

Shields Class Governing Board Meeting February 24, 2010

Minutes:

Conference call attendees:

Mike Schwartz, Richard Robbins, Roland Schultz, Chris Wick, Jay Dayton, Andy Segal, Fred Werblow, Skip Shenk, Andrew Burton

- Mike Schwartz noted that all fleet's dues are paid up
- Treasurer Fred Werblow report that the class has \$21,583 in the bank making 1.5% interest. Out of the annual income of about \$6000, about \$3000 is spent on the Masthead

Other expenditures included travel allowances for class members to go to Chicago for the Nationals

Mike says that the class didn't spend any money for a long time and is looking for suggestions for ways to spend down the balance.

RR suggested we invest in some trophy maintenance

- Secretary Andrew Burton noted that we are forming a trophy committee and will approach Com Crocker and H.L. DeVore to be on it, as well as Richard Robbins as they have already done some work on it.

AB says we need to update class member list and suggested a template for fleet captains to use for updates so all can be easily plugged into a searchable list.

- Chris Wick says plans and organizing for the 2010 Nationals are well under way and Mason's Island YC members are very enthusiastic about hosting

The national class meeting will be held on the Wednesday of the regatta Sept. 22. MS says there are no major issues to be voted on. MS answered a question from CW saying that the host club generally provides all the keeper trophies; RR section 6 of the Blue Book.

On the subject of promoting the class, Skip says that half the members of the Chicago fleet first saw a Shields at the Strictly Sail boat show where the fleet takes a boat and rigs it. Jay says Tred Avon YC sends monthly emails during which the class is promoted through news and articles. There's also a weekly email blast to all the club members.

AS says that Fleet 9 put a lot of work into a good web site and maintains fleet communications through the Constant Contact program. RR noted that the class already uses a similar program. RS noted that Fleet 1 uses something similar to encourage members to show for each event by mentioning all confirmed entries.

Rules Action

Three rules were slightly modified and will be sent to the fleets for comment. If there's no objection, the rules will go into effect. RR recommended the wording including corporate membership and reinstatement fee be dropped. The board passed it unanimously.

Second RR reported that the Technical Comm. discussed flotation and self rescue and recommended wording in Rule 4.10 to allow more than one pump and bucket to be carried on each boat. The board passed it unanimously.

RR also suggested a modification to the way the apex of the jib be measured. The board passed it unanimously.

Future Nationals location suggestions:

Seawanhaka Corinthian YC 2011

Edgartown YC 2012

RR reported that Beverly YC is planning to host in 2012 or 2013, AS said Fleet 9 will host whenever they are asked. RS says that Larchmont would like to host the 50th anniversary regatta in 2014 and will help SCYC if they need it.