

Minutes
of the
Board of Governors Meeting
of the
OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

April 4, 1992

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Sheraton Norwich, Norwich, Connecticut, on April 4, 1992 at 1530. Commodore van Dyke presided. Other Governors present were:

Allen N. Anderson
W. Frank Bohlen
William G. Gunther
Lawrence R. Jacobsen
D. Richard Magovern, DMD

Peter W. McFadden
Ernest R. Messer, Jr
Neal H. O'Connell
Norman E. Rabe
James B. Slimmon, Jr

Present by invitation were:

William L. Ames
Donald C. Davis
Chester B. Humphrey, MD
H. Wes Maxwell

Robert B. Nickerson
Donald P. Robinson
Nicholas Staub, II

Absent were:

Louis J. Bevilacqua
F. B. George Hohenstein
Richard H. Roberts
Milan T. Bartek

J. Chris Field
John H. Lockwood
Rodney S. Johnstone

The meeting was called to order at 1533.

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 10, 1992 were VOTED approved with the amendment that it was VOTED that upon payment of past outstanding dues Lochlin G. Syme would be reinstated.

Vice Commodore McFadden submitted his report of the 1992 Annual Meeting and Dinner. Head count is down considerably from 260 last year to about 210 this year which is more in line with earlier years.

Rear Commodore Gunther commented that the prize and awards are engraved and ready for tonight. Trophies for the Spring Series are ordered and will be done in stainless steel with an enameled burgee.

The Secretary's report was submitted. The Board stood for a moment of silent prayer for the following members who were reported as having died since the last meeting:

Capt. William T. R. Crolius, USN (Ret)
James Edwards Peters
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

William J. Harold, Jr.
James W. Jenks
George H. Rowsom

Errol Silvestri
Burton G. Tremaine, Jr.

There was one new member, Linwood S. Mather, Jr. and one reinstatement, Lochlin G. Syme. Membership as of 4/4/92 is 532 members.

Treasurer Messer commented on his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. We are in good financial condition and he estimates that there will be net income of about \$10,000 for this year's activities. Historian Ames complimented the Treasurer on the quality of his reports, "the best I have ever seen in my many years on the Board".

Historian Ames gave the Secretary the original of a Certificate of Gift to the Mystic Seaport for the Off Soundings 1987 - 1991 archive material recently transported to the Seaport. He further commented that the video this year was dedicated to Ed Raymond and has a nice shot of Chanteyman to start it off.

Race Secretary Anderson submitted a list of 34 guests for the 1992 series. An exception was VOTED approved for Keith Lovell who is between yacht clubs. William F. Zimmerli's application was questioned as there was a question in the minds of some as to whether he should be a member. It was put to a vote that his guest application not be approved. This was not passed, apparently on the basis that he had been extended an invitation last year and further that the membership process should handle the question of membership. It was noted that this is the second invitation for Queen Foster, the first having been in 1985. It was pointed out that the paid Skipper of Neith is not a member of a yacht club which did not raise any concern. The attached listings of 15 prospective members and 19 guests were VOTED approved.

Clerk Magovern reported that our incorporation renewal papers are being signed now for submission to the State. A copy of his report is attached. He reported that he believes that we have a federal tax identification number but he was unable to locate a record of our having a Federal Exemption under Section 501 C-4 or 501 C-5. This exemption is required to pay the level of fees we have been paying to Massachusetts for years. It was agreed that even though the records were not found we must have established our eligibility for the current rate at some time in the past. The Commodore asked that the Clerk try to resolve the matter if it is possible to do it without stirring things up.

The Measurer, Mr. Rabe, reported that is no longer ECYRA handicapper but he has had no problems handicapping our fleet working with the current regime.

Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen noted that the Committee and boats for the Spring Series are committed but not yet confirmed. We have available on a loan basis, from Horseshoe Reef Yacht Club, a timer that is satisfactory. A second handheld radio was discussed and it was decided to get a second battery for a unit currently on loan, for the moment.

Membership Chairman Bohlen reported that until February there were only 3 new members in the pipeline. Activity has increased and there are 16 applicants, 8 of which are about to be posted,

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Robinson reported that there are two major changes to IMS that should improve and help PHRF. They involve a stability screening factor and a workable pitching moment measurement. He further noted that IMS has a lot of data on many class boats. The Measurer indicated that this data is routinely used in establishing PHRF handicaps.

Classification Committee Chairman Davis reported that he is not aware of any problems.

Protest Committee Chairman Field was absent but the Commodore reported that he is ready for the 1992 season.

