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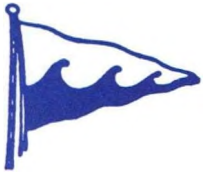
AGENDA

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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January 19, 2007
Captain Daniel Packer Inne
Noon

1. Approval of minutes of the October 28, 2006 meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Committee Chairman
5. Old Business
 - Anniversary Video
 - Review of By-Laws
6. New Business
7. Adjournment



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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

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A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne on January 19, 2007. Commodore Neal O'Connell presided.

The following members were present: Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Vice Commodore Robert Geary, Rear Commodore Bill Loweth, Treasurer Ron Breault, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Race Secretary Steve Purdy, Protest Committee Walter Pratt, Entertainment Committee Sara Porter, Historian John Washburn Jr., Membership Committee Robert Edmands, Past Commodore John Brooks, Webmaster Gerry Keeler and Secretary Dave Dickerson.

The meeting was called to order at 1304 by Commodore O'Connell. The minutes of the October 28, 2006 meeting were approved with one editorial comment.

Treasurer Ron Breault passed out his report which is made part of these minutes. The Treasurer reported that dues payments are coming in and he does not anticipate any problems with cash flow until December 2007. Six members have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Sara Porter explained that she recently received a letter from Brian Beggs stating that he would like to resign in good standing, due to travel commitments. It was moved and voted to permit Brian Beggs to be re-instated, upon receipt of past dues, and then to accept his resignation in good standing. Sara also reported that she contacted Art Bulger and learned that he had a stroke and that he would probably not want to return to the club. It was moved and voted to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Commodore O'Connell reported that he and RC Chairman Chorlton would coordinate sending a letter to Jim Arnold to thank him for his past years of service on the Race Committee.

Vice Commodore Geary reported that arrangements are set for the 2007 annual meeting/dinner. The event will be held at the Lighthouse Inn, New London on Saturday March 31st. We will need 110 guests to guarantee the minimum price. "Rock of Ages" has been signed-up for entertainment. It was agreed to combine the mailing of the Commodore's letter with the announcement of the annual meeting/dinner. Also, it was moved and voted to invite the OSC Race Committee members at no charge.

Vice Commodore Geary discussed the two upcoming member luncheons. Shelter Island Liaison, John Lockwood, called VC Geary and reported there was interest from several potential new members in attending the January 25th luncheon on Long Island. Good representation is anticipated by the OSC Board and membership forms will be taken to the luncheon. VC Geary reported that it was necessary to re-locate the February 13th luncheon to the Lighthouse Inn. PC Bohlen is taking care of arrangements.

Rear Commodore Loweth reported the following: expenses for trophies were slightly over budget; letters have been sent out to past recipients of perpetual trophies requesting return for the April dinner; the Dianne trophy (Class D) has been returned; service plaques will be ordered for RC members; and he is trying to find a 2005 trophy for Jack Neades. Additionally, RC Loweth reported there are several unused trophies which can possibly be re-labeled for the 2007 Dyer Dhow Derby.

The Secretary reported that a letter was sent to the Mayor of Greenport, thanking the Village of Greenport for their hospitality during the Fall 2006 Series and providing the dates for the Fall 2007 Series.

Race Secretary Purdy submitted a request to re-establish the Nonsuch Special Class. Jack Lombard has volunteered to serve as class liaison. Jack stated that he believes there are about 20 to 25 boats interested in competing. It was moved and voted to re-establish the Nonsuch Special Class for the 2007 season.

Race Secretary Purdy presented a procedure to delineate the OSC policy for Special Classes. This procedure is part of an OSC Race Administration Manual that is being prepared by the Race Secretary. It was moved and voted to accept the subject procedure as amended (i.e., non-members invited to sail in a Special Class will also be invited to attend the annual dinner).

Race Secretary Purdy proposed several changes to the existing procedure for Guest Invitations. A minimum age for guest skippers (i.e., 21 years of age) was added and Multihulls, Special Classes and Maritime Academy Cadets were listed as an exception to the normal application process. Also, a one page summary of the Guest Invitation process was prepared for the OSC website. It was moved and voted to accept the subject changes and to post the summary on the website.

