



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

Spring Regional Meeting

April 24, 2021



Call to Order: President Buzz Bisanz called the Spring Regional Meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. EDT.

The Pledge of Allegiance: District 10 Director Rodney Coomber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Executive Committee: President Buzz Bisanz, President Elect Mark Vadaj, 1st Vice President Kathy Smith – excused, 2nd Vice President Marsha Landreth, Treasurer Marshall Nemoy, Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyers and Immediate Past President Sherry Barone. Auditing: SWVP Shelia Anderson, SEVP Karen Shea, NWVP Jim Martinson, NEVP Stephen Tisack - excused and NCVP/Legal Officer Steve Hyder and Recording Secretary Joyce Jackson-Coomber.

Quorum: A quorum was present.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Joel Kay, Rosalie Davis-Green and Tony Durieux.

Self-Introduction of Members and Guests: Gisele Ozeri (11), Roger Dutton (9), Rodney Coomber (10), Liz Allison (14), Mark Hansen (US Sailing Representative) (11), Marlene Barrington (Nat. Boating Fed. Representative) (1), George Iaconis (19), Larry Inguagiato (9), Tom Shideler (16) Alan Rock, Melissa Rock, Roger Robinson (15), Joe Tringali (8) and Reginald Smith (14).

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mark, 2nd by Sherry; motion carried.

Approval of the Fall Regional Meeting: Motion made by Marsha, 2nd by Sherry; Motion carried.

Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting: Motion made by Mark, 2nd by Marsha; Motion carried.

Executive Committee Reports:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy Financial Report.

Reporting period: February 27, 2021 thru March 31, 2021.

Beginning Combined Balance of Checking Account and Savings Account: \$234,643.43.

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$184,291.63.

Monthly Deposits and Additions: \$9,269.00.

Monthly Checks Paid: \$3,399.74.

End of Month Checking Account Balance: \$193,145.89.

End of the Month Savings Account Balance: \$50,352.25.

Combined Balance at end of Month of Checking Account and Savings Account: \$240,498.14

Result of Monthly activity: \$5,854.26.

Number of Paid Members: 1211 - Current as of April 21, 2021

At this time one year ago there were 1451 paid members.

Marshall stated that the deadline for getting paid members in is August 1, 2021 with transmittals to be postmarked by July 31, 2021. The actual net income as of March 31, 2021 is \$36,019.00, which is \$4,822.00 better than budgeted. So far this year no members of the Executive Committee has requested any traveling expenses or submitted any bills for reimbursement.

The number of members for each district determines how many votes each district gets at the annual meeting. Marshall issued several \$10.00 checks to members that had already paid their dues due to the reduction of the international dues. Some Blue Gavel members are having trouble getting the benefits from Lowes, Home Depot and the auto rental car dealers. It has been suggested to take the letter and membership card and explain it to them. Buzz called for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Sherry made the motion, A 2nd was made by Marsha. The motion carried.

Past President Sherry Barone – Immediate Past President Report for April 24, 2021 meeting.

As the pandemic continues this has been another unusual year, but now there are vaccines with hope to get together in the summer.

As I created the online registration for District 11 five years ago with Mary Nye Meyers, it is refreshing to know it is being expanded this year since there has not been any additional interest in the past. A working, efficient model of the online payment system in District 11 was set up by Mary Nye Meyers and Sherry Barone five years ago. I contacted Mary Nye with the idea and working with the district treasurer, we made it happen. Mary Nye Meyers coded three different platforms and three secure servers that will integrate with a live, encrypted cipher that will be utilized on a 'landing page' on the IOBG web site. District 1 and District 19 are being added to District 11's successful online billing as it has continued to grow to 70% of District 11 paying online under SWVP Sheila Anderson.

I supported President Elect Mark Vadaj at the January 2021 monthly Zoom meeting of adding an IOBG members-only Facebook account and provided additional information to help IOBG. I volunteered to look into yacht clubs using this tool. I spoke to Chandros from my yacht club (Del Rey Yacht Club) who set up our Facebook page and he stated it was pretty easy to set up but you need to have good guidelines and also an administrator that monitors the page and sets it up and allows and monitors/approves invites.

First impressions can be the difference, post a lot, engage with members, having a set of House Rules or Community Guidelines that are clearly stated will not prevent such a tirade, but will help set expectations for the consequences of this type of behavior, state the Page's Purpose. Clearly state the purpose of your Facebook Page, provide contact information, private member only page. Most important is to keep it relevant.