Entertainment Committee Chairman Bartek was absent but the Commodore reported that Block Island had been contacted and the Entertainment Chairman is ready for the 1992 season.

Shelter Island Liaison Co-Chairmen, Bevilacqua and Lockwood were absent and there was no report.

Block Island Liaison Chairman Staub indicated that Block Island is ready for us. We will be at Block Island Boat Basin again this year.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Nickerson reported that he is working with the usual publications to assure that we get adequate exposure. Larry White was not able to attend our Annual Shore Party but he is expecting publicity about our perpetual awards.

Fleet Surgeon Humphrey indicated that the first aid kits are being updated in anticipation of the Spring Series. He is looking for a physician, as he hopes to avoid having to depend on volunteers in the fleet.

Long Range Race Planning Committee Chairman Johnstone was absent and there was no report.

Nominating Committee Chairman Slimmon indicated that the Committee consisting of Allen N. Anderson and F. B. George Hohenstein and himself were ready with nominations for the Annual Meeting.

Rear Commodore Gunther reported on his committee's proposal in response to Peter Brinckerhoff's offer to establish a trophy in memory of Bill Donovan. After considering several alternatives they decided to propose that the trophy be awarded for the best combined results, corrected time, for two successive years in Class C-3. Class B and Cruising Canvass are the remaining classes that do not have a combined trophy of some kind. In discussion, it was pointed out that the Donovan family offered a trophy but we were not able to act quickly enough for them. Further, the Commodore indicated that Mrs. Young's offer of a trophy was contingent on its use for classes that we could not accommodate. This has been communicated to her. The Rear Commodore was asked to communicate with Peter Brinckerhoff about the proposal and discuss the type of trophy, including shipping box, that Peter is interested in offering.

Commodore van Dyke indicated that the Flag Officers discussed a proposal that Off Soundings contribute to several charitable organizations. It was decided that we like being ahead financially and we would like to maintain this status for awhile.

The October 24th meeting conflicts with the US Sailing Annual Meeting which effects two of our Board members. No change in the meeting date was made.

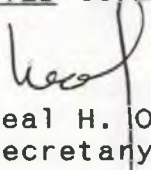
It was noted that we can not use channel 9 for race communications. An appropriate channel will be selected in time for the final notice. However, the Fleet Surgeon asked to be informed earlier so he can make arrangements with his support people.

The Commodore asked the Board to consider how we can honor someone who has done much for the Club. He used Ken Mahler as an example. He thinks we should be able to do this but can not under the current Constitution and By-laws. However, he is concerned that we not dilute the current Honorary membership that recognized such as Rod Stephens and Ed Raymond. He would like to discuss how we might do this at the next meeting and asks that you think about it before then.

Treasurer Messer suggested that the Long Range Race Planning Committee might evolve into something like the IMS Owners Committee that holds open meetings where members can bring their concerns and suggestions. There were comments that, at least to start, such communication should be by letter. Concern that such a Committee should not filter things to the Board. Membership Chairman Bohlen suggested that the Commodores Winter Newsletter indicate how the membership can communicate with the Long Range Race planning Committee. Generally, there also seemed to be interest in improving communications. Commodore van Dyke indicated that he would discuss the matter with the Flag Officers.

Commodore van Dyke read a letter concerning the necessity of using stand off buoys and their value in preventing barging. Race Committee Chairman Jacobsen strongly agreed that they should be used. However, he pointed out that it was not always possible to set a stand off buoy and our use of the word "may" is appropriate. He further indicated that the Race Committee may use the "I" flag (the around the ends rule) this year.

There being no further business, it was VOTED to adjourn at 1712.


Neal H. O'Connell
Secretary
4/08/92

ps: Please see attached for a list of 1992 Committee Chairman.

To: OSC Board of Governors
From: N. H. O'Connell
Date: 4/08/92

Commodore Paul van Dyke has indicated his selections for committee chairmen as follows:

Membership	Frank Bohlen
Protest	John C. Field
Entertainment	Milan T. Bartek
Classification	Donald C. Davis
Measurement Rule	Donald P. Robinson
Prize & Awards	William G. Gunther
Public Relations	Robert B. Nickerson
Fleet Surgeon	Chester B. Humphrey, MD
Shelter Island Liaison	John H. Lockwood
Block Island Liaison	Nicholas Staub, II
Long Range Race Planning	Rodney S. Johnstone
ECYRA Representative	Richard H. Roberts
USYRU/ORC Representative	Richard H. Roberts