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MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OF
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 20, 1967

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in Commodore's Room at the New York Yacht Club on January 20, 1967 at 12:30 P. M. Commodore Adams presided, other Governors present were:

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| William L. Ames | Leo A. Geyer |
| James L. Christy | Edgar L. Raymond, Jr. |
| Benjamin B. du Pont | Melvin D. Southworth |
| Henry B. du Pont | William B. White |
| John E. English | |

Messrs. Peter H. Comstock, George R. Harrah, Robert M. Love were also present by invitation.

The minutes of the last meeting April 2, 1966 were voted approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported no letters of resignation received.

The Treasurer presented his interim report for the period March 31, 1966 to January 18, 1967 which report was accepted and made a part of these minutes. The matter of delinquent members William C. Blackett, Truman L. Bradley, and E. W. Nichols who have not paid dues for 1966 was considered and it was voted to drop them from membership unless their dues were paid within 10 days of final notice, to be sent by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

The Historian report was made for Mr. Smith by Mr. Southworth, that there was no formal report. The Spring Meeting and Shore Party were discussed, there were no suggestions.

The Measurer report by Mr. Ames stated there are now 500 valid measurement certificates, that a new Essex measurer is needed. A report "Measurer's Thoughts on Classification and Measurement Rule" was distributed for discussion during the Classification Committee report.

The Race Secretary report was made by Mr. Christy. He stated the 1966 races were the largest in our history with over 200 vessels competing in each. Discussion followed on the problems of a large

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racing fleet - class size, crowded starts, suitable launch service - and the Race Secretary's need for permanent record space and trained professional help. On his recommendation it was voted that suitable arrangements be made with the Mystic Marine Historical Association for secretarial, printing, mailing, and record keeping service. It was moved launch service be engaged as previously for Maidstone. Mr Christy regretted that due to a proposed European adventure he would be unable to accept the position of Race Secretary for another year and recommended Donald P. Robinson be appointed. Commodore Adams expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Christy for his excellent past work and moved the recommendation of Donald P. Robinson be passed on to the Nominating Committee for consideration at the April meeting.

The Clerk Mr. Southworth had no report.

The matter of dates for events was discussed and it was voted to have the Annual Meeting and Winter Shore Party in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 1, the Spring Races on June 9 and 10, and the Fall Races on September 15 and 16. The potential conflict of the fall dates with the Cup Races was recognized; the need to keep our dates uniform and predictable prevailed.

The Race Committee report of Mr. Wolfe was read by the Secretary, that there are no problems other than a need for a Ken-Lab Gyroscopic kit for attachment to binoculars. It was voted Mr. Wolfe be authorized to purchase one kit for under \$400.00. Mr. Ames further reported for Mr. Wolfe the recommendation that identifying numbers be required on genoas. This was discussed, considered, and no action taken. A further recommendation was made that on the second day race course all classes start in order of size with the larger vessels sailing twice around the short course. A committee was formed consisting of Commodore Adams, Mr. Benjamin du Pont, Mr. English, and other interested parties to make further recommendation at the Spring Meeting.

Mr. Comstock reported for the Membership Committee. He stated that 24 new members had been accepted since the last annual meeting, making a total of 502 members, four more were awaiting posting, and several more were in the hands of the Committee. The question of membership number limitation was discussed, our present policy of no limitation was confirmed.

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There was no Classification Committee report but the problem of low wetted surface vessels and the report "Measurers' Thoughts on Classification and Measurement Rule" were discussed. The proposal that Class C be solely for "boats not rating fairly under the rule" was made, a vote was deferred without objection until the Spring Meeting, and an appropriate notice of this proposed change is to be included in the Spring Meeting notice.

The Measurement Rule Committee report of Mr. Scheel was read by the Secretary as follows:

"It is strongly urged that the Measurement Rule be not changed or modified in any respect for the upcoming year. This recommendation arises out of the consideration that it is in good operating shape at this time, that no gross inequities exist in its make up, and that there is a remote possibility that significant developments in the overall field of sailing yacht handicapping can be effected in the near future. Let us not muddy the waters!"

Mr. Harrah reported for the Entertainment Committee all under control. Whether the Club should have liability insurance or not was discussed and decided "no".

Mr. Love reported for the Protest Committee one protest in 1965 under appeal with the NAYRU and one protest in 1966 determined and finalized.

Commodore Adams then nominated Robert B. English as chairman of the Nominating Committee. It was voted to approve this nomination.

It was suggested a Chairman of Public Relations be appointed by the new Commodore at the April meeting.

Mr. Southworth suggested the deed of gift of the Southworth Trophy be amended to make it easier for the Governors to award. After discussion the deed was reaffirmed but - subject to final approval after deed rewriting by Commodore Adams - the original trophy is to always remain with the Southworth family and a replica be awarded in the future in its stead.

Article XI Section 2 regarding motorboat owning members was reaffirmed and the Secretary was requested to write Mr. T. L. Miller and Mr. F. K. Daggett re their motor vessels.

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Mr. Geyer was requested to investigate the placement of insurance on our permanent trophies.

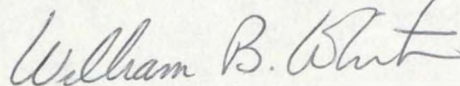
The present Club tie design and construction was reaffirmed with the request a better, deeper base color be uniformly used.

Mr. Christy was requested to again look into the launch problem at Maidstone Marina.

The next Governors Meeting was established as April 1, 1967.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William B. White".

William B. White
Secretary