A number of yacht clubs have a Facebook page and the following is a small example DRYC, CYC, South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club and St Francis Yacht Club. The IOBG Facebook is up and running thanks to Mark.

I attended two fun events in February and March via Zoom with District 11 which included a cooking class with professionally trained Chef Mike Meyers with amazing dishes and a St. Patrick event with international music by singer Dennis McNeil. I am proud of District 11 forward thinking methods to increase membership with new communication tools and interesting events.

I was the chairman of the Audit Committee with committee members Mark Vadaj, President Elect and Marsha Landreth, 2nd Vice President via Zoom and audio call on March 24, 2021. All documents (financial statements, general ledger and bank statements) prepared on March 18, 2021 by the IOBG International Treasurer Marshall Nemoj were reviewed. The very detailed journal entries supported the payments made. It is clear the IOBG revenues were spent on the usual and customary expenses of the organization. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no travel was done for the 2020 Portland Spring Meeting and Ireland Summer Meetings, as well as, no travel for AVPs to districts meeting or Opening Days, saving a larger amount in travel and added to our 2020 financial profit. The audit committee agreed that financially everything is in good order.

On April 24, 2021, I plan to attend District 11 installation via Zoom of three new members - Marty Fliegel-Del Rey Yacht Club, Wendy Sarnoff-Santa Monica Windjammers Yacht Club and Charles Grant-Port Royal Yacht Club. As things continue to open, we look forward to meeting in person wherever our travels shall meet.

2nd Vice President Marsha Landreth – The pandemic has lightened in California. We are going to go 'green' on June 15th. A lot of the yacht clubs are opening. We are doing inductions in our area on the West coast. Mary Nye Meyers has been working hard at getting the forms & platform ready for District 19 to do online bill paying next year.

1st Vice President Kathy Smith – She has been excused.

President Elect Mark Vadaj – I have two points.

#1 is in regards to the Audit Committee. He thanked Sherry for doing an outstanding job of chairing the Audit Committee. He wanted everyone to know not only on the executive board and the officers but the rank and file member. Every line was opened and examined. There is not a lot of fat and waste that can be easily cut out of this. Any expenses that could be cut out would be very minimal. With that said, if we can be justified the risk would help weigh the value. Thank you again Sherry.

#2 is something that I am passionate about because I think it's very important. This question came up recently. Induction Ceremonies. I'm not picking on anybody here. I encourage officers to read our policy manual. The way I interrupt that policy is to induct if possible in person on site at the club level. In some cases chapters and districts have gone away from that and started inducting people in groups and private ceremonies. The problem with that is that everybody in that audience is already a member. You're not pulling from the future officers and you're not pulling future members to be future officers. What I conduct is a three-part ceremony.

First starting off with the Mission Statement. It can be two or three people reading this. First read the Mission Statement, Second is read the charge. The third is the oath. This creates a funnel to attract people to join the IOBG and to become officers. The question came up a week or two ago. Should we do induction ceremonies via Zoom? In the case of the pandemic, I understand. If there is any way possible to do it in person it's so much more effective. I have a 100% hit ratio of whenever I induct a person in person I almost always get another member on top of that that wasn't planned. We need to attack this one member at a time. I know we have a long way to go but it's important. P/P Joel Kay stated that that's how we expanded the chapter at Edgewater Yacht Club by inducting people in person. Some past commodores decided to be officers within the Blue Gavel. Mark stated that any opportunity to be in front of a membership is a plus for Blue Gavel.

Funerals, show case what we're about. I have been successfully recruiting new members not directly but they approached me right after the ceremony that we do. I would never sell IOBG at a funeral, we just do the memorial service and then we leave. Those people contact us right afterwards. It's a pull approach. Karen stated that they always attend a funeral in uniforms. When one of our past commodores passes away we always go in uniform. It's so professional. It's always acknowledged in silence but professional acknowledgment. Mark stated to do the induction ceremony in front of as big an audience that you can get. Opening Days, launches, regattas. Please do it in front of the membership. Those people want to be honored and respected in front of their peers.

Joe Tringali stated the more formal the better. George Iaconis asked at what rank should a person be to induct new members? Mark stated that the District President or District Director or any board member could do an induction. Buzz stated that the hierarchy of the organization then the district level.

President Buzz Bisanz – There are five areas he wants to point out.

