

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

March 21, 1959

HOTEL SHERATON-KIMBALL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and asked that as the first order of business a moment of silence in memory of those who have sailed their last voyage since the last annual meeting be observed.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer presented his report which gratifyingly reflected a much stronger position for the Club financially than was the case a year ago. This is largely due to the action which the Board of Governors took in getting a special assessment for the year just ended and increasing the dues. The report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. White for the Membership Committee reported that there had been 21 resignations, 24 new members and 2 former members reinstated to membership, 1 deceased member, with the result that the membership stands as of this date at 366.

Commodore Fales then commented on action which the Board had taken with respect to the operation of our races. The requirement for crew lists has been discontinued on a trial basis and new arrangements for tender service at Dering Harbor have also been made, it being the Board's feeling that 10 small boats would do a much better job than the two large power boats, Zev and Lady Luck, which we have used in the past. These will be under the direction of a responsible man at Dering Harbor and details of the arrangement will be set forth in the race notices. He also reported that prizes will now be mailed to the winners engraved with the winning boats' name some time after the races rather than immediately thereafter, so that the Race Committee has an opportunity to completely check and verify all results. This step will avoid embarrassment which has occurred through unavoidable error on the day of the race. It will also give an opportunity to resolve protests which might effect the final results in an orderly way. Tentative results will of course be announced as usual.

Commodore Fales then thanked all of the Board members and Committee Chairmen and their members for the hard work which each and everyone has done during the year just ended.

E. Dickinson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then presented the following slate:

Commodore	Frederick K. Daggett
Vice Commodore	Henry B. duPont
Rear Commodore	John B. Bindloss
Clerk	Melvin D. Southworth
Secretary	John E. English
Race Secretary	John B. McPherson
Treasurer	Leo A. Geyer
Historian	Douglas L. Swan
Measurer	Prescott W. N. Gustafson

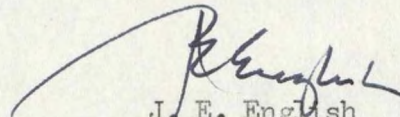
GOVERNORS

John B. Bindloss
Frederick K. Daggett
Henry B. duPont
John E. English
John R. Fales
Leo A. Geyer
Prescott W. N. Gustafson
Robert L. Hall
John B. McPherson
Melvin D. Southworth
Roderick Stephens, Jr.
G. W. Blunt White

After motion 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.

Respectfully submitted,



J. E. English
Secretary

M I N U T E S
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
OF
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Hotel Sheraton-Kimball, Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, March 21, 1959, at 4:00 P.M. Commodore Fales presided and other Governors present were:

John B. Bindloss	John B. McPherson
Frederick K. Daggett	Melvin D. Southworth
John E. English	Roderick Stephens, Jr.
Prescott W.N.Gustafson	G. W. Blunt White
Robert L. Hall	

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

Resignations were presented and accepted from the following:

Erroll Bruce	Irving Johnson
John C. Davis	J. Clifford Scott
Austin R. Harmon	William R. Wilson
Wallace Humphrey	

It was VOTED with respect to the resignation of Dr. Wilson that the Treasurer be instructed to refund the dues paid for 1959. Phelps Brown's resignation was not accepted.

Mr. White, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported present membership, reflecting the resignations accepted at this meeting, of 366 compared with 370 a year ago. (The full report is made a part of these Minutes.)

The problems of Messrs. Wade and Hoyt were discussed and it was VOTED to continue to hold any action with respect to these members in abeyance.

Mr. McPherson as Race Secretary reported on plans for the coming racing season. The Coast Guard has sanctioned our spring races and the cutter, Cayuga, will be available as Committee boat for this series. He further reported that satisfactory arrangements for tender service had been made along the lines discussed at the last meeting and also that adequate insurance would be provided protecting the Club against mishap in this operation.

It appeared to be the Board's feeling that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Race Committee and the Chairman of the Classification Committee should be invited to attend Board meetings, as much of the discussion seems to center on the problems of these two Committees.

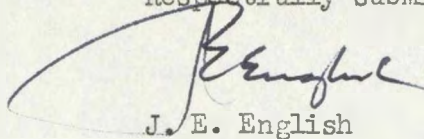
The matter of trim for measurement purposes under the Off Soundings Rule was discussed and it was VOTED to direct the measurer to amplify directions and specifications for trim while measurements are taken for the purposes of our Rule.

The matter of the rating for Cockatoo II owned by Lloyd Bergeson was discussed in detail in light of his letter to Mr. Hitz of March 10, 1959. It was VOTED to refer the matter of classification of Cockatoo II to Mr. Hitz for action and that the Governors consider the suggestion for the abolition of

Class C as a possibility for the 1960 racing season, and the Secretary was requested to advise Mr. Hitz of the Board's action.

There being no further business, adjournment was VOTED at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. E. English". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" that loops back under the rest of the name.

J. E. English
Secretary