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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD AT
THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB - NEW YORK, NEW YORK
JANUARY 13, 1955

Present:

Commodore Paul K. Rogers, Jr. ✓
Vice Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr. ✓
Rear Commodore John R. Fales ✓
Henry B. duPont ✓
Melvin D. Southworth ✓
Robert L. Hall ✓
G. W. Blunt White (Part-time) ✓
Phelps Brown ✓
A. A. Young, Jr. ✓
J. Wm. Jones, Jr. ✓

Meeting called to order by the Commodore at 1:15 P.M.

RESOLVED, that the reading of the last minutes be omitted and approved with corrections made as recommended by Vice Commodore Roderick Stephens, Jr.

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Treasurer be accepted with thanks for the usual good job.

RESOLVED, that the Club would approve the expenditure of funds for the purchase of one large "burgee" to be used by the Mystic Marine Museum and one to be used by the Club itself.

Reported by Commodore Rogers that he had agreed to the establishing of a perpetual Memorial Trophy, to be used for Class A-II, by Mrs. Millett in honor of the late Kenneth B. Millett who lost his life during hurricane "Carol".

RESOLVED, that the Resolutions made at the Board of Governors' Meetings January 14, 1954 and April 2, 1954 regarding changes in the Club Constitution, be rescinded.

RESOLVED, that the following changes in the Constitution be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting:

ARTICLE IV -

Section 1 -- The officers shall be a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Clerk, Secretary, Race Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer and Historian. The Clerk shall be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE V -

Section 6 -- It shall be the duty of the Race Secretary to prepare all race notices and to furnish to the Race Committee all information which that Committee may require for the proper conduct of our races.

Section 7 -- It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of the funds of the club and to keep a correct account of all money received and paid out in books provided for that purpose, and under the direction of the Commodore and the Board of Governors to disperse the funds. To present at the Annual Meeting, and whenever so requested by the Board of Governors, a detailed account showing the financial position of the club and file the same with vouchers with the Secretary.

Section 8 -- Same as old Section 7.

ARTICLE VI -

Section 1 -- There shall be a Board of Governors which shall meet at least twice a year and shall consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Clerk, Secretary, Race Secretary, Treasurer and three other members. The Commodore will be chairman of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VII -

Section 2 -- They shall conduct the affairs of the club and make such rules as they deem proper and fix penalties for offenses against the rules. They shall approve all appropriations of the funds of the club.

ARTICLE VIII -

Section 1 -- The Standing Committees shall be the Membership Committee, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee and Entertainment Committee. They or their chairmen shall be appointed annually by the Commodore as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 -- The Membership Committee shall consist of four members, the chairman of which will be the only member of the committee whose name shall be made public. The chairman shall have no vote. Voting members of the committee shall elect to membership in the Club such candidates as they deem desirable. Such election shall be by unanimous vote of the voting members of the Membership Committee. No rejected candidate shall be eligible to membership within six months after rejection.

Section 3 -- The Race Committee shall consist of a chairman who will appoint as many additional members to this committee as he deems advisable for the proper conduct of our races. Members of the Race Committee need not be members of the Off Soundings Club. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide suitable starting and finish lines and to supervise starts and finishes of each race. They shall determine the results of each race as promptly as possible after its completion and immediately turn such information over to the presiding officer present.

(Note omission)

Section 5 -- The Protest Committee shall consist of a chairman who will appoint as many additional members to this committee as he deems advisable for the purpose desired. All disputes or protests shall be subject to their decision which shall be final.

ARTICLE X -

Section 1 -- Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Clerk, Secretary, Race Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer, Historian and three members of the Board of Governors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the club, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE XIV -

Eliminate this Article entirely.

ARTICLE XV -

Change to Article XIV.

RESOLVED, that the schedule of events for 1955 be as follows:

Annual Meeting and Winter Party - Friday, April 1, 1955.

Spring Race - June 10 and 11, 1955.

Fall Race - September 16 and 17, 1955, subject to confirmation at next Board of Governors meeting.

Reported by the Chairman of the Membership Committee that the Club now consists of 321 members.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of regret accepting the resignation of Hovey Freeman.

RESOLVED, (1) that no additional names be added to the present Off Soundings Club mailing list unless endorsed by three members;

(2) that the Commodore appoint a special committee to study the matter of Regatta size and policy with respect to future invitations to sail in the Regattas, and a tentative report be made at the April meeting of the Board;

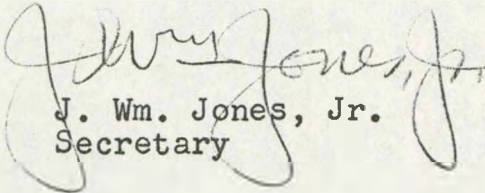
(3) that the Secretary mail a copy of the Resolution together with reasons to all members not later than February 28, 1955.

The Commodore appointed the following to the committee to study the matter of race size and future invitation policy:

Melvin D. Southworth - Chairman
Roderick Stephens, Jr.
John R. Fales
Henry B. duPont

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Wm. Jones, Jr.
Secretary