

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION

PORTLAND, OREGON
JUNE 4, 2009

CALL to ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Rudd at 9:30 A.M. at Portland Yacht Club on June 4, 2009.

ROLL CALL of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Jerry Rudd	District 1
President-Elect	Ray Thompson	District 8
First Vice President	Vern Benson	District 19
Second Vice President	Marc Connelly - Excused	District 3
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Immediate Past President	Richard Janiszewski	District 12
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert	District 1

The Recording Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

Sergeant-At-Arms Phil Promessi gave the Pledge.

APPROVAL of AGENDA:

President Jerry Rudd distributed the agenda for this meeting and it was approved as submitted.

INTRODUCTION OF IOBG INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS:

Evertt Roberts	1991	District 5
Ira Nies	1996	District 5
Marion Hughes	2002	District 1
Carol Promessi	2007	District 19

INTRODUCTION of HOST:

Portland Yacht Club and IOBG Member Ron Timmerman welcomed everyone to the 101 year old Yacht Club.

SELF-INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES and GUESTS:

DISTRICT 1:

Mary Nye Meyers	District Director	Roxanne Parish	Member
Alan Eiffert	Member	Michael Parish	Trustee-District 1
Jim Hinckley	District President	Art Kovarnik	NWVP

DISTRICT 5:

Robert Gedde	District President	Ron Timmerman	Member
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DISTRICT 11:

Gary Green	District Director	Rosalie Davis Green	District President
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DISTRICT 14:

George Knies EYC	Int'l Legal Officer	D. Paul Buckley	Chapter President of
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DISTRICT 15:

Bill Thayer Secretary Audrey Hall	US Sailing Rep. IOBGA President	Marybeth Thayer Gary Hall	Int'l Recording Member
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DISTRICT 19:

Larry Draper John Anthony Estella McGrath	SWVP Supply Officer Member	Phil Promessi Gary McGrath Mike Billington	Sergeant At Arms District Director Member
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DISTRICT 27:

Bob Howe	USNSA & District Director
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APPROVAL of MINUTES of the WINTER REGIONAL MEETING:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the Winter Regional Meeting in San Diego on February 6, 2009. Motion passed.

APPOINT TELLER COMMITTEE- Vote Count:

President Jerry Rudd discussed the four bylaws amendments sent out to be voted on by the Districts and returned. 33 out of 35 ballots were returned. One of our strongest showings, maybe we will do it again if needed.

President Jerry Rudd appointed a Teller Committee to count the ballots.

Vern Bendsen Chairman
Bob Getty
Rosalie Green
Bob Howe

A short break was taken for the Committee to count the vote and report back.

Reconvened the meeting, Chairman 1st Vice President Vern Bendson reported on the four propositions.

Proposition 1 - Code of Ethics	Yes	45	No	9
Proposition 2 - Alternate District Director	Yes	50	No	4
Proposition 3 - Duties of Area Vice President	Yes	54	No	0

Proposition 4 - District Vote Allocations:
Vote for only one of the following options

Option A	Maintain the current formula	7
Option B	District 8's proposal: One vote for each additional 50 Members	2
Option C	Paid Members in increments of 50 or any part thereof	4
Option D	Paid Members in increments of 25 or any part thereof	41

I think this says a lot for all the changes we made, thank you all very much.

Report Submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Distributed his report and discussed the financial statement presented in this report is as of April 30, 2009 and the results of operations for the four months then ended. Treasurer Marshall Nemo also briefed everyone on the new IRS Rules for filing Form 990-N. Please feel free to contact him.

Report Submitted.

1st VICE PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Looking over the report of North Central, Northeastern and Southeastern Area Vice Presidents as well as District 50, I find a mixed bag. It's like our economy, there are some good signs and there are some not so good signs.

Our dues are 11 cents a day or 77 cents a week. Is that too high for an exclusive organization? Some Districts are putting nothing into their District, so they are getting nothing back, While the Districts that are putting something into their District, they are getting something back. You only get back what you put into something.

Report submitted.

Estella McGrath asked how do we keep the old and new members?

President Jerry Rudd answered that the Marketing Plan is very good, thanks to Marc Connelly's hard work, but we haven't implemented it as well as we should. The Plan wasn't a cure all for every District and the plan is only two years old, it takes time.

The IOBG can help if the Districts let the Area Vice Presidents know what is going on and then we can see where the help is needed.

PRESIDENT-ELECT RAY THOMPSON REPORT:

Considering the By-law changes planned "For the Good of the Order" is a program now in process.

Enlightenment of the membership regarding controversial policies speedily bringing such issues for a fair vote and then quickly implementing the results of the vote would significantly reduce internal friction.
Such a program is now in place and the first phase will be analyzed at this meeting in preparation for the Vote in October.

Report submitted.