PC Brooks presented the results of a recent review of the OSC Bylaws, Constitution and Precedent Setting Decisions (PSDs). The review was conducted by himself and Sara Porter. It was noted that many PSDs are only applicable to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and therefore are not needed in the Constitution or Bylaws. There was an unresolved question about adding the scorer as a committee chair, so they decided to wait and see how the race management duties sort out. The proposed changes involve: adding a minimum age requirement for members (i.e., 21); requiring two vs. three supporting letters for membership applications; deleting the restrictions regarding ownership of a powerboat; election process for honorary members; waiving dues for overseas active-duty military personnel; revising deadlines for mailings to members; the venue for races; guest invitations; and the minimum/maximum lengths of participating yachts. The specific wording will be circulated to the board (via email) for further comment. The goal is to resolve any comments by the board and to distribute the proposed changes to the membership prior to the annual meeting.

The Entertainment Chairman raised the hypothetical question of how to address potential violations of the Notice of Race with regard to underage drinking at the shore party. The Commodore noted that, Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution, allows for disciplinary action for improper conduct of members. This question evolved into a further discussion regarding our controls to prevent underage drinking. After considerable and thoughtful discussion, re-emphasis was placed on the need for due diligence concerning implementation of existing practices and procedures to ensure our continued success on this issue.

RC Chairman Chorlton identified that the instructions for proposing a new member should be revised to delete the restriction that no officers can propose or second anyone for membership. This was an old PSD (10-25-75) that was reversed at the 10-28-06 board meeting.

Taking a break from the agenda, Commodore O'Connell called for a moment of silence in memory of departed member Wallace E. (Toby) Tobin III. Membership Chairman Edmands remarked that it was a privilege to sail with or against Toby and that he was a marvelous sailor in anything from Lasers to America's Cup boats, his last boat being Froya.

Historian Jack Washburn had no report.

Membership Chairman Edmands reported that we have four new candidates for membership. They are: Robert Rogers, Stonington; Pete De Rosa, East Lyme; Jeb Peacock, R.I.; and Nathaniel Atwater, Madison. It was moved and voted to post their names on the next mailing to the membership.

Protest Committee Chairman Walter Pratt had no report.

Entertainment Chairman Porter reported that arrangements have been made with the "Oar" for the 2007 Spring Series and with "Townsend's" for the 2007 Fall Series.

Webmaster Keeler continues work on the OSC website and requested feedback from board members on "how it looks". The board discussed potential applications such as: having a "members only" section, paying dues and entry fees online, sending out mailings, etc. In the near future, Treasurer Breault and Webmaster Keeler will conduct a test to determine how many of our email addresses are valid.

Block Island Liaison Purdy had no report.

Old Business

RC Loweth passed out a proposed business plan for production of the anniversary year video. Greg Gilmartin agreed to work on this and at least three people will be shooting video on the race course. The plan is to video as many boats as possible and also to interview a number of members on "what does Off Sounding mean to you". The production work will be set up with progressive payments to Mystic Video. The Norcross fund will be used to get things started. However, it is strongly desired that we cover the cost with the sale of the DVDs and be able to pay back the Norcross fund. It was moved and voted to proceed with the anniversary year video. Sara Porter donated \$100 to the video project in the name of Eliot Porter.

New Business

Treasurer Breault reported that we recently received a significant increase in our insurance premium. He reviewed the details of our coverage with Norm Peck and also requested a bid from an alternate insurance company. In the end, Ron was able to re-negotiate our policy with Gowrie and CHUBB at a reduced premium. D&O insurance was dropped because it was not believed to be a practical risk and coverage was added for the situation where someone absconds with OSC funds.

Treasurer Breault passed out a copy of the citation we received for the Order of the Moose Award and said he would bring the trophy to the OSC annual meeting.

VC Geary reported that he contacted Club House regarding past due royalties. Currently, we do not have a written agreement however, Club House indicated that it would be acceptable to have one in the future. VC Geary will continue to work with them and endeavor to have a draft agreement at our next meeting so we can decide how to proceed.

VC Geary proposed we establish a special committee to plan the events for the 75th anniversary year. We will need to solicit volunteers for a special committee (in the very near future) so planning for the anniversary dinner and race venue is ready for the October '07 meeting.

The Treasurer asked for approval of the new budget. It was moved and voted to accept the 2007 budget as submitted.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 1610.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "DGDickerson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David G. Dickerson
Secretary