

MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
OF
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at The New York Yacht Club on January 19, 1961, at 1:30 P.M. Commodore Daggett presided. Other Governors present were:

Henry B. duPont	Leo A. Geyer
John E. English	Melvin D. Southworth
Robert B. English, Jr.	Roderick Stephens, Jr.

Mr. Peter H. Comstock, Chairman of the Membership Committee, was also present by invitation.

Proof of notice of meeting was presented and thereafter it was VOTED to accept the minutes of the last meeting as circulated to the Governors.

Because of the pressure of time, the Commodore requested and the Governors present agreed to deviate from the usual agenda.

The Commodore raised a question about the bill which the Shelter Island Yacht Club rendered to our Club for the fall visit, and after complete discussion, it was VOTED to pay the bill in full as rendered and it was further the sense of those present that the Club should probably not return to Shelter Island in the immediate future for any of its rendezvous.

There then followed a discussion of possible ports for the Spring Races and it was VOTED that subject to survey of facilities and harbor, we go the first night to Montauk Harbor and the second night to Three Mile Harbor. It was then moved and VOTED that the following dates be set for our events during 1961:

Annual Meeting and Winter Shore Party at Springfield	April 8
Spring Race Series	June 9 and 10
Fall Race Series	September 15 and 16

The Governors had all been advised of the resignation of John B. McPherson, Race Secretary, which resignation was accepted with regret and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, John B. McPherson has served the Off Soundings Club as Race Secretary with both great skill and devotion since 1957, and in addition contributed substantially to the Club's management through his membership on the Board of Governors, be it RESOLVED that a vote of sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to him on behalf of the entire membership and that this Resolution be spread forth on the records of the Club.

There then followed a discussion of the eligibility requirement for the awarding of perpetual trophies, and in order to further clarify the requirements, it was VOTED that to be eligible to receive a perpetual trophy a vessel participating in the race must be owned by or under charter to a member and skippered by a member.

There then was discussed the advisability of always including as a member of the Board of Governors, the Measurer and after discussion it was VOTED to present to the membership at the Annual Meeting appropriate amendments to the By-Laws to provide that the Measurer will be automatically a member of the Board in the same fashion that the Flag Officers and others now are.

The Commodore then presented the name of Paul K. Rogers for approval as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and it was VOTED to approve this nomination and grant power to the Chairman to select two other members of his choice to prepare and present a slate at the Annual Meeting.

Several items having to do with our Measurement Rule were discussed as follows:

The Governors felt that the matter of propellor allowance for outboards should be resolved by stating that, "Outboards of normal size to propel the vessel must be installed in wells and propellers kept in the water throughout the races in order for the vessel to be eligible for a propellor allowance in determining rating."

The matter of fore-triangle measurements was considered and the Governors requested Mr. Stephens to formulate a revision in the Rule with respect to possible penalties for over-size Genoa jibs.

The question of dividing Class C by types of vessel rather than rating was discussed and the Governors felt that the Classification Committee should consider a division by types providing there are sufficient number of vessels in the new categories to provide good racing in each division, and report to the Annual Meeting. The Governors also felt that if acceptable to the Race Committee, it would be helpful to report times actually elapsed for each participant rather than report the times for each contestant from the time of the start of the first class. It was also suggested that additional space be given in the various notices with respect to our races about non-racers keeping clear.

Subject to approval of the Committees involved, all of the foregoing changes were approved by the Governors.

The Treasurer then submitted his report for the period April 1, 1960, to January 1, 1961, which indicated the Club to be in reasonably good financial shape. He also reported detailed costs of our Spring and Fall Races and though costs continue to rise slowly, it was agreed that reasonable care would continue to keep expenses within the bounds of the Club's resources. Both reports were accepted and ordered on file.

The Treasurer then reported on members having unpaid dues as of January 20, 1961, and after discussion the Governors VOTED to continue on our rolls C. Sherman Hoyt and to advise the following members that unless they pay their delinquent dues within 30 days the Governors would have no choice but to drop them from membership:

James B. Brickell
Raymond G. Camp
Robert S. Jones
Gordon Raymond
Hartzell Spence

The Secretary then submitted letters of resignation from the following:

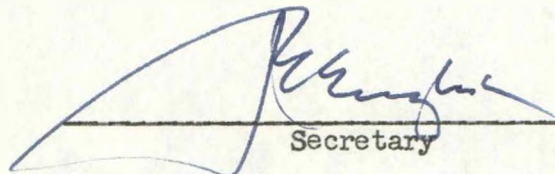
Lincoln Vaughan
Henry K. Rigg
Laurence J. Brengle, Jr.
William J. H. Dyer
J. Wilson Armstrong
William H. Taylor

After discussion it was VOTED that these resignations be accepted with regret. A request for reinstatement was then presented from John Steube and it was VOTED that Mr. Steube be reinstated to membership as of January 1, 1961.

Mr. Peter H. Comstock, Chairman of the Membership Committee then presented his report which showed that since April 2, 1960, we have accepted 19 new members and lost six members through resignation and one by death, leaving the membership roll as of January 17, 1961 at 371. The report is made a part of the minutes.

The matter of continued membership for Ernest Ratsey because of his ownership of Wogg Too (the name of his boat) which Mr. Stephens has determined not to be eligible for our races and therefore must be classified as a motor boat was considered, and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Ratsey that he was no longer eligible for membership.

There being no other business the meeting thereupon adjourned.


Secretary