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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

January 21, 2005
Captain Daniel Packer Inne
Mystic, CT

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Captain Daniel Packer Inne on January 21, 2005. 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 Secretary Steve Purdy, Race Committee Chairman Charles Chorlton, Measurer Norm Rabe, Historian John Washburn Jr., Clerk David Nickerson, Membership Committee Robert Edmands, Past Commodore H. Wes Maxwell, Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter, Public Relations William Loweth.

The meeting was called to order at 12:48 pm by Commodore Brooks. The minutes of the October 30, 2004 meeting were duly moved and approved with the following corrections; David Moore was not presented for non payment of dues, date of October meeting should read October 30 & Spelling of Townsens (Townsons).

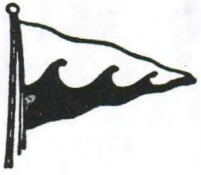
The Commodore asked for a moment of silence for two members John Helm and Tom Cramer who have died since our last meeting.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Ron Breault and made part of these minutes. The highlight of the year was a surplus of \$1,593.

The Treasurer passed out the proposed budget for 2005 with applied adjustments for 7 less members. He also reminded us of the usual loss occurring from the annual dinner. The 2004 subsidy was \$300-\$400.

He pointed out that the Race Committee Spring expenses are about \$4,300-\$4,800 and have been increasing over the past few years. The Fall expense is \$2,600-\$3,000. He suggested attention be given to some changes in the entry fees. He complimented the club management sitting in the room for it's outstanding management of our costs. The cost of the 30+ fifty year pins was also a non budgeted expense.

Rear Commodore Geary reminded us that a Perpetual Trophy had run out of room and 2006 budget would be affected.



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Vice Commodore O'Connell reported on the annual dinner to be held at the Seaport, beef \$45 and fish \$38. The Commodore mentioned that it would cost about \$10 more to go to The Marriot or Lighthouse Inn.

Rear Commodore reported Perpetual Trophies are due to be returned by middle February. Southworth Trophy wording change was submitted to Secretary. Wording changed from sculptured model to a model engraved on a silver tray.

Commodore requested names of members reaching 30 and 50 years. He also reported that he has enough pins to last 2-3 years.

Secretary – No Report.

Historian – No Report.

Race Committee Charles Chorlton reported “He hopes to have better weather”. He brought to the Board’s attention that the Mystic River Yacht Club was stopped by the USCG from holding races on the Mystic River. It is required that you notify the USCG and DEP. There is a form provided by the EPA that he will see is submitted for future OS events to the various regulatory agencies.

Race Secretary Steve Purdy has made reservations for Race Committee at Block Island for Spring event. Questions of donation to Block Island Rescue Squad was asked by the Treasurer, he was instructed to send the usual \$250.

The Race Secretary then introduced a revised copy of the equipment standards. A copy is made part of these minutes.

After a long explanation of the reasons for many of the requirements and that the Committee had put more emphasis on the responsibility of the Owner-Captain to comply with the recommendations and that entering his boat in an OS event made him responsible for the safety of his vessel and crew. A motion was duly made and adopted to approve the Committee’s Equipment Standard Report subject to a 7 day response time for the Board of Directors.

Clerk – No Report.

Measurer Norm Rabe reported ECSA Handicapper Linc Shoenberger is giving us excellent rating information according to Norm and we can increasingly rely on their certificates.



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The Commodore complimented Norm Rabe for his 20 years of service as OS Measurer.

Membership Chairman Robert Edmands has 4 candidates ready to go to Committee. He has emailed 32 messages, 2 regular mail to members who have sponsored guests and has sent 9 membership packages to their sponsors.

Scorer - Not Present.

Protest Committee – Not Present.

Entertainment Committee Sarah Porter reported she has been contacted by Stephen Bates who is the director of the Long Island Wine Council. He is inquiring whether OS would be interested in them providing a Mount Gay type event using wine in place of rum. She noted that wine has increased and hard liquor has reduced as OS staple.

She also indicated they may be able to use the city waterfront location.

Vice Commodore suggested a wine section of our party and that we investigate further what they have to offer.

The Commodore pointed out that associating with an association rather than a single supplier may not make enemies.

After much discussion Sarah was instructed to investigate the wine councils offer further and report at the April meeting.

Commodore announced that the maritime event at Greenport moved to a week later. No conflict with that but Dave Nickerson reports that a District Optimist Regatta 200 boats would fill the motels and inns.

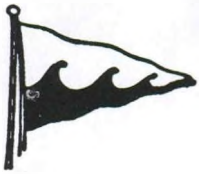
Mumm 30 class would like own start at OS event, similar to J35S.

It was agreed to have 30 & 35's separate if they produce minimum 6 each.

The Measurer pointed out that it effects the C1 Class which may reduce C1 or C2 under the 10 vessels.

Public Relations Bill Loweth needs list of news media hopefully to cover our events.

Commodore asked if there was any interest in investigating IRC vs PHRF. Race Secretary will keep eye on it.



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Commodore reported for Bruce Lockwood who couldn't attend on the 75 year book. Commodore estimated a cost on the book at about \$18,000.

An announcement at the annual meeting of the book project to advise how to pay, who is to pay, how much to pay and accept donations.

After numerous suggestions on how to pay, who is to pay and how much to pay, the Treasurer asked if it was proper to put \$6,000 in the budget towards the expense of the 2005 anniversary book. Motion duly made and approved to add the \$6,000 item to the 2005 budget.

The Commodore called for volunteers to make up a book committee. The Commodore volunteered to be chairman, he also volunteered Past Commodore Frank Bohlen fundraiser, Sarah Porter Professional Reader and Ron Breault Contract Reader.

Nominating Committee – No Report.

Robert Geary moved to formally drop David Moore from membership. Motion duly moved and approved.

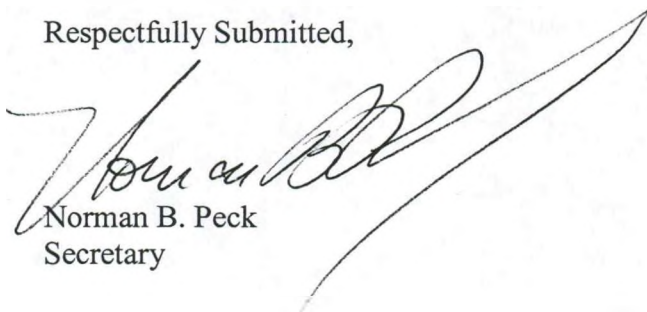
Treasurer brought to the boards' attention that the Club House is still in the rears for 2004 of \$1,500 and he feels his lack of prompt payment and bad checks indicates the possibility of going out of business.

After much discussion of the relationship with the Club House, Sarah Porter volunteered to speak to Mr. Cooper at the Club House about is lack of payment responsibilities.

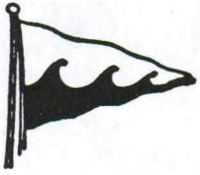
Motion duly made and approved the budget as presented plus a one half dollar increase per person entry fee to 9 per person.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman B. Peck
Secretary



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OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

January 21, 2005
Captain Daniel Packer Inne
Noon

1. Approval of minutes of the October 30, 2004 meeting
 2. Treasurer's Report
 3. Reports of Officers
 4. Reports of Committee Chairmen
 5. Old Business
 - A. Correction of Minutes – October 30, 2004
 - B. Review & Report of Safety Requirements Committee
 - C. Nominating Committee Report – If Any
 - D. Discussion of Off Soundings Anniversary Book with Bruce Lockwood
 - E. Method of Financing
 6. New Business
 7. Adjournment
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