

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 14, 1977

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 14, 1977. Commodore White presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames
Dudley W. Butler
Donald C. Davis
John E. English
Herbert W. Owen

Richard H. Roberts
Donald P. Robinson
Thomas M. Russell, III
Walter D. Strang
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey
Nicholas Staub, II

Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore White at 1205.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors on October 16, 1976, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported no resignations or deaths since the last Board meeting.

Upon the Secretary presenting a copy of Robert G Hughes' canceled dues check, the Board VOTED to rescind their motion of October 16, 1976 dropping him from membership for non-payment of dues.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang, presented his interim report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that even though the races expences were substantially higher, we managed to stay about even.

Mr. Woolworth reported that he had made contact with Commodore Uniform in New York about hat badges and tie clips, but had no information yet. He hoped to be able to report at the April meeting.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, was not present but he reported through the Secretary that he did not get much footage this year and the film would be short. He was asked to do whatever he could, using historical footage, to make the program last about twenty five minutes.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, was not able to attend the meeting because he broke his hip skiing.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, reported that he is ready to get a first class mailing permit.

After a discussion on deviding the race donation in two parts, i.e. per boat and per crew member, it was decided to make no change at this time.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, presented a written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He expressed appreciation for the use of the Greene Plastics Company computer.

After a lengthy discussion, it was VOTED to preformance handicap the Cruising Class, using a system to be worked out by the Measurer. All Cruising Class boats must still have a valid Off Soundings Club measurement certificate.

The question of using the IOR and MORC rules in Class "C" was discussed. It was VOTED not to change at this time.

Measurer Roberts reported that he does not plan to make any rule change this year.

Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Butler, reported that we had taken in one new member since the last Board meeting and our membership now stood at 623. The Committee has four ready for posting, one in the hands of the committee and four pending. When we reach the limit of 630, his committee will institute a waiting list.

Mr. Raymond, Chairman of the Measurement Rule and Protest Committees, was not present and had no report.

Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Classification Committee, reported that he has only one letter requesting class change and the committee is studying it.

The Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Harrison, was not present but he reported through Commodore White that his problems are under control.

It was moved and VOTED to charter "Empress" as committee boat for this season.

Mr. Staub, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported that arrangements for the spring have been made and Shelter Island is looking forward to having us back. The costs will remain about the same.

The Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Mac Dougall, was not present and had no report.

Rear Commodore Davis, Chairman of the Prize and Awards Committee, reported that it would cost about \$1,000 to have the "Nor'easter" trophy built. It was VOTED that the club purchase the trophy and award it for combined results in Classes "C1" and "C2" on a basis to be determined by the Flag Officers from time to time. Past Commodore Owen generously offered to donate a perpetual trophy for Class "C4"

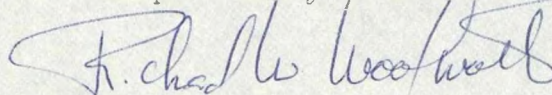
Public Relations Chairman, Mr. Van Dyke, had no report at this time.

There was no old business.

Under New Business it was VOTED to donate \$1,200 to Mystic Seaport and \$50 to the Block Island Rescue Squad.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1435.

Respectfully submitted



Richard W. Woolworth
Secretary