1) The first one is we wanted to look at the expenses overall of the organization. As a general view take a look and remind ourselves where we are spending money and do a little check off.

2) We looked at the dues and when we looked at expenses we were able to look at the deduction. We were able to reduce the International dues by \$10.00 this year so we took that opportunity and made it happen.

3) We looked next at the onsite meetings that we were getting into because of the expenses. Our most costly expense comes in the area of travel to meetings. There are a lot of reasons why you want to have face-to-face meetings. We get to know each other better if we travel and have onsite meetings. Zoom meetings have really taken their place so we can do some face-to-face. We wanted to take a look at the meeting schedule and see if we can reduce our costs.

4) We looked at Facebook. We are trying to get our image out to the public. We are trying to get memberships. We are trying to attack ways of publicity for us as an organization to other qualified members. We looked at Facebook and will have a report from Mark later on in our agenda.

5) Online Dues Payments. Marsha Landreth brought this to our attention. We had done that for a couple of districts. We have a process that can be followed. We can duplicate that process without getting real complicated. It can stay at the district level and stay coordinated by us so it doesn't get out of hand. We are looking at bringing more districts as districts qualify and ask us to bring them up on online dues payments. We may add a couple of districts later in the fall.

Area Vice Presidents and Directors Reports:

Northwestern VP Jim Martinson – The Northwest region is slowly awakening from a long cold, wet winter. Coupled with the continued Covid restrictions, our member clubs continued to have online meetings, with minimal cruising opportunities. Springtime has brought improving weather and some easing of restrictions on in-person activities. There have been some clubs that have had cruises with good attendance.

I have forwarded to Districts 1 and 5 the information that we have a new social media presence with a Facebook page and invited as many as I could to participate and spread the word.

District 5 continues to be a bit of a "black hole" in that I have no response from any of the 8 dues paying members there. I sent a personal letter, with my business card to each member thanking him or her for their membership and appreciated their presence. I updated them with the discounts

available, the lower dues, and the activation of the Facebook page and encouraged them to join the group and please pass it along to those who may be interested in the Blue Gavel. As I previously stated there has been no response from them.

District 1 on the other hand is moving forward with optimism towards growth. The Spring meeting was held at Fidalgo Bay RV Resort in Anacortes, Washington on April 16-17. We had a wonderful turnout that was blessed with such good weather that all the activities were held outside. Everyone was excited that we could finally have a meeting in person after the long delay due to Covid. We welcomed and inducted two new members, Shane Amodie from Seabacks Yacht Club and Neal Duett from West Seattle Yacht Club. We also welcomed member Dean Smith who came to us from District 6's Pearl Harbor Yacht Club in Hawaii. We thank them for joining the Blue Gavel. There was great enthusiasm the whole weekend and everyone said it was one of the best Spring meetings in a long time.

A big thanks to the District 1 Board for their efforts, especially 2nd Vice President Chris Heide for his yeoman work on getting this meeting set up during a time when groups are having great difficulties with finding venues. As summer gets here and hopefully more clubs can get together, we will see some of the fruition of everyone's efforts in recruiting, retention and furthering the Good of the Order in District 1.

Mary Nye asked Jim if there were 41 people at their Spring Meeting and Jim stated that there were 45. Larry Inguagiato asked Jim about the decrease in District 5. Mary Nye stated that there was an in-depth discussion with District 5 trying to find out their reasons for the decrease. There have been other organizations in the area that have attracted District 5 members.

Marshall stated that when the District 5 version of the Humanitarian Foundation (the Nautical Boating Safety Organization) was started they went into a period of globalization. People who were in the leadership positions in District 5 have made promises to the districts that were in Western Canada and they were going to get it all straightened out. Since then the districts in Western Canada specifically Districts 2, 4 and 24 decided to heck with it. The Canadians used to come down to the Portland meeting to visit. Suddenly all of the national stuff got in the way of everything. The next thing you know Districts 2, 4 and 24 don't socialize with the districts in the United States anymore. We had an organization in England but those people have passed away and no one else has taken their place.

People at Columbia River Yacht Club are very helpful to us. Because of our relationship with them we got some discounts at an upcoming meeting in the room rate. You have to come and meet the people and decide for yourself. Sherry stated that in the Portland area where there are several yacht clubs, when she was president they tried to reach out to these clubs. The purpose of going out to the west was to work with smaller yacht clubs. Buzz stated that Jim Martinson is continuing to work on a relationship with these clubs.

