

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
PORTLAND, OREGON
JUNE 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

The Spring Regional Meeting was called to order by President Ray Thompson at 9:16 A.M. at Portland Yacht Club on Thursday June 10, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by Bill Thayer

INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE: Given by President Ray Thompson
The names of Members who have passed on were read by President Ray Thompson:

Lynne Twitchell Hammett
Edward Gregory
Ted Kendrick International Order of the Blue Gavel Past President - 1998

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Ray Thompson	District	8
President Elect	Vern Bendsen	District	19
1 st Vice President	Marc Connelly	District	3
2 nd Vice President	Stephen Willing	District	25
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy	District	15
Past President	Jerry Rudd	District	1
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert	District	1

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer confirmed that a quorum was present.

SELF INTRODUCTION OF IOBG PAST PRESIDENTS:

Evertt Roberts	1991	District 5
Ira Nies	1996	District 5
Marion Hughes	2002	District 1
Jerry Rudd	2009	District 1

SELF INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

DISTRICT 1: NWVP Art Kovarnik	District Director Jim Hinckley
Log Editor Mary Nye Meyers	Past NWVP Michael Parish
Member Roxanne Parish	

DISTRICT 5: District Secretary Jerry Miller
District President Ron Timmerman

PYC Past Commodore Bob Sudlow

DISTRICT 7: District Director Joel Kay

DISTRICT 8: District President Joe Dowdell

DISTRICT 11: District Director Rosalie Davis-Green

DISTRICT 14: District Director Gordon Lenworth

Past SWVP Larry Draper

DISTRICT 15: US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer
IOBG Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer
Member/Past IOBGA President Audrey Hall

Past District Director Gary Hall

DISTRICT 19: SWVP Gary McGrath
Member Linda Bendsen
Past District Director George Treez
Member Otis Brock

Member M. Estella McGrath
Member John Anthony
Member Marilyn Brock

President Ray Thompson introduced District 5 President Ron Timmerman who welcomed everyone to Portland Yacht Club for the meeting and lunch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Two financial reports for February and June were distributed.

The February financial report is as of December 31, 2009 and for the year then ended.

The June financial report is as of April 30, 2010 and the results of operations the four months then ended.

The Executive Committee has not incurred any expenses for the four months ending April 30, 2010.

A request for the Annual Meeting funds has not been submitted by the Host Committee yet.

The membership statistics are lower from last year and is being looked into for the reasons.

The LOG is lower because of no February meeting, only a reduced issue was put out called a "LOGETTE".

The International Operations Center is going smoothly. Still there is a problem of change of addresses. Also, please notify us when one of your members has passed away. It is embarrassing to send something to a member and get a note back on the passing of the member.

Debbie or I are always available to answer your questions.

Any Questions?

Report Submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2009 SUMMER and FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS:

The minutes of the Summer Regional Meeting held in Saugatuck/Douglas, MI on August 21, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The minutes of the Fall Regional Meeting held in Orlando, FL on October 25, 2009 were approved as submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING REPORT:

I attended the General Membership Meeting of Districts 9 and 25 along with North Central Vice President Tom Lyon. The bylaws changes were discussed and the votes were reported to the IOBG.

The International Executive Committee has approved of a link to the web page entitled "concerns". This is to help you get to the Executive Committee quickly and get response back www.iobg.org.

Please remember that the Government of the United States of America, Department of Homeland Security, require all persons entering the United States, whether a citizen or not, to have a passport or other suitable identification, such as a NEXUS card or an enhanced driver's license. Trying to enter the USA without the proper identification can make for a very long day.

Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

Vern, Stephen, and I have been looking at the overall membership losses and gains we are going to be working hard on this area to see what will work and how to help the Districts who need assistance to get former members back and new members in. Humanitarian Foundation is always looking for ideas to help our Clubs. I will be giving to HF President Jim Hinkley an idea from Ray Nichols Yacht Club about school scholarship courtesy of Art Theobald.

A thank you to Mary Nye Meyers for all the hard work she does on the LOG and the Website and to Vern Bendsen for his work on the bylaws changes.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Being involved with the revision of the Bylaws has been an interesting experience. Communicating the proposed bylaw changes to the membership has been frustrating as well as satisfying.

We must continue to improve on our communication skills between our Officers and members.

Our organization is beginning to become more member oriented because we are asking members to be involved. And they are beginning to respond.

Answer this question. How many of you here have looked at the IOBG Website in the pass week or two. This is something that you should have all members look at because it has a lot of information on it from the IOBG.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON REPORT:

Seven months have passed since my inauguration in Orlando. The omission of a Winter Meeting certainly left a gap in our normal schedule. Never the less, much of the planned review and up-dating of our bylaws and Policy Manual has been completed and recommended changes will be voted on at this meeting.

To operate successfully, IOBG requires strong membership support and confidence. Confidence in the fact that all IOBG Officers having been Yacht Club Commodores themselves, will support policies they strongly believe to be for the “Good of the Order”. Bylaws and Policy revisions will be presented to the Board on a continual basis. One common factor however, is TEAM WORK! Most Organizational internal success is directly proportional to the level of TEAM WORK expended.