CONVENTION 2009

The Annual meeting will be held in Orlando, FL at the Renaissance Hotel, Sea World. The Dates are October 21st thru October 24th with the price of the room \$109.00 per night with 3 days before and 3 days afterward at the same price. There will be a Winter Regional Meeting on Sunday morning October 25th. The food prices in Florida are high. There is a \$12.00 parking fee; but the Hotel will waive that charge. More information on the Annual Meeting will be in The Log and at the Summer Regional Meeting in MI.

PAST PRESIDENT RICHARD JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

The Audit and Nominating Committee reports will come later.

PRESIDENT JERRY RUDD REPORT:

Made a trip to District 8 in Florida and they have elected 2009 Officers, received their treasury back and in October will be the elections for 2010 Officers.
Thank you all who have been working hard within IOBG. We still need District Directors to send in their reports, so we all know what is going on and can be available to assist when needed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT REPORT:

No report.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS

NORTHWESTERN VICE PRESIDENT ART KOVARNIK REPORT:

The Marking Plan is working and we have added to it by having an E-Mail Alert for faster response.

Report submitted.

NORTHEASTERN VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:

District 27 Director Bob Howe speaking for NEVP Chuck Browning said District 26 will hold their 1st Annual "Thanks to a Vet Day" and District 27 will be working on the charities for "VETS ON THE BAY" and "CHILDREN OF FALLEN SOLDIERS".

Report submitted.

SOUTHWESTERN VICE PRESIDENT LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

He received reports from all his Districts. He has had meetings with both of Southern and Northern CA members. Went to Opening Days in San Francisco Bay and Southern CA and attended installation of new IOBG Members at Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael, CA. Everything can only get better.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

We have been using the Marketing Plan and it does work. District 1 Member Mike Parish discussed a caravan going to Okanagan, Canada on July, 22 with District 1 Members attending, some with Boats. This is a chance to get together with our Canadian Members.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR IRA NIES REPORT GIVEN BY ART KOVARNIK:

The importance of the Marketing Plan and how District 5 has an E-Mail Alert so there is constant communications going on.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR DE RAMSEY REPORT GIVEN BY PRESIDENT JERRY RUDD:

Reported that District 8 has a new set of Officers for 2009 and there is a lot of talk about setting up more Districts in geographical locations to be easier for members to get together.

DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR GARY GREEN REPORT:

District 11 was gearing up for a busy summer with an Appreciation Day, Wine Tasting Day and Windy-Cues (a cook-out with a guest speaker). District 11 has inducted 10 new IOBG members this year.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR SHIRLEY AHLF REPORT GIVEN BY GEORGE KNIES:

The District has been very busy this year with South Bay and San Francisco Opening Days. We have the highest membership this year with 11 new IOBG Member.

DISTRICT 15 DIRECTOR LINDA LOFTIS REPORT GIVEN BY BILL THAYER:

IOBG will share a Clambake (part of Appreciation Day) with NYCSD and CVYC on June 20th. A luncheon is planned as well as a trip with the District IOBGA Members to a Casino in October. The Change of Watch Ceremony will be held on October 3rd with a Silent Auction for the Humanitarian Foundation.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR LINDA LOFTIS REPORT GIVEN BY BILL THAYER:

District Director Linda Loftis has sent postcards to all District 51 Members about the dues and the voting measures, heard back from only 7 out of 26 Members. With the economy this understood.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR GARY McGRATH REPORT:

District Director Peter Oswald and Newsletter Editor Nancy Oswald have stepped down from their respective offices due to family's health.

We are having a problem right now losing some of our members, but we're working hard to understand why and what can be done. John Anthony will put on a Lobster feed as a District fund raiser for Verne Bendson's Campaign fund.
Next function is Wine Tasting and Barbeque on June 27th.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 27 DIRECTOR BOB HOWE REPORT:

Learning the job and a lot about the Marketing Plan from this Meeting today and raising funds for our charities is on going.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PHIL PROMESSI:

No Report.

LEGAL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

Encouraged all to read our amended bylaws and think about them and remember that as we are going through tough times, an important part of our IOBG ETHOS is to support each other, your Yacht Clubs and IOBG.

President Jerry Rudd adjourned the Meeting for lunch at 11:50 A.M.

President Jerry Rudd called the afternoon session of the IOBG Spring Regional Meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

WEBMASTERS MARY NYE MEYERS and MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

We have some decision coming up before the Executive Committee about advertising for some IOBG Members that is not an IOBG event. We might have to charge for that service. Also, we have decided not to list dates for the Chapter or District events because we weren't getting any updates and it was causing a problem. The events will still be listed. If you want to be notified by E-Mail when the LOG is available on the Website you notify Marshall or Mary.

Comments made by P/P Richard Janiszewski: We should be very careful as to determining what we consider non IOBG advertising and should not be dollar oriented, but more member friendly.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy also stated that many Districts request rosters, reports and other services from the IOC which could be handled by their District Director's office. Remember the requests are unfunded and it takes time and the employee who does this work must be paid.

LOG EDITOR-in-CHIEF MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

The Log article deadline is June 20, 2009, due to the short period between the Spring and Summer Regional meetings.

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH: Absent

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER: No Report.

SERGEANT at ARMS PHIL PROMESSI: No Report.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT U.S. JIM HINCKLEY REPORT:

Discussed BOAT U.S. history started in 1966 with 1000 members.

Report submitted.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION REPORT:

President & CEO Jim Hinckley reported that there are two applications since our Winter Regional Meeting. A project with Long Beach Singles Yacht Club and Biology students from Jordon High School on a day sailing excursion at sea. The seconded submitted by District 19 IOBGA to fund Scholarships for Girl Sea Scouts who man the "Tiki Too" a 95 foot Viet Nam era gun boat PTF-26.

Information about IOBGHF and LAP applications is on the IOBG Website. We still need to create some fundraisers to help our coffers.

Report submitted.

IOBGA LIAISON MARC CONNELLY: Excused.

IOBGHF MARK MONTOBBIO: Absent.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION DAVE KUTZ: Absent.

U.S.SAILING BILL THAYER REPORT:

Support from US Sailing members will cover tuition for young adults (age 18-30) to attend the US Sailing Race Management Seminars and Judges workshops.
Dave Perry is traveling around holding seminars on "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing".

Report submitted.

President Jerry Rudd introduced IOBGA President Audrey Hall.

IOBG AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AUDREY HALL REPORT:

Our Auxiliaries are doing what they do best having fun and fund raising for either the Humanitarian Foundation or one of their local charities.
We had a lot of question about the Humanitarian Foundation and all answered by President Jerry Rudd.
It is great to be in Portland meeting old and new friends.

Report submitted.

U.S. POWER SQUADRON BJ URSIN REPORT: Absent.

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

Always glad to inspect your Boat, the inspection is only for you. It is always good to know how safe your Boat is.

COMMITTEE:

BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VERN BENDSEN REPORT;

The committee consists of President Elect Ray Thompson, Legal Officer George Knies and P/P Carol Promessi.

Our Bylaws need work and at this meeting and forthcoming meetings we will be going thru them. The Membership voted to have Vern Bendsen read the bylaws and he read the first 3 articles.

During and after the reading, some changes are needed and all will be taken under advisement by the Committee for the Annual Meeting in October to be voted on by the Membership. Any more suggestions will be appreciated by you reading the Bylaw articles and contacting the Committee with your ideas.

The last revision of the Bylaws was October, 2007.

NOMINATING CHAIRMAN RICHARD JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

The Committee consists of President Jerry Rudd and President Elect Ray Thompson. All who are requesting an elective office please send a letter of intent to the Committee Chairman and the Committee will announce the slate of Officers at the August meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RICHARD JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

Committee consists of President Jerry Rudd and President Elect Ray Thompson.

In the opinion of the Audit Committee, the financial statements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects of the financial position of the IOBG for calendar year 2008 and the adherence to generally accepted accounting standards and principles.

Report submitted.

CONVENTION REPORT:

President Elect Ray Thompson gave out the E-Mail for the Renaissance Hotel in Florida www.renaissanceseworld.com.

SUPPLY OFFICE:

Jackie Rudd displayed two IOBG Burgees from Commodore Insignia that were different and of poor quality, strength and color. Legal Officer George Knies said each Burgee has to be under our copyright law and will send to President Jerry Rudd the order on the copy write law. The Executive Committee will look into this situation and get the problem corrected and report back at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISTRICT 8's REPORT:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy reported on what has been going on. District 8 has newly elected 2009 Officers. We gave \$1000.00 to send information packets out to all District members as to what was taking place. District 8's new Treasure Bob Pease repaid the \$1000.00.

CODE of CONDUCT – LIFE MEMBERS REPORT:

President Jerry Rudd said Proposition 1 passed and we will be working to implement it.

BY-LAWS CHANGE:

Remember any suggestions for Bylaws change let the Bylaws Committee know.

LIFE MEMBERS PAY DISTRICT DUES REPORT:

President Jerry Rudd said Proposition 2 passed and we will be working to implement it.

CLOTHING CONTACTS:

PRESIDENT Jerry Rudd said all four clothing contracts have been signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAPTER APPLICATIONS;

President Elect Ray Thompson has three Chapter requests.

Marin Yacht Club	San Rafael, CA	District 14
Lake Gregory Yacht Club	Lake Crestline, CA	District 11

Motion was made to accept the two Chapters and seconded. Motion was passed.

Eastern Yacht Club	Essex, MD	District 27
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We need more information, only two applicants were received. We will approve it when the other three applicants come in with funds.

Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

GOOD of the ORDER:

SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING:

At Saugatuck/Douglas, MI for the meeting no Blue Blazer is needed but the Blue Blazer is required for Saturday evening.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary