

MINUTES
of the
BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
January 17, 1986

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Old Lyme Inn, Old Lyme, Connecticut at 1200 on January 17, 1986. Commodore Roberts presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames
Donald C. Davis
E. Carleton Granbery, Jr.
F. B. George Hohenstein
Eliot H. Porter, 2nd.
Norman E. Rabe

Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Howard A. Schechterle
James B. Slimmon, Jr.
Walter D. Strang, Jr.
Paul C. van Dyke

Present by invitation were:

Allen N. Anderson
Louis J. Bevilacqua
Chester B. Humphrey, MD

Daniel L. Miller, 3rd.
Donald P. Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 1237.

The minutes of the previous meeting on November 2, 1985 were VOTED approved as circulated.

Vice Commodore Slimmon discussed his Annual Dinner Committee Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was moved, and VOTED to accept his report.

Rear Commodore Hohenstein discussed his Prize & Awards Committee report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of George R. Harrah who had passed away since the last meeting.

Mr. Strang discussed his interim Treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was moved, and VOTED, to increase our donation to the Block Island Rescue Squad to \$100.

The Historian, Mr. Robinson, noted that the MHS rule is going international. It was decided to keep an eye on the new IMS rule but to make no changes in our handicapping system at the present time.

Race Secretary Ames reported that there were no problems in his department. It was moved, and VOTED, to make no changes in the entry donations at this time.

Mr. Schechterle reported that the Clerk had no problems.

Mr. Rabe said that his PHRF Committee was interested in receiving constructive criticism. All comments should be funneled through him and be in writing.

Mr. vanDyke reported that the Race Committee used the Ram Island Yacht Club's shotgun to start our races last fall. It was moved, and VOTED, to donate \$150 to the RIYC to help defray the cost of the gun. He noted that the cost of "Empress" had risen from \$1800 to \$2100 per series. It was moved, and VOTED, to enter a contract to charter "Empress" for our spring and fall series this year.

Membership Committee Chairman Butler was not present but Race Secretary Ames said that there were 599 members according to Eileen's count.

Mr. Raymond said that the only thing that the Measurement Rule Committee had been worried about will be taken up by the Class Breakdown Committee later in this meeting.

Mr. Raymond said that there were no problems with the Protest Committee.

Mr. Miller explained the Entertainment Committee expenses for the past five years, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Bevilacqua reported that the Shelter Island Yacht Club Liaison Committee is preparing for our visit in the spring. He noted that the Shelter Island Yacht Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this summer. Commodore Roberts appointed Past Commodore Davis to head a committee, consisting of himself as Chairman and one or two others, to look into presenting the SIYC a suitable award or memento from the Off Soundings Club.

Mr. Anderson said that the Public Relations Committee had nothing to report.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey said that there had been no surgery.

Mr. vanDyke presented the following recommendations from the Class Breakdown Committee:

- A. The A and B classes remain the same as in 1985.
- B. The Cruising class remain the same for at least 1986.
(Review in one year with regard to split).
- C. The C classes to be regrouped with an effort towards developing a very high performance, light displacement, medium size, "C-3" and reconstitute C-4 and C-5 to more evenly split the classes.
- D. Change the starting sequence to be:
A-2, A-1, C-1, C-2, B, C-3, C-4, C-5, CC

It was moved, and VOTED to accept the recommendations.

Mr. Ames presented the Video Committee report. The following motion was moved, and VOTED:

- 1. For the race year 1986 and thereafter audio/visual 3/4" tape be used for race archival documentation to be edited and presented to the membership at annual meeting day 1987 and thence to be deeded to Mystic Seaport Museum as part of the Off Soundings Club Archival Collection.
- 2. The professional help and use of available receiving and editing equipment offered by Mystic Seaport Museum (MSM) be accepted.
- 3. The cost of additional equipment needed by MSM to perform the service of PP2 be underwritten by Off Soundings Club (OSC) (approximately \$6,500.). OSC to endeavor to recover this potential expense by soliciting donations direct to MSM by OSC members during 1986.
- 4. Audio/visual projection equipment to be rented or borrowed for presentation at annual meeting banquet 1987.

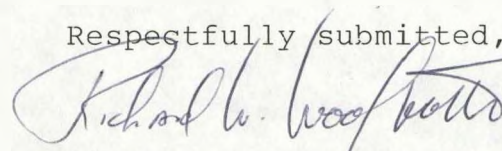
The Fiftieth Race Series Committee asked everyone to keep thinking about what can be done to celebrate the event.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1515.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Ames
Acting Secretary

Respectfully submitted,


Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary