

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB
April 8, 2000

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held at the Munson Room at the Mystic Seaport on April 8, 2000. Commodore Bohlen presided, and other Governors present were:

J. Philip Smyth	H. Wes Maxwell
Richard H. Roberts	Edward C. Dieckerhoff
D. Richard Magovern, DMD	William Gunther
Allen N. Anderson	Charles D. Chorlton
Robert B. Geary	John F. Brooks

Present by invitation were:

Robert Edmands	William A. Loweth
Neal S. O'Connell	Warren F. Woodworth, M.D.
William L. Ames	Stephen M. Purdy

Absent were:

Carl D. Fast	Peter W. McFadden
John H. Lockwood	Norman E. Rabe

The meeting was called to order at 14:30. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held January 21, 2000 were approved with the change set forth below upon motion duly made, seconded and carried:

(Page 2, Paragraph 7) . . . (1) If a yacht (like a Neith) is not in compliance with the lifeline standards, then at the Race Secretary's discretion the yacht may participate, but everyone aboard must wear a PFD during the course of the race (not necessarily Coast Guard approved).

Vice Commodore Wes Maxwell stated that he expected approximately 140 people at the annual dinner and that we would not run in the red more than \$650 for the whole evening including Race Committee drinks, dinner, etc. He further stated that we might explore the Seaman's Inne next year.

Rear Commodore Brooks announced that all perpetual trophies had been returned.

The undersigned reported that no members had died since the January meeting, but that we had received resignations from:

Donald Farrington,
R. Dennis Cutler,
Linwood Mather,
Harris B. Parsons, and
Rex Walden.

The undersigned also reported that there were currently 512 members.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the above resignations were accepted with regret and the Secretary was authorized to drop any members who did not pay their dues 30 days after notice of the delinquency.

Commodore Bohlen explained that there was some confusion concerning Dotie Dupont. She had paid Off Soundings dues after Ben's death. The undersigned was asked to send her a letter explaining that there was not a "widow's class" of membership and apologize for a series of mistakes including a delinquency notice. Bill Gunther added that he would propose Dotie, if she wanted to be proposed for membership.

Treasurer Geary distributed the Treasurer's Report including the 2000 budget and explained it to those present. He pointed out that in 1999 income was greater than expenses by \$4,037.89, but that the 2000 budget had equal income and expense projected. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Historian Bill Ames exclaimed that Ken had prepared a great movie with footage since 1933 and also including some interesting interviews.

Commodore Bohlen summarized the last meeting's discussions about our obtaining future movies.

The option of a full film every 2-5 years was discussed again with the Historian collecting amateur footage in the off years.

It was noted that Ken Mahler might be willing to edit in the future. Dick Magovern offered to contact Burt Anderson to seek his help.

Race Secretary Dick Roberts circulated the Guest Invitations report. He noted that there was one addition, Matthew Bollo. A discussion ensued over whether we should allow guests who are not affiliated with a recognized yacht club or members of U.S. Sailing.

A motion was made to accept the eight proposed guests.

Clerk Dick Magovern reported that we have now consolidated 3 ID numbers down to one.

The undersigned read Measurer Rabe's report which stated that Measurement Data Forms have been printed and distributed.

Race Committee Chairman Chuck Chorlton commented that he was ready to go with 2 computer systems in place and housing secured on Block Island.

A discussion ensued over the posting of Race courses. It was suggested to put the Race course on the Stakeboat. It was noted that the Race Committee will respond to requests to broadcast the course.

Membership Chairman Bob Edmands read the names of the 17 applicants with completed applications. He stated that he expected three or four more.

Dick Dieckerhoff reported for Entertainment that there would be a tent at Block Island.

Measurer John Brooks stated that he had nothing to report.

Frank Bohlen reported for John Lockwood that relations with Shelter Island Club remained good.

Bill Loweth Public Relations Committee Chairman stated that someone from the Day would be participating in the Spring Series and all other newspaper contacts were set.

Andy Anderson distributed his report for the Long Range Planning Committee which included a weekend race questionnaire from the Mudheads and ECSA. The report also suggested running a novice race separate from the regular race course and to expand participation through one design classes. A discussion ensued wherein the general consensus was that the Board was not interested in the novice race concept.

Commodore Bohlen stated that we should be targeting alternative sailing groups and one designs to increase participation. He noted there was a good chance we would have a Multi-hull class in the spring with as many as 8 entries.

William Gunther, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, stated that he would distribute his report at the Annual Meeting.

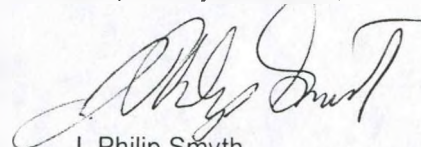
Bill Loweth showed overheads of the proposed Web Page. It was stated that the goal was to increase communication and provide timely information to members while respecting their privacy.

Bill Loweth summarized the costs as \$70.00 for registration and total first year costs of \$335.00 with later years at \$275.00. There was a motion duly made, seconded, and approved to proceed with the Web Page presented by Bill Loweth at an annual cost not to exceed \$350.00.

It was announced that West Marine was having an Off Soundings Night.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 17:03 upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Philip Smyth
Secretary, OSC