The long term value and importance of the International Order of the Blue Gavel will be in its contributions to the Boating Community. With more confidence in our internal management, more thought and effort will be directed toward Water and Boating Activities.

Report Submitted.

AREA VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

NORTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT ART KOVARNIK REPORT:

No Report

SOUTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

It has been a busy year with my wife and I attending Change of Watch Dinner at Driftwood Yacht Club, Opening Day at San Joaquin Yacht Club and 6 Opening Days at Marina Del Rey. It was interesting to see how each Club had a similar but different ceremony.

I attended District 14 General Meeting and heard of some of the programs they are using to secure new members. Both IOBG District 14 and 19 had boats participate in the PICYA Wheelchair Regatta.

Both District 14 and 19 are having fund raising events for Vern Bendsen’s Inauguration. My wife and I attended the funeral services for International Past President Ted Kendrick. Many IOBG members attended as well as International Past President Larry Foote.

Report Submitted.

PAST PRESIDENT JERRY RUDD REPORT:

Thank you and the Board for letting me go thru the chairs.
I feel very strong that with President Elect, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President working together for a better IOBG, the future looks very bright.

NORTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT TOM LYON: Not Present.
NORTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWNING: Not Present.
SOUTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT TOM SULLIVAN: Not Present.

President Ray Thompson adjourned the meeting for a short break at 9:58A.M.

President Ray Thompson resumed the meeting at 10:15A.M.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS:

DISTRICT 14: District Director Lenworth Gordon spoke about increasing the membership and developing their fund raising effort for the Humanitarian Foundation as well as the local initiatives,

I had a joint meeting with IOBGA and discussed the bylaws changes and have sent in the ballot.

Brought a few copies of PICYA Yearbook that are put out each year, please take one or more. It contains information on each Club and could help you when you come for a visit.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 5: District Director Ira Nies thanked President Ron Timmerman for his hard work in getting 19 new members from Portland Yacht Club to join IOBG.

Our District has been down in membership but I think we are looking at a renewed interest.

DISTRICT 1: District Director Jim Hinckley wants to thank everyone for the help in the 2nd Annual Joint Spring Regional Meeting with District 5 and Marion Hughes for putting it together, I was unable to attend this year. There were 96 people attending and a special thanks to the Lady Bartender here at PYC who turned her tip jar over to Humanitarian Foundation.

.DISTICT 11: District Director Rosalie Davis-Green wants to thank Gary McGrath and George Knies for their good advice and support.

We have a slight increase in membership. Just had a Wine Tasting Party to raise funds for our Jr. Sailing Scholarship Program. Most of our events happen in the summer, always fun. Had a business meeting about the bylaws and it was a good discussion.

DISTRICT 19: Gary McGrath spoke of the District putting on a barbecue and wine tasting party for Vern Bendsen.

DISTRICT 8: District President Joe Dowdell discussed the reorganization of the District. We have a new website www.d8iobg.org thanks to Mary Nye Meyers' help in putting it together. We had 4 regional meetings, talked to Vern Bendsen about changes to our bylaws, one being 1 member 1 vote. Membership is down but like Naples Yacht Club which has been out of IOBG for two years, has come back with 19 Members. We are on the road to recovery.

Question: Would breaking up Florida in smaller districts work better? Answer: It is always being looked at but not feasible at this time.

DISTRICT 19: Southwestern Vice President Gary McGrath spoke about Ebony Yacht Club with IOBG Members Marilyn and Otis Brock having a Wine Festival.

DISTRICT 7: District Director Joel Kay discussed the very busy schedule this past spring between Cleveland and Columbus with events in which both IOBG and IOBGA participated.

We had an Executive Meeting to discuss the new bylaws, voted on them and encouraged members to access the IOBG website.

With summer coming we are looking forward to getting new members.

Member David Friedman passed away, I attended the Memorial Service.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 51: 2nd Vice President Stephen Willing reported for District Director Walt Kadyk, the District has 10 members; they did not lose any members nor gain any. He is sending out E-Mails and letters to all present and passed members.

District 51 did vote on the bylaws issue.

DISTRICT 25: 2nd Vice President Stephen Willing discussed the membership going from 75 members to 103 this year. E-Mails and letters were sent out to new and former IOBG members.

Report Submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

LOG EDITOR & WEBMASTER: Mary Nye Meyers discussed how many people have used the Website.

The Deadline for the next LOG will be Saturday, June 26th.

The last LOG which I called the "LOGETTE" was very small, I did not explain about why it was a short version, it won't happen again.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marybeth Thayer asked that all who gave a report today, will turn them in or E-Mail them to her.

IOBG AUXILIARY REPORT: Stephen Willing discussed their Membership cards and the President of IOBGA will be here to talk to our membership.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Mary Eiffert: No Report.