Southwestern VP Shelia Anderson – Shelia thanked all of the directors and officers in the Southwest districts for attending this meeting. As we all know 2021 has started out slow due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We are still holding meetings and events on Zoom. Some districts have done some fun events during the first quarter of the year. I will not steal the thunder of their individual reports. As the country starts to open up safely, we are seeing yacht clubs doing the same, with social distancing and outside events. We are looking forward to a brighter year. I am also serving on the Membership Online Payment committee. District 19 has agreed to use the online payment system. District 11 continues to use the online very successfully. In the meantime, we are focusing on membership renewals and retention.

District 6 - They were not present. This is Hawaii. They are still on lock down. They are not doing very much in-person meetings. They are still reaching out to their members for membership.

District 10 – Rodney Coomber – Hello all IOBG representatives. Welcome to Los Angeles County, home of the 2020 Dodgers Baseball Champions. At this time we would normally be attending many yacht club Opening Days, however due to the restrictions mandated by the corona pandemic some clubs are canceling opening day celebrations or having “members only” events.

Here at district 10 we have had a Zoom meeting in January then an in-person board meeting in February at an Italian restaurant owned by an IOBG member. It was such a pleasant board meeting and environment we decided to have our March meeting there also. It was a perfect opportunity to invite the general membership and so we did. Being at the in-person meetings afforded us the ability to raffle off gift baskets that were appreciated by all in attendance. Our April meeting will also be an in-person meeting at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club. I have received a request to hold our meetings on different days in the calendar to prevent conflicts with different yacht club meetings. Our board will look into that to see if it is possible.

First Vice President Dave Speakman is a docent at the Lyon Air Museum. We are planning a day trip to the museum as well as other activities for our members.

To date we have inducted three new members and there are four more scheduled for the near future.

District 11 - Gisele Ozeri – She was not present to give a report. Shelia gave a brief report. In February we had an installation. The food was great. We had a St. Patrick's Day event with a singer. Everyone was dressed in green and drank green beer. We are planning our annual wine tasting on May 23, 2021. Shelia will be pouring the wine. Part of the proceeds will go to the Special Olympics. District 11 has a great calendar for the Fall.

District 14 – Liz Allison – District 14 now has 46 members. It is slow going with everything so shut down in Northern California. Their dues notice is going out soon. I belong to two clubs. One is closed up tight and no one is allowed in for any reason. The other one has now started to reopen for dinner outdoors but the bar is closed. Activity wise they are pretty much shut down. District 14 was able to put together a \$500.00 scholarship to an organization called “Call of the Sea”. This is for disadvantaged youth and it gives them a chance to sail on a real Tall Ship.

District 15 – Roger Robinson – The Covid restrictions have been very tight in Southern California. It has taken a toll on our events, fundraising and social gatherings. However, we have been pretty successful in holding our membership. That was done by personal contact with each of the chapters

We held our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar in January. It was the first time we had to do it on Zoom. We normally have it in person. It was very successful. We had 87 participants from 18 yacht clubs in the San Diego and Orange County area. Given the success of that we are preparing some mini-seminars to put on Zoom for specific management problems that yacht clubs have. We anticipate that we will keep those mini-seminars going even after everything opens up. We can create handout packages to send out electronically. June 15, 2021 is the magic day we are going to open up everything. There has been no in-person Opening Days in this district. We hope to reenergize activities in the following months.

District 16 – Tom Shideler – The current trend is positive. Although we are far from normal in District 16, many safely managed activities are being held. Some races have resumed. Although opening days have not yet been held in traditional manner, some are being held via video and

managed attendance. Traditional Opening Day Boat Parades are being held. Several new members have joined in spite of the challenges. As the Covid-19 situation continues to improve we expect the activity of yacht clubs in our district to rebound. Two weekends ago we went to Ventura Harbor and inducted two new members into IOBG. It was recorded on video to be included in their online Opening Day ceremony. I noticed a really drastic reduction in our membership. I checked this morning and there are actually seven more than the sixteen recorded there. We need to go back and get some of those we lost from last year.

District 19 – George Iaconis (Presenting for District Director Paul Clauson) Last year we had 143 members. This year we had 117 of those renew and we did not get new members. Since this writing we have at least four envelopes that I have received with membership in it and one new member. We have made some phone calls and talked to some people and of course they say they forgot to write a check. We are opening up the California Delta. District 19 area is starting to open up. We are 50% capacity inside dining. They expect to go more than that as we settle. June 15 we are supposed to be open totally. We hope to continue. On April 15, Pittsburgh Yacht Club and Stockton Yacht Club both held Opening Day. At Pittsburgh Yacht Club we had 85 people and about eight boats that paraded. Stockton Yacht Club had approximately the same join their event. We have not had any in-person meetings but we do have one scheduled. Our Annual Appreciation Bar-b-que picnic is scheduled for June 13 this year. It will be held at San Joaquin Yacht Club on Bethel Island. We were able to donate \$2,500.00 to the scholarship fund of PICYA.

District 21 – Leo Vortouni was not able to be present. Shelia stated for him that because of the pandemic they have not done any events. He is pushing for membership and hopefully with the reduction of the \$10.00 they will get a surge of members.

North Central VP Steve Hyder – The North Central region is very quiet. We have districts 7, 9, 23 and 25. Roger Dutton stated that things are opening up and people are launching boats. The ice is melted. The weather is looking pretty good. People are starting to get back on the water. Our membership remains steady as last year. We are over 200 members again this year. In the interest of adding value to the IOBG we had a museum tour last Sunday. The museum was Norse Maritime Museum. We went to lunch afterwards. A spring meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2021 at Point Place Boat Club. We gave a donation to the Humane Society which was selected as our charity for this year. Steve stated that districts 7, 9 and 25 are putting together an annual wine trip which will occur in Sept. They are starting to get inquiries on District 23. Hopefully we will start a couple of chapters in that area. President Elect Mark Vadaj has helped them with a lot of ideas and contacts. District 25 is locked down in Canada.

Northeastern VP Stephen Tisack - Mark Vadaj spoke for Steve. He did express his appreciation for the opportunity to bring something up. Recently the Niagara Sailing Club experienced an electrical fire which resulted in the facility burning completely to the ground. There is insurance for replacement of the structure. What is not 100% covered is the equipment, boat, sails, lines and teaching equipment. It's hard to put a value on these items. If the insurance company can't put a value on it, it's minimal. There is a Go Fund Me account. He would like to request from any other sailing organizations across the country that they accept used sailing equipment, sails, boats and teaching equipment to replace what they can't purchase at this time.

Southeastern VP Karen Shea – District 18 in the Southeast is very open with social distancing. The regattas are going forth. District 8 is having their first meeting on May 21, 2021. We have our Change of Watch scheduled for October 1-3, 2021. All of our yacht clubs are open with social distancing in Florida.

Appointed Officers

Introduction of Appointed Officers

Legal Officer Steven Hyder – No report.

Communications Director Mary Nye Meyers – The articles are due for the LOG Newsletter on May 4th. Please send electronically to her and Recording Secretary Joyce Jackson-Coomber. That way she has a copy of your article for the meeting minutes and it gets in there correctly. We are hoping to publish by the 13th if we can get everybody's in along with any pictures. Mary will take pictures of this meeting towards the end of the meeting. Mary stated to Mark regarding Facebook. From now on when she is sending out the Lighthouse at the bottom of the Lighthouse there's always a visit our website. Underneath it she is going to put "Join Us on Facebook". So now we'll have two live links together.

Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth – If you have some parliamentary procedure questions, or if you need someone present at one of the chapters give her a call and she will see what she can do.

Recording Secretary Joyce Jackson-Coomber – No report

Education Officer – Buzz has asked Joe Tringali to make a presentation. He has put together a series of 12 presentations. He has now put together and started to publish and produce 10 to 15 minute increments on different topics. Joe has been asked to share one of the sessions that he has. The topic to be shared at this meeting is "Your Club in the Law - Liability Part One."

Sergeant at Arms Larry Inguagiato – Refer to the Foundation.

Past President Liaison Officer – Joel Kay – No report.

Historian Rosalie Davis-Green – No report.

Supply Officer – Commodore Insignia.

Introduction of Committees

Audit – Sherry Barone, Mark Vadaj and Marsha Landreth. A detailed report was submitted. All of the data was sent out, very detailed. Journal entries, bank statements, and expenses were all thoroughly gone through. It was sent out on the 18th. We had a Zoom and audio call meeting on March 24th. Everything looked in order. The committee agreed that financially everything is in good order. All of the information was dispersed and Marshall should have everything to submit the taxes. Buzz stated that the executive committee has approved the Audit Committees report.

By-Laws and Policy/Procedure Manual – Mark Vadaj, Kathy Smith and Marsha Landreth. The ByLaws document search for typos and insert corrections. Mark stated that he has it documented and he needs to meet with Mary Nye.

Finance – Sherry Barone, Buzz Bisanz, Mark Vadaj, Kathy Smith, Marsha Landreth and Marshall Nemoy. We have not conducted any meetings yet. We will get together soon to start to put together the budget for the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Review – Sherry Barone, Buzz Bisanz, Marsha Landreth and Marshall Nemoy – We have not done anything at this point. We are looking at Mark to go ahead and give us more information regarding the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Elections – Mark Vadaj and Mary Nye Meyers – The coordination will be between Mark and Mary Nye. Last year there was good coordination and processes we needed to have over sight on. Mary Nye is included because of the technical side and of course Mark as President Elect.

Nominations – Buzz Bisanz, Sherry Barone and Bud Higginson, Jeanne Irwin is the West Coast Rep. There is an open position in the East coast. Mark stated the nominee for that position has been approved. It is Chris Aune from District 7.

Introduction of Representatives

Auxiliary Liaison – Marsha Landreth – Nothing at this time.

Humanitarian Foundation Liaison – Tony Durieux – Nothing at this time.

Boat US Liaison – Marshall Nemoy – Boat US is getting back into shape. They are putting out information bulletins about getting your boat ready for the season. We have renewed our membership with them and we also renewed our membership with US Sailing.

Membership – Kathy Smith – Excused absence. Buzz stated we did have an inquiry with a group but it will be brought up under Facebook by Mark.

Public Relations – Marsha Landreth – Marsha thanked Mark Vadaj for all of his work on Facebook.

National Boating Federation Liaison – Marlene Barrington – She had sad news that their Legislative Director Earl Waesche's wife, Carolyn, passed away about two weeks ago. Earl's article is coming up. There is also an article about documented vessels. They are changing to a five-year plan.

US Sailing Liaison – Mark Hanson - Back in August there was a comprehensive report on US Sailing which contained some history and structure of US Sailing. There are two pages of links because they are aware the US Sailing website isn't the easiest thing to navigate. So that document should help. I send a report seven times a year.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Liaison – Bob Brandenstein – Not present.

American Boating Club Liaison (formally US Power Squadron) - Audrey Rice – No present.

Old Business

IOBG Discounts – Buzz Bisanz – A list of discounts that were developed last year with Sherry as President. We included the sheet that describes the discounts with you & your I.D. Card.

By Laws document search for typos and insert corrections – Mark Vadaj – Previously stated. He will resend to Mark and Buzz.

New Business

IOBG Facebook Page – Mark Vadaj – Facebook is not just social media, it's a business tool. 1) It is set up to attract new members, 2) Increase our footprint, and 3) drive people to the website. Hopefully this will help increase our membership. By having an International Facebook page we are able to reach and penetrate organizations, which have failed to respond, or refuse to respond internationally. The International Association of Shriners Yacht Club is a huge organization that have many past commodores that could be inducted and drive our numbers up. In the last 28 days people reached out. 2,110 people looked at our Facebook page. At any function for IOBG, please take photos and post them on our Facebook page. International Order of the Blue Gavel.

District Online Dues Payment Process – Marsha Landreth – A big thank you to Mary Nye for making this possible. Our goal is to make this a tool to help. District 11 is up and working. We will have statistics next year to see how it is going. We would like to get the North Central on line.

Audit Committee Report – Sherry Barone – Previously reported.

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation – Larry Inguagiato – Larry thanked P/C Tringali for the generous donation of 200 sets of his books on yachting and the Registry of Yacht Clubs.

The Humanitarian Foundation, due to the Covid, was pretty much inactive. We continued our meetings but since the clubs were closed we did not receive any project requests. They are open for business. Their assets are as of April 21, \$22,336.00. We give based on the merits they donate to help fund projects at local yacht clubs.

Announcements: Mark Vadaj stated that the upcoming Annual Meeting is at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. This is the location of the ball. They need \$1,000 deposit. We don't have a set hotel yet. No fundraisers to help supplement the event at this time. Buzz stated that there is \$5,000.00 from last year that may be carried over if the Executive Committee agrees.

Adjournment: Sherry made a motion to adjourn; a second was made by Marshall. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Jackson - Coomber

Joyce Jackson-Coomber
Recording Secretary