

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

January 10, 1975

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite at the Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1200 on January 10, 1975. Commodore Owen presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
Peter H. Comstock  
Benjamin B. duPont  
John E. English  
Leo A. Geyer

Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Richard H. Roberts  
Donald P. Robinson  
William B. White  
Gilbert L. Wolfe  
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey  
Prescott W. N. Gustafson  
Robert L. Hall

Walter D. Strang, Jr.  
Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Owen at 1241.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Governors, April 6, 1974, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Peter Flagg  
Edward P. Jones  
John Spear, Jr.

The death of J. Albert Hitz was reported. The Board stood for a moment of silence in his memory.

The following were VOTED dropped from membership for non-payment of dues:

Harold D. Allen  
Richard W. Bewley

Daniel B. Doane  
Charles H. Gardner

The Treasurer, Mr. Geyer, presented his interim report which included graphs of expenses and receipts for the past ten years. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. He pointed out that race expenses have gone up considerably and that total assets are down about \$4,000 from last year. After much discussion, it was VOTED to raise the dues to \$15 per year and raise the per series race donation to \$6 per person. The Treasurer's report was VOTED accepted and he was given a round of applause for the job he had done.

The Historian, Mr. Hall, reported that so far he has been doing nothing as Historian. He did suggest that a depository for the Club's records be established in the library at Mystic Seaport. Mr. Robinson and Mr. White will check with the Seaport to see if it can provide space. The Historian's report was VOTED accepted.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, read his written report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Robinson, suggested the following dates for this years events:

Guest cut-off	March 28
Annual Meeting	April 5
First Notice	April 10
Closing Date	May 22
Final Notice	June 6
Spring Races	June 13 & 14
Results & First Notice	July 10
Closing Date	August 18
Final Notice	September 4
Fall Races	September 12 & 13
Results	October 9

Completed appeals for class changes must be filed with the Classification Committee one month before the spring closing date of May 22.

The above dates were VOTED approved.

The Board of Governors decided to leave the guest procedure the same as last year.

A letter from the Commodore of the Eastern Long Island Sound Station of the Midget Ocean Racing Club was read, stating that they were hosting the MORC Nationals and requesting that their fleet be allowed to join the Fall Off Soundings Series. It was decided to bring the discussion of this letter up under new business.

It was moved and VOTED to establish the Cruising Canvas Class as an on going class and accept Mr. Raymond's offer to provide a perpetual trophy for it.

A discussion on the possibility of returning to New York waters took place. No action was taken.

The Race Secretary's report was VOTED accepted with a round of applause.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, reported that we were legal. His report was VOTED accepted.

The Race Committee Chairman, Mr. Wolfe, read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Board of Governors VOTED a motion of thanks to Mr. Wolfe and authorized the Flag Officers to show their appreciation to him at the Annual Shore Party this Spring. The Race Committee Chairman's Report was VOTED accepted with appreciation.

Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that since May of 1974, we have 19 new members. At present 3 are awaiting posting and one is in the hands of the Membership Committee. He also stated that having been chairman for the last 23 years, he has decided to submit his resignation. His report was VOTED accepted with appreciation.

Classification Committee Chairman, Mr. Bailey, handed out some charts and graphs showing the relative locations of various types of boats within the classification structure of the Off Soundings fleet. Copies of these charts and graphs are attached to these minutes. He stated that it has been found that the fin keel and spade rudder should not be the only criteria for placing boats in Class "C". We need to develop new criteria and possibly make changes in our rule to provide new ways to place boats in classes. It was pointed out that the Chairman of the Classification Committee has the power to arbitrarily classify boats in the best interest of the Club. It was VOTED to accept the report.

The Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, noted that we seem to have less complaints about our rule than almost any other rule. He suggested, and it was VOTED to limit the maximum beam correction to LOA. At Mr. Raymond's suggestion, the Board VOTED to give the Measurement Rule Committee the power to correct the foretriangle/mainsail size problem in our rule. It was also VOTED to ammend the motion that appears in paragraph 4, page 3 of the April 6, 1974 minutes to read:

"Any Rudder that is a fair extension of the hull lines at the waterplane, shall be interpreted to be an extension of the waterline and shall be so measured."

Mr. Raymond's report was VOTED accepted.

Public Relations Chairman, Mr. Van Dyke, stated that last years bill for expenses covered two years so next years bill will not be so high. His report was VOTED accepted.

Entertainment Committee Chairman, Mr. Strang, read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It has been decided to use the Oar again this year. His report was VOTED accepted.

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Protest Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, reported that his committee has been getting along happily. His report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Comstock reported for the Prize and Awards Committee by stating that only those that won them, received them.

There was no old business.

Under new business, a donation of \$1,200 was VOTED to the Marine Historical Association.

A lengthy discussion took place on MORC's request to participate in our Fall series. It was finally VOTED by the Board to leave the final decision up to the Flag Officers.

The following Nominating Committee was VOTED empowered to report at the Annual Meeting:

William L. Ames, Chairman  
Herbert W. Owen  
Eliot H. Porter

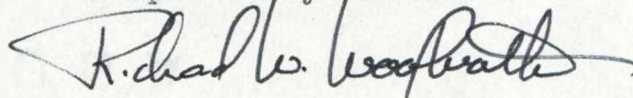
On a motion, made and seconded, \$1,000 was VOTED to reimburse Mr. Wolfe for money he spent purchasing timing equipment for the Race Committee.

It was VOTED that the Flag Officers will make the decision as to what other clubs may borrow the Race Committee timing equipment and what rental fee will be charged.

Mr. Roberts reported that it has become necessary to run the measurement certificates through a computer to retrieve some basic information out of them to help the Measurement Rule Committee and the Classification Committee make their decisions. He will explore computer availability and cost and report back at the April meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1610.

Respectfully Submitted



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary