

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 2, 1960

HOTEL SHERATON-KIMBALL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

After proof of notice and roll call, copy of which is attached, the Commodore announced a quorum was present, and that the first order of business was a moment of silence in memory of those who have sailed their last voyage since the last annual meeting.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were approved by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer presented his report and indicated that the Club's cash position was somewhat better than the case at this time a year ago. This improvement reflects better control of expenditures and the Treasurer expressed the hope that the year would continue to show this improving trend. His report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. McPherson, Race Secretary, outlined the change in courses and rendezvous for the first day and his report was accepted with enthusiasm.

Mr. White for the Membership Committee reported that there had been one member dropped for non-payment of dues, thirteen resignations, three deceased members, nine new members and one reinstatement, with the result that the membership stands as of this date at 359.

Other brief reports were heard from Mr. Ames, Measurer, Mr. Thomas, Race Committee Chairman, Mr. Hitz, Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Owen, Entertainment Committee Chairman and Mr. McPherson, speaking for Mr. Henry Scheel of the Measurement Rule Committee. These reports were accepted as a group with thanks.

Commodore Daggett then thanked all of the Committee Chairmen and members, and all of the other volunteers of the Club for their generous help in the year just ended and pointed out that without such unstinted help, the Club would not be able to function effectively. He also indicated that we must be ever mindful of the continued rising costs in running our races and expressed the hope that all of the members would continue to support the Liquidating Fund as generously as possible. Commodore Daggett hoped that the year ahead would be even more successful for the membership.

Mr. Rogers presented the report of the Nominating Committee on behalf of Mr. Dickinson and the slate presented follows:

Commodore	Frederick K. Daggett
Vice Commodore	Henry B. duPont
Rear Commodore	Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Secretary	John E. English
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Clerk	Melvin D. Southworth

Race Secretary  
Historian  
Measurer

John B. McPherson  
Douglas L. Swan  
William L. Ames

GOVERNORS:

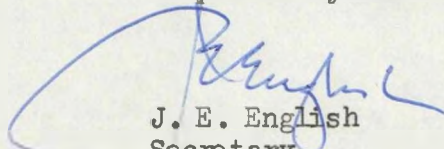
Frederick K. Daggett  
Henry B. duPont  
John E. English  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
John R. Fales  
Robert L. Hall

Leo A. Geyer  
John B. McPherson  
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Melvin D. Southworth  
Roderick Stephens, Jr.  
G. W. Elunt White

After motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED that the Secretary cast one ballot unanimously electing the Officers and Governors as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned so that those present might join the Annual Shore Party.

Respectfully submitted,



J. E. English  
Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING, HOTEL KIMBALL, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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F. K. Daggett  
J. E. English  
Henry B. duPont  
Leo A. Geyer  
Frank Phillips  
E. L. Raymond, Jr.  
G. W. Blunt White  
Peter H. Comstock  
John B. McPherson  
George R. Harrah  
Robert L. Hall  
John K. Murphy  
Herbert W. Owen  
Douglas L. Swan  
Robert B. English, Jr.  
David Daggett  
K. Aage Nielsen  
John B. Bindloss  
W. L. Ames  
Ray F. Berry  
M. D. Southworth  
Ray Plant  
Benjamin B. duPont  
Paul K. Rogers  
Frank T. Crawford  
Arthur M. Cottrell, Jr.  
J. Albert Hitz  
Hal V. Wilder  
Bill Thomas  
Paul Adams  
Frank Leuthner

MINUTES  
OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING  
OF  
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 2, 1960

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, April 2, 1960, at 4:00 P.M. Commodore Daggett presided and other Governors present were:

John B. Bindloss  
Henry B. duPont  
John E. English  
Robert L. Hall

Leo A. Geyer  
John B. McPherson  
Melvin D. Southworth  
G. W. Blunt White

Also present were Messrs. Ames, Hitz and Thomas.

It was VOTED to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as circulated to the Governors.

The Secretary read letters of resignation from the following members and it was VOTED to accept their resignations with regret.

C. H. Alvord  
Leslie D. Beebe  
T. Kenneth Boyd  
Edgar F. Hanks  
William H. Hubbard

J. B. Longshore, Jr.  
Raymond V. Nelson  
Robert E. Ryerson  
Winthrop L. Warner

The resignation of Mr. Benjamin P. Gambee was not acted upon pending further conversation with him with respect to his resignation.

A request from Mr. Henry T. Meneely for reinstatement as a member was heard and it was VOTED to reinstate Mr. Meneely to membership.

The eligibility of Mr. Ernest Ratsey for continued membership was discussed, the question having arisen in connection with the kind of boat he now owns, and it was left that the Commodore would seek the opinion of Mr. Stephens as to how Mr. Ratsey's present yacht should be classified.

The Treasurer then presented a brief report on the present financial condition of the Club and the Governors VOTED to accept the report with thanks.

Mr. McPherson reported as Race Secretary on the change in courses and for first night rendezvous that will be tried this year and indicated he expected over 200 boats will be entering in our Spring Races. It was VOTED to accept his report with great thanks.

Mr. Ames reported as Measurer briefly on the problems of measurement and considerable discussion ensued. The Measurer's remarks were momentarily deferred pending consideration of the reports of the Classification and Measurement Rules Committee.

Chairman White reported for the Membership Committee that present membership, reflecting the resignations acted upon at this meeting, stands at 359. (Copy of the report is made a part of these minutes.)

There then followed further discussion about classification and measurement rule problems. Mr. McPherson reported on progress so far as efforts to improve the Rule were concerned. Questionable classifications of some of our participants in our races were discussed and guidance was given to the Chairman of the Classification Committee, Mr. Hitz, for his further consideration. The Governors did establish that the Measurer should forward to the Classification Committee clarification any entrant about which study of the measurements might indicate a question of classification.

A vote of thanks was given to the various Committee chairmen.

The matter of eligibility for listing in the Club Yearbooks of owners' yachts was discussed at some length, after which it was moved and VOTED that starting with the 1961 Yearbook, only those yachts eligible to race in our races and not less than 15 ft. in overall length would be listed in the Club's Yearbooks.

There was then reported the death of Perry MacKay Sturges, past Vice Commodore of our Club. The following resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary directed to send a copy of it to Mrs. Sturges.

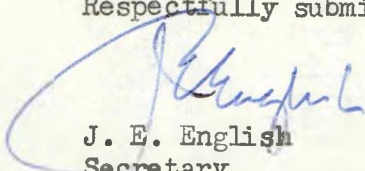
WHEREAS, Perry MacKay Sturges was a member of our Club for many years and served as our Vice Commodore for the year 1957 and was known to and greatly respected by many of our members. Though his term of office was unfortunately shortened, his counsel and help as a Governor and as Vice Commodore was a real contribution.

It is therefore resolved that the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club express their profound regret on the passing of Perry MacKay Sturges, whose loss will be keenly felt by all of us.

It is further resolved that this resolution will be spread upon the permanent records of the Off Soundings Club and a copy thereof sent to Mrs. Sturges as an expression of our sympathy in her great loss.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



J. E. English  
Secretary