

Minutes

of

Board of Governors Meeting

of

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 19, 1968

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Commodore's Room of the New York Yacht Club, New York City, on January 19, 1968 at 12 Noon. Commodore du Pont presided, other Governors present were:

Paul W. Adams
William L. Ames
Phelps Brown
Leo A. Geyer

Robert L. Hall
Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.
Donald P. Robinson
William B. White

Absent were:

Henry B. du Pont
John E. English

Henry A. Scheel
Roderick Stephens, Jr.

Present by invitation were:

Robert M. Love

David Z. Bailey

The minutes of the last meeting June 8, 1967 were voted approved as circulated.

The resignation of Robert H. Moore, a member since 1938, was accepted with regret.

The Treasurer Mr. Geyer presented his report for the interim March 30, 1967 to January 18, 1968 which was accepted and made a part of these minutes. In view of the printing and mailing expenses incurred by Mystic Seaport on behalf of the Race Secretary and Secretary, it was voted a contribution of \$1,500.00 be made to Mystic Seaport, additional money be sent to pay for the prior authorized donation of a new Dyer Dhow, and the membership be advised of these donations at the next Annual Meeting. It was also suggested a budget be prepared in advance for our next fiscal year.

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The Historian Mr. Smith had no report. A limit for luncheon on Annual Meeting day was established at 350 and the problem of boring movies discussed and hopefully resolved through prior viewing and editing, perhaps next year by additional help from people like Ted Zacher and Hank Strauss.

The Measurer Mr. Ames reported a total of 534 active valid measurement certificates, approximately 1500 more out of date, and that our rule is in use in places such as Honolulu, Venezuela, Texas, and Nyack Bay.

The Race Secretary Mr. Robinson presented his report which was accepted and made a part of these minutes. The Secretary expressed great appreciation over its being written. The Board approved Maidstone Marina and Shelter Harbor Yacht Club for 1968 rendezvous. It was voted the practice of inviting Bermuda and TransAtlantic contestants be continued with the Club size limit of 62 feet applying. The Race Secretary will set up a garbage collection system for the fleet in Three Mile Harbor and Deering Harbor.

The Clerk Mr. Brown reported our incorporation papers are properly and currently filed as required by Massachusetts law.

The dates for the 1968 year events were confirmed as:

Annual Meeting and Winter Shore Party April 6, 1968
Spring Races June 14 and 15
Fall Races September 13 and 14

The Race Committee Chairman Mr. Wolfe had no report, though comments made in a recent letter to the Secretary are covered in the Commodore's report later.

The Membership Committee Chairman Mr. Comstock reported one application in hand, five to be posted in next mailing, one rejected, and eight or ten incomplete. The membership stood at 494 as of April 1, 1967, one resigned on January 19, 1968, two resigned June 8, 1967, one death reported, twelve newly elected to membership, and present net membership is 502.

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The Classification Committee Chairman Mr. Bailey reported no complaints. He expressed concern there was not a "Board of Review" to consider reclassification of questionable yachts. All Governors concurred the Committee is doing an excellent job and that it continue to work within the same guidelines and framework as before.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman Mr. Raymond recommended no changes this year or in the near future. A new international rule is being formulated, will probably be published in 1970, and the immediate consequence will be pressure that ours conform to it. He recommends the Governors be prepared for this and make their determination after all problems and factors are known. Mr. Raymond also reported the NAYRU are starting a manned information file and that we should continue our membership and support.

The Entertainment Committee Chairman Mr. Barnes reported by mail and this report was made a part of these minutes. All comments and suggestions were enthusiastically concurred in with the exception plastic glasses should not be marked with an Off Soundings decoration for several reasons including extra cost.

The Protest Committee Chairman Mr. Love reported by reading his letter to the Commodore of January 15, 1968. This letter was made a part of these minutes. The Commodore complimented Mr. Love on his fine work in the past, regretfully acquiesced to his request he be relieved of his duties as Chairman, and appointed Mr. Edgar L. Raymond, Jr. as the new Chairman.

The Public Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Cabot reported by mail and this report was made a part of these minutes.

Commodore du Pont proposed the 1968 Nominating Committee be made up of:

Edward E. Dickinson III
John B. McPherson
Robert B. English, Jr., Chairman

and this was voted approved.

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Commodore du Pont presented the two suggestions the Race Committee Chairman mentioned in his letter. The first suggestion was enthusiastically approved by the Governors and Rear Commodore Scheel will pursue it. The second suggestion that second day racing be confined in Gardiner's Bay was voted referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the Commodore, to report back with recommendations on April 6.

The membership limit question was again discussed. Since the core of the problem seemed to be control of fleet size, it was voted a special committee be appointed by the Commodore to study this control problem and report back with recommendations on April 6.

The next regular Board of Governors meeting was established as April 6, 1968 at Mystic Seaport.

There being no further business, the meeting was voted adjourned at 2:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. White
Secretary