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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club January 6, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held on January 6, 2004. The following members were present:

John F. Brooks	Neal S. O'Connell
Wes Maxwell	Norman Peck
W. Frank Bohlen	Allen Anderson
Charles Chorlton	Steve Purdy
John M. Washburn, Jr.	Sarah Porter
William Loweth	Walter Pratt
Norman Rabe	Robert Edmands
Roland Breault	

Commodore Brooks presided.

The meeting was called to order at 12:54 p.m. by Commodore John Brooks. The minutes of the October 25, 2003 meeting were duly moved and adopted as corrected.

Corrections "members not paid and dropped Allen Berrier". Page 5 Paragraph 1 quite spelled quiet.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Ron Breault requests in his report that the resolution adopted at the October 25 meeting to move our Fidelity account to Fleet Quick & Reilly be rescinded and we continue our relationship with Fidelity.

A motion was duly made and adopted that the October 25 resolution be rescinded and we continue with Fidelity as per the recommendation of the Treasurer. The Treasurer's year end report and updated budget dated January 2 was moved, seconded and approved as presented and made part of these minutes.

Vice Commodore O'Connell reported the annual dinner at the Seaport is reserved for April 3. The general opinion is to offer fish or beef as options. A listing of the winners of perpetual trophies will be included with the award meeting notice to encourage attendance. The possible review of new exhibits will be explored.



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Rear Commodore Geary request for trophy return has gone out. ECSA Sylvester Trophy to RC will present at annual meeting. This is awarded to the Race Committee who best manages a regatta during the year.

Secretary reported he received a letter from Patrick W. O'Neal requesting reinstatement, he was requested to resign when he purchased a power boat under the old rules. Motion duly made and approved to reinstate Mr. O'Neal.

Board requested of the Historian dates of election of honorary members.

Race Secretary passed out report to all members and are made part of these minutes.

Some corrections for the report are guests' sponsor and one seconder guest limited to seasons only.

Past Commodore Bohlen complimented the Race Secretary and others for their efforts in establishing the "special classes" as it has had an affect on participation.

Measurer Norm Rabe reported measure of ECSA is currently updating handicap ratings mostly terminology. He mentioned again the approval of 155% as the base line of measurement and that the 150's will get a small credit 1 second a mile.

Membership Bob Edmands reports six applications on the pipeline with some out for completion.

Classification is replaced by the scorer with the position not filled yet.

Protest Walter Pratt no protests.

Entertainment Sarah Porter all set with Block Island. Dropping coffee under the tent saving a few dollars. Looking for a partner to share the tent. Townsends at Greenport is ready.

John Lockwood reported to the Commodore that there shouldn't be a conflict with the Maritime Festival at Greenport this year as most of the affairs would be held on Sat pm and Sunday.

Fleet Surgeon no report.



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Long Range Planning, PC Bohlen trying to arrange winter meetings. Anyone knowing a person that would like to put together a meeting in their area let the Commodore know.

Public Relations Bill Loweth commented that communicating with the smaller publications is much more productive than the New London Day.

Treasurer informed the PR that he is getting a lot of email addresses from his request on the dues notice. He will try to transfer to Public Relations.

The Commodore nominated Past Commodore Allen Anderson, Richard Steinhilber and Robert Edmands as the 2004 Nominating Committee. Motion duly made and approved the selection.

Race Committee report by Charles Chorlton notified the board that some new race course equipment would be required.

Henry Dupont parting words were that he would be there with NorEaster this spring.

Commodore's decision of moving annual meeting was discussed. Many obstructions were pointed out and if the change did not produce additional attendances why change. A special committee headed by Past Commodore Bohlen was assigned to report.

The Commodore will ask for comments in his letter to the membership.

The Commodore read a proposed plan to recognize 30 and 50 year members.

Since there would be some cost it was hoped to keep around \$1500. It was duly moved and approved that a suitable award be presented to members reaching their 30 and 50 years as members. The Commodore is proposing to use the NorCross fund as the source of money to support this event.

Past Commodore Maxwell reported that the Fathers of Greenport and the mayor still feel we are very important event and will support us in every way.

The new dock at Greenport may not be ready in 2004 but the contract is out and expected to be completed in 2005.



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Dave Nickerson submitted a report on recommending a 720 penalty to be added to our racing rules. A copy is attached. It was the consensus of the board that it be adopted.

A final decision was left in the hands of the Race Committee and Race Secretary.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 15:52.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck
Secretary