/Eric
 - vi. Limit to two years trial – Bill
 - e. Grants proposed as written with following conditions
 - i. \$2500/year cost limit
 - ii. NOR is amended to allow
 - iii. Limited to two year trial
 - f. Motion? – ‘Eric
 - i. Proposed – Ken
 - ii. Second – Ted
 - iii. In Favor? All
 - iv. Against? None
 - v. Motion for Twenty-Something and Newcomer Grants pass with the noted conditions
- 2. Presidents Report - Eric
 - a. eMasthead Call for content
 - b. Fleet reports due May 1
 - c. Call list (Fleet Captains) for 2018 National Regatta
 - 3. Treasurers’ Report – Jay
 - a. Report submitted
 - 4. Secretary’s Report – Steve
 - a. Minutes submitted
 - b. John Wilson from fleet 8 volunteered to edit the Masthead
 - 5. Technical Committee – Not reporting/present
 - 6. 2020 National Regatta Proposals from Fleet 9 (Newport, RI) and Fleet 21 (Oxford, MD) – submitted
 - a. Fleet 9, Ida Lewis Yacht Club Proposal – Ted
 - i. New flag officers are new shields owners want to host the nationals
 - ii. Moved sailing venue to mitigate local knowledge advantage
 - iii. Can accommodate Fri, Sat, Sun format as recommended by NRAC – Ted
 - 1. Asked if they would switch – Richard
 - 2. Thought it would help attendance – Eric
 - 3. Recommending changing it – Bill
 - iv. Highlights/emphasis
 - 1. Large fleet
 - 2. Hosted previous nationals
 - 3. Social events

4. \$150 launching fee and parking
 - b. Fleet 21, Tred Avon Yacht Club Proposal – Jay
 - i. Good racing venue, accessible and widely used for regattas
 1. Good PRO
 2. Easy to get to the racing area
 3. Can sail in all directions
 - ii. Hosted previous nationals in 2008 and 2013
 - iii. Dates are not set so can accommodate Fri, Sat, Sun format
 - c. Conclusion
 - i. Thank you for proposals – Eric
 - ii. Please distribute and consult with your fleet - Eric
 - iii. We will vote by email before the next meeting – Eric
7. 2018 Great Lakes Challenge - Ted
 - a. Boats are ready
 - b. Grant is being applied from State of RI
 - c. Accepting entries by email and PDF, personal checks
 8. 2018 National Regatta, Edgartown – Steve
 - a. Sending logistics information for eMasthead
 9. 2019 National Regatta, Chicago – Eric
 - a. Will use a Fri, Sat, Sun format
 10. New Business
 - a. Article on grant program for eMasthead - Ken
 11. Actions (Deliverables) – Eric
 - a. Masthead by March 29, 2018
 - b. Finalize NOR comments for OGLC in next week
 - c. National Committee comment on small spinnaker when Richard returns next week
 - d. Next Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM EST