

# NE DISTRICT 2023 WINTER MEETING MINUTES

District Commodore - Bob Shapiro

District Secretary - Nathan Cunningham

1. Call to Order – **Meeting held via Zoom and called to order by District Commodore Bob Shapiro at 7:04 pm ET, February 7, 2023**

2. Roll Call of Fleets
  - a. Fleet 301-Lake Champlain
  - b. Fleet 493-Bow Lake
  - c. Fleet 332-Squam Lake
  - d. Fleet 273- Lake Massabesic
  - e. ~~Fleet 121-Merrimack~~
  - f. ~~Fleet 145-Spofford~~
  - g. Fleet 189-Marblehead

**Fleets in attendance: Squam Lake Fleet 332, Bow Lake Fleet 493, Lake Champlain Fleet 301, Lake Massabesic Fleet 273. A quorum was met (minimum two fleets present)**

**Members: Bob Shapiro, Nathan Cunningham, Emma Hawko, Mark Gardner, Gregory McGinnis, Arthur Cunningham, Rob Dresser, Chris Schon, Ted Hardenbergh, Nathaniel Hendrickson, Raoul Posmentier**

3. Past meeting's minutes
  - a. **Motion made by Ted Hardenbergh to dispense reading of past minutes. Motion seconded by Nathaniel Hendrickson--passed unanimously.**
4. Treasurer's report
  - a. **Motion made by Ted Hardenbergh, seconded by Gregory McGinnis, to accept treasurer's report as written. Passed unanimously.**
5. Unfinished Business (from Summer/Winter 2022)
  - a. 2023 schedule
    - i. **Squam to host 2023 NE District WJMs**
    - ii. **Motion made by Nathan Cunningham to accept schedule as drafted with flexibility to include an event at Lake Mascoma. Seconded by Gregory McGinnis. Passed unanimously.**
    - iii. **Motion made by Raoul to host NE Districts at Hingham for 2024 and reach out to CT/RI about joint event. Seconded by Gregory McGinnis. Passed unanimously**
  - b. Trophy locations
    - i. From summer 2022 meeting:
      1. District Master's trophy – Bob Shapiro
        - a. **Ned Hinds – 2022**
      2. District Women's trophy – ?
        - a. **Claire Gormley – 2022**
      3. District Circuit Championship – Bob Shapiro
      4. District Championship – Ted Hardenbergh
      5. Junior District Championship – Ted Hardenbergh
        - a. **Claire Gallagher – 2022**

- 6. Len Pratt Trophy – Vermont Sailing Partners (?)
  - a. Last awarded to Pat MacQueen in 2021
  - b. **Nominations to be submitted via email to Nathan and/or Bob**
- 7. Sportsmanship award – VSP(?)
  - a. Last awarded posthumously to Kip Hamblett in 2021
  - b. **Nominations to be submitted via email to Nathan and/or Bob**
- c. Goals for District – big picture
 

From last time:

  - i. Bob Shapiro: more boats sailing in New England District
  - ii. Lightning Lab in 2022? Hosted at Squam? “Community Day” for new sailors instead of Lightning Lab?
- d. Follow-up on standardized documents for hosting/running a regatta
  - i. Sample NOR – Nathan Cunningham and Claire Gormley
  - ii. Sample SI – Nathan Cunningham and Claire Gormley
  - iii. Checklist of items, to-do’s, and best practices for District Championship and NE regattas (i.e. budget, required equipment, staff, post-racing debrief, introducing visitors) – Bob Shapiro and Raoul Posmentier
  - iv. Create guidelines for race officials and participants to better understand RRS, prevent rule abuse on racecourse, assist sailors in the event of a hearing – Gregory McGinnis
- e. Future NE District events
  - i. Distance race for 2023 and beyond
    - 1. Ted Hardenbergh appointed to create proposal for Winter Meeting
      - a. **Target for 2024 distance race at Squam Lake or Lake Massabesic**
  - ii. Suggestion by Laura Jeffers to host ACCs at Sunapee in near future
    - 1. Rob Dresser appointed to contact Sunapee and inquire about 2024 ACCs
      - a. **Rob reached out to Laura about future ACCs, waiting to hear back. Rob will reach out again. Bob to ask Laura at upcoming St. Pete NOOD regatta.**
  - iii. Cottage Park Yacht Club Make-a-wish
    - 1. Rob Dresser to provide update about CPYC Make-a-wish regatta for Lightnings
      - a. **2023 Make-a-wish to overlap Lightning NAs. Waiting to see 2024 schedule**
  - iv. Co-District regatta/event at American Yacht Club in NY
    - 1. Gregory McGinnis appointed to inquire about hosting
      - a. **Suggestion made by Bob to propose to CT/RI & Met districts about future co-district event attended by NE boats in exchange for them joining us at Hingham**
  - v. **Ted volunteered to reach out to Marblehead about Lightnings joining Marblehead Race Week (July 29-30) for 2023**

- f. Using Slack for communication going forward
  - i. **Slack will continue to be used for general district and fleet communication. Google Groups to be used in conjunction for all formal notices.**
- 6. New Business
  - a. Districts location for 2024
  - b. Advertise NE District schedule in Flashes again?
    - i. **Motion made by Ted Hardenbergh to spend up to \$100 to post an ad in Lightning flashes for 2023 NE schedule. Seconded by Gregory McGinnis. Passed unanimously**
  - c. **Motion made by Ted Hardenbergh and seconded by Nathaniel Hendrickson to keep the 2022 women and junior qualifications for the 2023 season. Passed unanimously**
- 7. Adjournment
  - a. **Motion to adjourn made by Emma Hawko and seconded by Gregory McGinnis. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.**