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Minutes of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club

April 6, 2002
Aboard the Good Ship Valiant
14:30 Hours

The meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held aboard the Good Ship Valiant on April 6, 2002. Commodore Maxwell presided.

The meeting was called to order at 14:30 by Commodore Wes Maxwell. The minutes of the January 18, 2002 meeting were duly moved and approved as written.

Vice Commodore John Brooks reported on the annual meetings new format of heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. The reservation appears to be a head of last year at about 149. Mr. Brooks suggested we all listen for comments regarding the new type of meeting and party. If it proves to be popular, future meetings of this type could be held at various locations that would not require a rental fee on the room. The Shipyard, the Research building and the Branford House were all suggested.

Rear Commodore O'Connell reported that the trophy's were on board and ready to be presented.

Secretary Peck reported on email correspondence from Doug Brown regarding a special award in memory of Bill Ames. Mr. Peck submitted six letters of thanks and remembrance that were that were sent to the six families of departed members during 2001-2002. These letters have been made part of the minutes.

Commodore Maxwell asked the Board to stand in honoring these members with a moment of silence; William Ames, Arthur Meyers, Walter Strang, George Turner, Eliot Porter and John Baird.

Treasurer Robert Geary presented the treasurer's report which was made part of these minutes. Mr. Geary recommended moving excess monies in checking to money market account.



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Commodore Maxwell made note of the loss of Bill Ames as Historian and is recommending Neal O'Connell as his replacement.

Race Secretary Richard Roberts reported on the guest list racing applications. The list consists of two parts. The first part guest, he has received two. The second part is the nonesuch class which has nine. Guests for last year were invited with the regular mailing race notice. Motion Duly made and approved that a nonesuch and two other guest requests be accepted.

The notice of race will go out on April 19, 2002. Dick will be away but his deputy, Bob Geary will be available in his absence.

Clerk Dick McGovern reported that he is in communication with the Secretary of State (Mass) on an annual basis. Mr. McGovern announced his resignation and introduced his prospected replacement Dave Nickerson. Commodore Maxwell thanked Dick for his many years of service as Clerk.

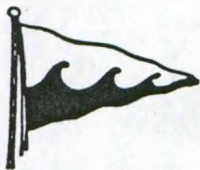
Measurer Norm Rabe reported no problem today. One new boat built by J. Lathrop.

Race Committee Chairman Chuck Charlton working on replacing Committee Boat to replace North Easter for the spring. Everything else is in place for Spring Series. He has more offers of support boats than he needs which is good.

Chuck asked if the Off Soundings could support a worthy event "The Leukemia Fund Raising Race" by allowing them to insert a flyer in the Off Soundings mailings. John Brooks pointed out that the future requests of similar worthy causes may ask for our support and that a formal vote should be made on each request each year. Motion duly made and approved to include a Leukemia ad in the mailing.

Membership Chairman Robert Edmands reported that he has 14 members in his pipeline, which is down 20 from last year. The good news is all 14 are boat owners.

Mr. Fast nothing to report.



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Entertainment Chairman Edward Dieckerhoff reported that we are pretty well set at Greenport with Scott. The tent at Block Island has always been supplied by The Oar, who proposed having us pay for the tent at Block Island but it will cost \$1500. Greenport may need small tent. Discussion of pros and cons of having a tent at Block Island. No money in the budget for the tent.

Ed recommended a large tent (\$1500) on Block Island and a small tent at Greenport. Although no vote was taken it seemed the consensus was in agreement.

Shelter Island Greenport report by John Lockwood was that we have a final meeting with Greenport officials to bring together any loose ends in late June after Block Island Race Week to assure that all information is in place for the July 5th mailing.

Commodore Maxwell reminded us of the extra attention that must be paid to this fall series because of the various locations of events such as mooring, docking, launch service and communications.

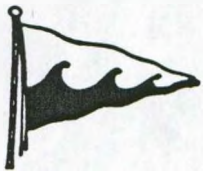
The race secretary requested the final Greenport Race information be in his hands by June 27th.

Due to Steve Purdy's absence there was no Block Island Report.

Public Relations Chairman Bill Loweth reported that email address is still there. Various comments on bringing to the boards attention that the email system will be used to a much greater degree in the future.

Past Commodore Bohlen reviewed the various sailing events that were relying heavily on email.

Chairman of the nominating committee Allen Anderson presented the recommended slate of new officers and directors.



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Secretary Peck introduced a letter from Doug Brown suggesting an award in memory of Bill Ames. After everyone commented it was agreed that Past Commodore Bohlen will reply to the letter.

There being no further business, it was duly moved and approved to adjourn at 15:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman B. Peck
Secretary