BOAT U.S: Representative Jim Hinckley discussed the BOAT U.S. website and their Foundation, have a look at it.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION: President & CEO Jim Hinckley discussed some problems for the Foundation. One is most members do not fully understand what the Humanitarian Foundation really does. The HF Committee decided to product an Educational Video that we can pass out to every member. We have not had a great response on getting enough information on what we do for the different Districts, still working on it.

A lawsuit arose and IOBG Legal Officer George Knies took care of that. We then found we needed an Insurance Policy for our Officers on the Board. We are still working to get the video out to everyone.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY: Representatives Larry Draper reported that their local Flotilla was asked to teach a safe boating class to a group of Sea Cadets. Testing was done on line. The class ranged from the ages of 8 to 17. It was interesting for us who have been used to teaching adults. Those who pass the test received a certificate from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways.
Report Submitted.

U.S. POWER SQUADRON: Marion Hughes discussed that the State of Washington has passed a law to run a boat you need a certificate of boating. U.S. Power Squadron and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offer classes and District 1 is working to support the classes.

US SAILING: Representative Bill Thayer discussed that US Sailing strengthened support of college sailing by creating a new four year membership designed specifically for the college sailor, and it's partnering with the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) to create a new college website (icsa-collegesailing.org).
US Sailing's interview with BMW ORACE Racing Team Tactician John Kostecki was quite enlightening on both the America's Cup and Offshore Racing. It can be picked up on the website in the archives, May 5th newsletter.
Report Submitted.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT: Chairman Jerry Rudd met with committee members Vern Bendsen and Marc Connelly.
The buzz word going around is that the budget lacks transparency. The budget can be requested from Treasurer Marshall Nemoy showing every dollar that comes in, where every dollar goes, the check number, and for what purpose. If it was any more transparent you could not see it.

BYLAWS & POLICY MANUEL: Chairman Vern Bendsen will wait to report on the Bylaws until the vote is counted. The Policy Manuel changes will be out by the end of the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING, 2010: President Elect Vern Bendsen passed out information on the event schedule for the Annual Meeting and explained what will be going on. There will be no charge for the Boat ride, only a \$10.00 charge for lunch per person that will go on the ride on Friday. If you coming by plane, fly in to Oakland, there is a van that will take you straight to the Hotel Executive Inn & Suites and back to the Airport. John Anthony is in charge of Transportation and Linda Bendsen is the Treasurer for the Annual Meeting. Winter Uniform is the proper dress. There will be transportation to the Encinal Yacht Club.

The trip on Thursday is lunch and tour on the Carrier USS Hornet.

We are looking forward to you coming and having a good time. This is first time the Annual Dinner Dance will be held at a Yacht Club.

Report Submitted.

President Elect Vern Bendsen discussed the Opening Day in their area where 100 Boats participation in the Boat parade and awards were given out, Otis and Marilyn Brock were awarded Over All the Best Decorated Boat in the Parade for 2010.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW: Chairman Jerry Rudd said it was a nice job.

NOMINATING: Chairman Jerry Rudd with Committee Members Ray Thompson and Marc Connelly held a meeting and he invited President Elect and 2nd Vice President to join the discussion, because their input is needed as they have to work with AVPs and District Directors too. They discussed the people who are coming up and what they can do and what qualifications are needed for each position.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: President Ray Thompson awarded a plaque of Appreciation to Portland Yacht Club's Ron Timmerman.

IOBG AUXILIARY: President Lucy Anthony spoke of being very proud to be a part of this wonderful organization. IOBG Auxiliary has dedicated this year to assist, to help in any way that we can to getting our numbers up. I'm very enthusiastic about IOBG and IOBGA so we can continue on. Thank You!

Looking forward to you all coming to the Annual Meeting, it will be a great party.

President Ray Thompson adjourned the meeting for the counting of the ballots for the bylaws changes and Lunch at 11:18A.M.

President Ray Thompson resumed the IOBG Spring Meeting at Portland Yacht Club at 1:08P.M.

President Ray Thompson called on Treasurer Marshall Nemoy who was in charge of the votes counted on each proposition sent out to each District, based on the number of paid membership as of April 15, 2010.

Chairman Marshall Nemoy introduced his committee Joe Kay, Joe Dowdell, Ron Timmerman, and Mike Parish who did the vote counting of the propositions.

The Propositions were:

1. Member Relocation to Another Chapter or District
2. Remove the 75 Member Requirement
3. Remove Prohibition of Fraternal or Condominium
4. Formation of District – 50 Member Criteria
5. Nomination to Area President or Higher
6. Publishing the IOBG Budget
7. Delete Proxy Restriction
8. Regional Meeting Scheduling
9. Election of Districts 50 and 51 Directors and Filling of Vacancies
10. Relocation of Executive Committee Duties
11. Nominating Committee Structure
12. Nominations From the Floor
13. Finance Committee

Every proposition was passed. Thank you, Vern Bendsen for your work on the Bylaws changes.

Report Submitted.

President Ray Thompson thanked everyone and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary