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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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April 2, 2005
Munson Room, GW Blunt White
Mystic Seaport

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Munson Room on April 3, 2004. Commodore Brooks presided.

The following members were present: Commodore John Brooks, Vice Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Rear Commodore Robert Geary, Secretary Norm Peck, Treasurer Ron Breault, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Measurer Norm Rabe, Historian John Washborn Jr., Past Commodore Allen Anderson, Membership Committee Robert Edmands, Past Commodore H. Wes Maxwell, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter, Past Commodore Frank Bohlen LRRP, Shelter Island Liaison John Lockwood, Protest Committee Walter Pratt.

The meeting was called to order at 14:30 by Commodore Brooks. The minutes of the January 21, 2005 meeting were duly moved and approved. Vice Commodore O'Connell reported 120 will attend annual dinner. Rear Commodore submitted a report which is made part of these minutes.

Secretary recommended a study be made to see if some precedent setting decisions should be moved to the Bylaws, also that some election wording in the Bylaws be reviewed. John Washburn volunteered to work with the Secretary on this matter. The Commodore called for a moment of silence for members who have died since the last meeting. Historian had no report.

The Treasurer submitted his report through March 2005 and a review of member numbers and insurance. Treasurer's report is made part of these minutes.

Race Secretary Steve Purdy was unable to attend but submitted his report to the Commodore for action. His report supported the recommendation of Measurer Norm Rabe.

The Commodore called upon Rabe to take up his report and recommendation. The report is made part of these minutes. His recommendations of accepting either ECSA PHRF Cert or Off Soundings Certificate solely was explained and discussed. A motion was adopted to accept the Measurer's recommendation.



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The last item in the Race Secretary's report recommended that vessels designed after December 31, 1999 be defined as recent design.

Question was asked about the lack of mention in the Race Secretary report of Multi Hulls. Commodore thought it was an oversight and that they were a special class and along with the T class could not be absorbed into other classes in the event there were not enough entries to make a class.

Question was asked about how long the category of recent design would be in effect. The Commodore thought a new recent design date would be established when the minimum requirements were updated in four years.

A motion was duly made to adopt Race Secretary's recommendation of recent design and be recognized as a precedent setting action. Vote approved.

Clerk – Not Present.

The Commodore took this moment to again recognize Norm Rabe for his 24 years of service to Off Soundings. It appears according to the Commodore that Norm's service is the longest of any previous board member or chairman of a committee.

Race Committee Charles Chorlton. Race Chairman submitted a request to USCG for a permit to hold our race and has received one.

Membership Bob Edmands reported that we have 21 new applications in the pipe line with a possible 4-6 more coming. Of the 21, 17 have boats. It was mentioned that board members can't second but can support.

Two requests for reinstatement are Rick Berggren and Nicholas Staub III. Edmands asked to approve reinstatement subject to payment of dues. A motion was duly made and adopted to reinstate Staub and Berggren subject to payment of dues.

The membership chairman reported 5 new guest applications for 2005: John Volti, Steve Thruston, Adam Lavory, Nat Attwater and Arnold Grant. Upon recommendation of the chairman a motion duly made and adopted to accept the above applicants.

The membership chairman received a letter from a member asking if consideration could be given to reducing the amount of paperwork required to become a member. The chairman thought it was working well as is.



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Past Commodore Frank Bohlen made reference to the fact that few if any members respond to the posting and that puts heavy responsibility on the sponsors and supporting people to provide good members. It was agreed to leave as is.

Protest Walter Pratt reported new USSA rules are out. Mr. Pratt is in the process of becoming a certified judge.

Entertainment Sarah Porter reported everything seems to be in order for the spring at Block Island. Sarah visited Greenport last week and met with the Long Island wine people who presented various proposals which seem quite acceptable to the board. They are not providing free wine but higher quality wines within our budget.

Sarah requested a change to 5pm for the start of the party with an understanding that the committee could delay if the Race Committee is delayed with late finishers. This seems reasonable with the board.

John Lockwood reported no conflict this year with the Greenport Maritime event.

Public Relations – Not Present.

Long Range Planning – No Report.

Scoring – Not Present.

Old Business:

Anniversary year book editor Bruce Lockwood presented some excerpts from the first rough copy that he has written so far. He reported that there will be 25 chapters, 16 pictures. The book is being processed by a professional from the Seaport and the grammar by another person from the Seaport and should be ready in about three weeks.

The Treasurer reviewed methods by which we might finance the book. He thought we could handle a \$10,000 to \$15,000 up front expense if needed with a plan for raising the balance from various sources.

A review of past experience on holding \$20,000 in the unforeseen expense or emergency fund was presented.

Past Commodore Frank Bohlen suggested an updated review of the cost of recruiting a committee boat in the event Northeaster was not available



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The Commodore recommended a more accurate cost of printing the book be presented to the board.

The Treasurer was not in favor of giving the entire book free. A major percentage of the cost should come from members, most agreed.

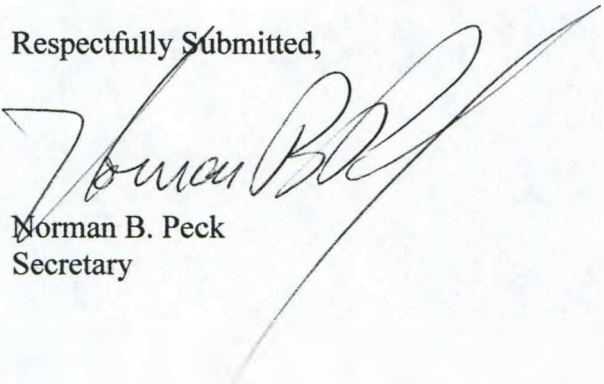
Past Commodore Frank Bohlen thought the pricing discussion was getting ahead of the real problem. He was more concerned with a responsible person to review for historical accuracy and completeness. He advised the board that before we sanction any publication we subject it to rigorous review.

Bruce indicated that parts have been written by the current chairman of their specialty. After a long discussion a motion was duly made and seconded requiring a committee of board members to review the manuscript book before going to print and before any more money be appropriated over the \$6,000 already in the budget. After further discussion an amendment was made that the gally be made available to the Historian for review by him and those members of the board and committee chairman interested. Motion and amendment passed all in favor with one abstaining.

Nominating has a full board for presentation at the annual meeting.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 15:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Norman B. Peck
Secretary