

MINUTES

of the

BOARD of GOVERNORS MEETING

of the

OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

October 25, 1975

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Off Soundings Club was held in the Morgan Suite of the Seamen's Inne at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut at 1000 on October 25, 1975. Commodore White presided. Other Governors present were:

William L. Ames  
Phelps Brown  
Peter H. Comstock  
Donald C. Davis  
John E. English  
Herbert W. Owen

Edgar L. Raymond, Jr.  
Richard H. Roberts  
Donald P. Robinson  
Thomas M. Russell, III  
Walter D. Strang  
Richard W. Woolworth

Present by invitation were:

David Z. Bailey  
H. Peter Converse

Varick D. Harrison  
Paul C. Van Dyke

The meeting was called to order by Commodore White at 1002.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Governors, April 5, 1975, were VOTED approved as circulated.

The Secretary reported the following deaths since the last meeting:

A. E. Fraser  
Walter J. Graham  
James H. Rich  
Paul K. Rodgers, Jr.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

The following resignations were VOTED accepted with regret:

Christian H. Fischbacher  
Maynard Bray  
James H. Gourd  
John S. Thomas

Henry Strauss  
Anthony Cassedy  
Richard P. Carlson

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

D. Douglas Banks, Sr.  
William Carey Crane, Jr.

John E. Dodson, Jr.  
Walter H. Scott, Jr.

On a motion made and seconded, it was VOTED that any member who has not paid his dues by the time of the closing date of the Spring Series, shall not receive any mailing from the club until his dues are paid.

It was suggested that a line be printed on the bills stating "Dues not paid by closing of first race - mailings suspended".

The Commodore noted that the "Precedent Setting Decisions" had been updated and distributed to the Board.

The Secretary's report was VOTED accepted.

Mr. Raymond, reporting for the "What are we for" Committee, said that they reaffirmed Article II of our Constitution. A discussion followed on whether to change the word "men" to "people". It was VOTED not to recommend the change at this time. Concerning guest invitations, the Board reviewed and reaffirmed the decision of the Board of Governors on March 30, 1963. The Committee also felt that the club should limit the use of electronic aids to navigation in our races because it was felt we should encourage the principles of basic navigation. They will look into this further, and try to come up with some legal way to do it.

The Commodore accepted Mr. Raymond's report with thanks.

The Clerk, Mr. Brown, had no report.

The Historian, Mr. Converse, requested information on races from 1952 to present. He also reported that he will have the historical film ready for the annual meeting.

Membership Chairman, Mr. Comstock, reported that we have taken in fourteen new members since the last meeting and our membership now stands at 613. The Board VOTED to accept Mr. Comstock's resignation as Membership Committee Chairman with sincere regret. Commodore White appointed Dudley W. Butler to be the new Chairman.

It was moved and VOTED that in the future, no Officer, Governor or Committee Chairman shall propose or second anyone for membership but shall be able to write letters of support.

Rear Commodore Davis, reporting for the Prize and Awards Committee, stated that everyone that should, got a prize.

Protest Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, reported that all protests were taken care of.

Mr. Van Dyke had no formal Public Relations Committee report, but did pass articles clipped from newspapers around for the Board to see.

The Treasurer, Mr. Strang had no written report but said that as he projected the figures, it looks like in January, we will be about \$2300 ahead of last January.

In the absence of Mr. Staub, Commodore White read the Entertainment Committee report. It cost \$1780 for liquor in the spring and \$1639 in the fall. He also pointed out that the field cost us \$300 for each series.

Mr. Bailey, reporting for the Classification Committee, stated that our philosophy of keeping "C" boats separate from "A" and "B" boats, seems to be working well. He is going to work further to develop a criteria for moving old "C" type boats into classes "A" and "B". He will continue to work closely with the Measurement Rule Committee and the Measurer.

Rear Commodore Davis reported for the "Life-line" Committee. He explained that he had three requests for exceptions last spring that were granted. The new rule that will not allow the dropping of life-lines is causing much unhappiness among our members. There was much discussion whether we should follow USYRU's category 4 requirements or not. Commodore Davis will come back to the January meeting with a well thought out proposal.

Measurement Rule Committee Chairman, Mr. Raymond, had nothing specific to report at this time. His committee will meet during the winter to figure ways of improving the rule.

The Measurer, Mr. Roberts, asked if we should set up some rules to govern the Cruising Class. The Board VOTED to limit participation in the Cruising Class to members only. Mr. Roberts will come to the January meeting with other Cruising Class rules. A long discussion on class breakdown followed. Mr. Roberts was instructed to get together with Mr. Raymond, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Russell to see if they could work out a new series of class breakdowns to be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

The Race Secretary, Mr. Russell, brought up the perennial discussion of launch service. There was some sentiment to discontinuing it altogether, but the Board that at this time we should continue to have launch service. <sup>^</sup>  
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A discussion followed on the administrative problem of keeping track of winners penalties. A motion was made to eliminate a penalty after three series whether the skipper races or not. The motion was defeated. On another motion, it was VOTED that a skipper, with a penalty, can sail that penalty off in three series, but if he does not sail, the penalty will be removed automatically after five series.

Mr. Harrison, Chairman of the Race Committee requested the Board not to have any more classes than the present eight. He felt that was enough for his committee to handle. The Commodore congratulated the committee for their handling of the races this fall. The Board was in agreement.

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After much discussion, it was VOTED 6 to 5, to go to Gardner's Bay for the Spring Series.

FOR

Messrs: Owen  
Roberts  
Russell  
Strang  
White  
Woolworth

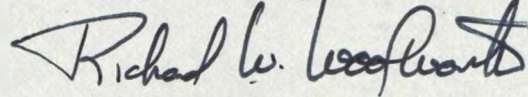
AGAINST

Messrs: Ames  
Comstock  
Davis  
English  
Raymond

It was decided to have the next Board meeting on January 9, 1976 and the Spring Series on June 11 & 12, 1976.

It was VOTED to adjourn at 1324.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Woolworth  
Secretary