

Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

January 15, 2010
Captain's Room, Daniel Packer Inn
Mystic, CT

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in Mystic, CT at the Daniel Packer Inn on January 15, 2010. Commodore William A. Loweth presided.

The following members were present: Commodore William Loweth, Vice Commodore Stephen Purdy, Rear Commodore David Dickerson, Treasurer Harlan Fredericksen, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Measurer Paul Jennings, Protest Committee James Francis, Historian Jack Washburn, Membership Committee/Webmaster Gerry Keeler, Scoring Committee Greg Gilmartin, Past Commodore Frank Bohlen, Past Commodore Neal S. O'Connell, Past Commodore Bob Geary, Board of Governor Sarah Porter, and Secretary Kathy Nauber.

The meeting was called to order at 1150 by Commodore Loweth. The minutes of the October 31, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer Harlan Fredericksen distributed and reviewed his report. OSC ended the year with a \$0.45 surplus. The year end balance in our three accounts with Bank of America total \$31,761.05. The \$5,000.00 donation from the Eileen Ames estate was received and is in the books as a separate account. Frank Bohlen relayed to Commodore Loweth that the funds were designated to be used for OSC videos. It was moved and voted to accept the Treasurer's financial report.

Commodore Loweth reported that Henry Towers did not receive his 50 year plaque and that he will take care of getting that plaque. At this time he is not aware of any members who have passed away since the last meeting.

Vice Commodore Purdy reported the banquet is April 10, 2010 at the Seamen's Inn. Coastal Gourmet is the new management for the Restaurant/Banquet facilities and is honoring all banquet commitments. It was moved to have OSC subsidize each banquet dinner in the amount of \$5.00. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The Race Committee and their spouse/significant others will attend the banquet at no charge as guests of OSC. Steve will ask the new manager of the Seaport to come and give a greeting at the banquet. He will also see if someone can give a short tour and talk on the *Charles Morgan* before the banquet.

Rear Commodore Dickerson reported that he is collecting the perpetual trophies for the annual meeting. He will use Gifted to have the perpetual plaques made. The revised perpetual trophy award winner list is going out with the dues mailing. Ted Zuse did half of the spring trophies but as of this meeting had not submitted a bill. Dave would like to continue doing the certificates so people get a choice between a traditional trophy or clothing. The members liked having a choice.

The Clerk Brian Gibbs was not present but he sent word that our paperwork has been filed with the state of Massachusetts.

Secretary Nauber reported that we now have an electronic copy of the OSC's *Precedent Setting Decisions*. The last addition to this was in 2007. She will look at the minutes from the last three years to see what should be added to this document.

Race Secretary Pratt was not present but contacted Commodore Loweth with his report. Walter is currently writing the NOR's so they reflect the changes that have been made. At this time everything that needs to be done is proceeding according to schedule. Vice Commodore Purdy indicated that he is able to step in and help Walter if needed. The OSC race circulars need to be sent to ECSA for their Yearbook. Walter will continue to serve as Race Secretary until the April Board Meeting and then he will step down. Neal O'Connell and his nominating committee have selected James Francis to take over as Race Secretary after the April Board meeting. Neal indicated he has a person to take over the Protest Committee Chairman but will not announce the candidate until after he has heard from the rest of his committee.

RC Chairman Chorlton reported that Henry Du Pont and NOR'Easter will be there for the spring race series.

Measurer Jennings reported that there was nothing to report at this time.

Historian Washburn reported that he has old OSC tapes. Greg Gilmartin will create DVD's from the tapes. John said that he needs a 2005 yearbook. Kathy said she would get him one.

Membership Chairman Keeler reported we have 488 members. This year we had 15 new members which is a little low, most likely due to the economic climate. Neal O'Connell indicated there is one application in the works. Gerry said that the Guest application has been updated.

Protest Committee Chairman Francis reported there are no active protests at this time.

Entertainment Committee Chairman LaFrance was not present.

Scoring Committee Chairman Greg Gilmartin reported that the Perpetual Awards sheet has been corrected and will be sent out with the dues notices.

Awards Committee Chairman Dickerson reported covering the information earlier in the meeting

Public Relations Keeler reported that the website is current.

Greenport Liaison Mills was not present.

Block Island Liaison Purdy reported that he is working to secure a house on Block Island. Steve will also ask if there is any dredging that will be going on this spring.

Long Range Planning Chairman Bohlen reported there are three luncheons planned in New Suffolk, Stonington and Branford. He is looking into setting up an activity before the luncheon.

Old Business

Ted Zuse mail order and Clothing Agreement for 2010: We have not received anything from Ted for 2009. Commodore Loweth has been pursuing this matter. Ted indicated a check for \$1,163.75 is being sent out tomorrow. After much discussion the Board wants a full accounting of all business that Zuse has had with the OSC over the past year. This would include sales at

race events, sales of OSC owned merchandise and tent costs. At this time he owes us more money than we owe him. Past Commodore Geary believes he owes us two years of royalties. Bill will continue to have discussions with Ted letting him know that we are concerned that we are not getting financial accountings from him and that we need to have this information before we sign the 2010 agreement. Sarah Porter will visit his shop in February to check on the OSC merchandise. He sent Bill examples of t-shirt designs. The boats on the t-shirt need to be from our OSC fleet. We will continue to split the cost of the Block Island tent and hope due to past foul weather he might want to put up a bigger tent in Greenport. Vice Commodore Purdy believe that Ted is missing out on business by not taking orders on line and delivering the product to the race events. A motion was made and seconded to renew our contract with Zuse for 2010. The motion was approved. Bob Geary suggested keeping the merchandise and tent agreement separate. It was suggested that we look around for other companies in this business if we continue to have problems with the financial accountings.

Compete At is on line as of this morning and ready to handle membership payments. Quality Printing is getting the dues notices, commodore's letter and the revised perpetual trophy list mailing ready to go out in two days. The Cruising Club of America has their own system that was custom made for them. Larchmont uses Compete At for large regattas. Commodore Loweth thanked Harlan and Gerry for all of their hard work getting this up a running.

New Business

Compete At continued use: A motion was made and seconded to use Compete At for the Annual Shore Party. If successful, then use it for the 2010 spring and fall race series as the event manager. The motion was unanimously approved. The OSC member would need to sign up their crew and guests because non-members can not do it themselves on-line through Compete At.

OSC ratings vs. ECSA ratings: ECSA wants OSC members to have a valid ECSA certificate since we host 4 ECSA events. They would like to review the ratings of boats that don't have an ECSA certificate but who race in these events. A few members only race in these 4 ECSA races and then race elsewhere and choose to just have an OSC rating. OSC does not want to change their process of handicapping boats that do not have ECSA ratings. ECSA can suggest that certain boats need to be reviewed. It was felt that since we have Paul Jennings as our handicapper and he is also an ECSA handicapper he is qualified to rate boats fairly. Any competitor that has an issue with a particular boats rating that is racing in OSC races should bring the concern to the Board.

2010 OSC Budget: Treasurer Fredericksen reviewed the budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010 budget. After some discussion the motion was approved.

There being no further formal business, motion duly made and approved to adjourn at 1440.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Nauber

Secretary