

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 11, 1974

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite at the Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1200 on January 11, 1974, Commodore Owen presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames
Phelps Brown
Peter H. Comstock
John E. English
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

Richard H. Roberts
Donald P. Robinson
William B. White
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey
Walter D. Strang, Jr.

Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Owen at 1251.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Governors, April 7, 1973, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported the following deaths of members since the last meeting:

Clayton Farrar
Robert M. Tyson
Damond Van Utt

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Frederick E. Adams
Pierpont E. Dutcher

Charles S. Kelley, III
Charles W. Wharton

The following were VOTED dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

E. Standish Bradford, Jr.
John E. Dodge

Richard F. Sheehan
Duncan Stirling, Jr.

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The Secretary's report was VOTED accepted with thanks.

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, was unable to attend the meeting due to the weather. In his absence, Mr. Robinson gave a summary of his report. The Treasurer's complete report is attached to these minutes. The summary report was VOTED accepted.

Commodore Owen reported that Peter Converse, the photographer, was progressing with the films taken last year and would have them ready for our Annual Meeting. He also is preparing a composit of all the films from the past to be made into a history of the Club's activities.

A discussion on where and how to preserve the records of the club followed. It was VOTED to institute a program of record preservation over the next five years that would be pertinent to our problems. The Commodore will appoint a committee to look into it.

Mr. White suggested a more complete history of our perpetual trophies and the people and boats that they were donated in memory of be made. The Commodore will look into this also and keep the Board advised of what action has been taken.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It was VOTED to accept his report with great thanks.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, suggested the following dates for this years events:

Guest cut-off	March 29
Annual Meeting	April 6
First Notice	April 11
Closing date	May 23
Final Notice	June 6
Spring races	June 14 & 15
Results & First Notice	July 11
Closing date	August 19
Final Notice	September 5
Fall races	September 13 & 14
Results	October 10

The above dates were VOTED approved.

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After much discussion, the following were decided:

- 1 - To hold our races in Block Island this year.
- 2 - To follow the same guest procedure as in past years.
- 3 - To invite the Burmuda Race Fleet to our spring races.

It was VOTED that pulpit and lifelines be required in 1975. All boats must meet NAYRU Class 4 requirements except for boats holding a valid MORC certificate.

It was suggested that, due to the large number of boats starting in each class, the Race Committee try to announce boats over the line early on the radio.

The Entertainment Committee Chairman, Mr. Strang, read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that he would like to purchase two additional "ice tea crocks". His report was VOTED accepted.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee, Rear Commodore Comstock, reported that we have approximately 620 members. Last year we took in 44 new members and 5 are now waiting to be posted. A discussion followed as to whether we are getting too large a membership. Many proposals were brought out, but in the end it was decided that a committee, appointed and chaired by the Commodore, and to include among others, the Membership Chairman and the Race Secretary, look into this problem and report back to the Board at the April meeting. They should also look into the basic purpose and future of the club.

It was VOTED to establish a new "Cruising Canvas Class" which would sail the short course, start last and not be able to use spinnakers. First through fourth place prizes will be awarded.

The Commodore read the report of the Chairman of the Race Committee, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. His request for a digital timer with a tape print out, was tabled due to the expense and the possibility that we could borrow one.

The Chairman of the Publicity Committee, Mr. Van Dyke, had no formal report, but stated that we had good coverage in the newspapers. The Commodore thanked him for his good work. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, reported that we were operating legally. His report was VOTED accepted.

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The Chairman of the Classification Committee, Mr. Bailey, reported on proposed changes to the classification criteria. In general we will stay with the way we have been operating, but if a skipper feels that his boat is in the wrong class, he may request a transfer from the Classification Committee. In order to give the committee justification for such a change, the skipper must fill out a questionnaire designed by the committee. The questionnaire will include such "go/no-go" information as sail area/displacement ratio and freeboard/length ratio, weighted for length, plus such other information as may be developed. Also photographs of the profile and bow-on or the ships lines will be required.

Mr. Raymond, Chairman of the Measurement Rule Committee, reported that he scratched his head over several suggestions, but decided to recommend no changes. His report was VOTED accepted.

As Chairman of the Protest Committee, Mr. Raymond reported that all protests were handled. This report was VOTED accepted also.

Vice Commodore White reported for Prize & Awards Committee Chairman, Rear Commodore Comstock, that everything was going along fine.

There was no old business.

Under new business, the following Nominating Committee was VOTED appointed, and directed to report at the Annual Meeting:

Eliot H. Porter, 2nd. - Chairman
Ronald K. Noe
Robert B. English
Henry A. Scheel - Alternate
George R. Harrah - Alternate

It was VOTED to give the Mystic Seaport a donation of \$1,000.00.

It was VOTED that the Commodore write a letter of appreciation and get a suitable memento for Eileen Ames as a gesture of appreciation for the work that she has done for the club over the years.

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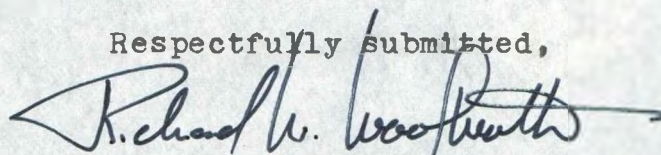
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Due to the additional expese, it was decided not to include telephone numbers in the yearbook.

The Commodore will take care of having our perpetual trophies photographed for insurance and record purposes.

It was VOTED to adjourn at 1622.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard W. Woolworth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary