

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION

BALTIMORE, MD
AUGUST 20, 2010

The Summer Regional Meeting was called to order by President Ray Thompson at 9:00 A.M. at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel & Resort's Potomac Conference Room on August 20, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Given by P/C Bill Thayer

INVOCATION – Moment of Silence: Given by President Ray Thompson.

The names of members who have passed were:

David Fredman, Al Koran Yacht Club
David Brown, Seaway Boat Club

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

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer confirmed that a quorum was present.

SELF INTRODUCTION OF IOBG PAST PRESIDENTS PRESENT:

Louis Key	2000	District 7
Jerry Rudd	2009	District 1

SELF INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

District 7: District Director Joel Kay District President Elect Tony Durieux

District 8: District President Joe Dowdell

District 14: District Director Lenworth Gordon

District 15: Past Director Gary Hall US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer
Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

District 16: Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth

District 19: District President Herman Meyer Treasurer/Supply Officer John Anthony
Member Linda Bendsen

District 26: District Director Ernie Odierna Treasurer Hal Salyer

District 27: NEVP Chuck Browning District Director Robert Howe
District President Jack Fitzgerald District Secretary Dennis Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPRING REGIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2010:

The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

The financial statements in this report are as of July 31, 2010 and the results of operations for the seven months then ended. Except for the balance sheet, the financial statements are presented in the budget comparison format. The results of operations for the organization and its five operational activities will be discussed in this report.

The Board of Directors adopted a budget that eliminated the February regional meeting as the one that accomplished the least business of all the regional meetings during the year. The action of the Board of Directors has resulted in a much stronger financial position in spite of a lower than expected membership. Report Submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING REPORT:

Since the Portland meeting, Canada local activities have been very successful, due to an increase in participation. While our attendance is up, some of our friends from across the border have not been attending. The United States Government's requirement to re-enter the U.S., may be time consuming and costly, but the rewards of maintaining long term friendships are worth the effort.

I attended the Inter Lakes Yachting Association's 125th annual regatta. This tradition between ILYC and IOBG has been going on for many years and is another benefit of membership for Past Commodores and their clubs. Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

With an eye toward the future I would like to address three items.

Membership: We must not only retain our membership base but focus on recruiting new members.

Benefits: Our first benefit is The Humanitarian Foundation. It should be our primary effort to provide tangible benefits to our members.

I am sure that amongst us we could easily identify items that could provide additional value to each IOBG member.

Communication: The LOG provides a perfect venue to communicate with our member.

Each of us writes a periodic article covering an array of items close to our districts and regions. Articles on how and why of what we do could be the basis of additional communication.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT- ELECT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Congratulation to our Host District 27, you said to have fun and we are, thank you Summer is in full swing and that makes communications very slow.

Since changes in our Bylaws passed by an overwhelming margin, I have been working on the Policy and Procedures Manual to incorporate the changes and explain how they will work.

The Blue Gavel officers at all levels will be spending more time working on their responsibilities because they will have to be in touch with their members more than just at meetings.

No member should show up at a meeting and not know what to expect. Besides an agenda, there should be something written to let the members know what issues are coming, what activities might be a possibility.

So let the password be Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON REPORT:

Our recent membership vote of approval of a number of revised and/or rewritten By-laws should enhance our opportunity to become more deeply involved in the many issues facing the boating community.

I have received calls concerning the condemnations and pollutions in Puget Sound and the Gulf of Mexico. I'm interested in having a committee with the Coast Guard and Power Squadron putting all of their information together and have an article in the LOG each time about what is going on in our Waterway. With more knowledge it will help us all understand what is facing our Boating community.

To live up to our Mission Statement we should make an effort, to the best of our ability to alert members to these issues.

Report Submitted.

PAST PRESIDENT JERRY RUDD:

Expanding on what President Ray Thompson just said, in Puget Sound there is a group called Puget Sound Alliance that is looking into how much copper is going into the sea. Their standards exceed the State or Federal standards. The National Boating Federation is working on this and this is something we should all be aware of in our Boating Communities.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS:

NORTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT ART KOVARNIK REPORT: Given by Second Vice President Stephen Willing

District 1 is gearing up for the change of watch Sept.2th-26th in Gig Harbor, WA.

District 5 is working hard on membership, going from 27 members to 54 members and they are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in October. The Rose Festival was outstanding and a thank you to District 5 for hosting it.

Report Submitted.

SOUTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT GARY MCGRATH REPORT: Given by Second Vice President Stephen Willing

Overall the Southwestern Area has been doing well, although some Districts are quieter than other.

District 10 had a Wine Tasting fundraiser and raised funds for the Humanitarian Foundation.

District 11 is still doing their Windyques get together.

The sad news is their longtime Treasurer Lynn Hammet died this summer.

District 14 will be hosting a Wine Tasting Brunch fund raiser for Vern Bendsen's inauguration on Sept. 19th.

District 19 has hosted two fund raisers for Vern one hosted by Heman Meyer and one by John Anthony.

District 21 has submitted a new chapter Orange Coast College Yacht Club for approval.

Report Submitted.

NORTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT TOM LYON REPORT: Absent. No Report.

NORTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWING REPORT:

Welcome to District 27. I would like to thank District 27 for their hard work planning and carrying out the various events that all of us will enjoy. We have many Yachts Clubs on the Bay that we hope you will get a chance to visit, if not, you must stay longer on your next trip.

District 27 has maintained our paid membership of the past and working hard to recruiting new members. District Officers have attended "Opening ceremonies", "Commissioning ceremonies", fundraising events, and other related activities to promote IOBG.
Report Submitted.

NEVP Chuck Browning introduced District 27 President Jack Fitzgerald to discuss the Schedule, where to get the bus, what to wear, and what will be happening at each Club.

SOUTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT TOM SULLIVAN REPORT: Given by First Vice President Marc Connelly.

A strong District 8 leadership is in place. I feel it would be in the best interest of District 8 to freeze all leadership positions for two terms—this would provide strength for continuity if and when the District is split.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR JOEL KAY REPORT:

District 7 has had a busy schedule this year, actively engaging in chapters' annual events and as well as attempting to re-open closed chapters. Successfully reopening the Aladdin Mariners Chapter in Southern Ohio gained 2 new members.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR A. LEE CLIFFORD REPORT: Given by District President Joe Dowdell.

This report is my "swan song" retiring as an Officer of District 8 (2nd time). I am not retiring from District 8, just going to enjoy the District as a member. Those who left our District, I predict that they will be back, so print a few more applications.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR LENWORTH GORDON REPORT:

We are having a Wine Tasting event on Sept. 19th as a fund-raiser for Vern Bendsen's inauguration. This year we have been focused on the reason to enjoy Boating, this has helped us increase our membership and bring new members and old members back into the District. The "Summer Sailstice" event promoted by "Latitude 38" a major publication within the yachting community worldwide at Treasure Island Yacht Club. This event is supported significantly by the IOBG Members which will bring IOBG more recognition.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 26 DIRECTOR ERNIE ODIERNA REPORT:

District 26 has been focusing on our upcoming "Thank-A-Vet" day coming up on Sept. 26th.

We've been holding our IOBG monthly meetings, rotating among the Clubs with restaurants in our Districts which help their operations.
Rye Playland, Westchester County, NY put in 30 free moorings along with launch service, free to any and all boaters. IOBG District 26 has been working for this to happen for a long time.
The Auxiliary has been successfully raising funds for a local food pantry and a scholarship as well as providing equipment for the Clubs.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT RUSSELL C. SKITCH REPORT: Given by SECOND VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING

District 25 Director Warren Boerner has been taken ill and District President Russell Skitch has taken over the position for the year.
We're very busy attending all the functions in the area. The District has a yearly raffle for the Humanitarian Foundation which always does well.

DISTRICT 27 DIRECTOR ROBERT HOWE:

District 27 continued its support for the "Vets on the Bay" project for Wounded Warriors and their families. We teamed with a local American Legion Post to host 100+"Vets" and family members on the USCG Cutter Rankin to view the Blue Angels perform.
We hosted a Golf Tournament at Ft Mead MD to raise funds for future events and at the same time hosted 12 veterans to play.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 15: Given by P/C Bill Thayer

The IOBG District President Eileen Van Winkle held a Food and Wine tasting and had an expert give the group tips on the Wines presented.
She held a raffle to benefit RBOC (Recreational Boaters of CA) with the prize of two Chargers Football tickets.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR WALT KADYK REPORT: Given by P/C Bill Thayer

I'm working on the growth and have found some interest by Past Commodores who will increase our membership or look at starting a new District where possible. Some didn't realize that there was some IOBG Members in their own Club. Amazing how things work when we communicate. Hope to see you all in October.
Report Submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT PHIL PROMESSI: Absent - No Report.

HISTORIAN ART THEOBALD: Absent – No Report.

LEGAL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES: Absent – No Report.

LOG EDITOR MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT: Given by Past President Jerry Rudd

Deadline for the LOG is Sept. 3rd.

POTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH: No Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER: No Report.

REPRESENTATIVES:

AUXILIARY LIAISON SECOND VICE PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING: No Report.

BOAT U.S. JAMES HINCKLEY: Absent. No Report.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION REPORT: Given by Past President Jerry Rudd.

I have the IOBGHF Financial report, IOBGHF pamphlets and IOBGHF envelopes to send contributions in. President Jim Hinckley will be writing an article in the LOG stating Marion Hughes, Art Theobald, Carol Promessi (just temporarily) and himself are stepping down at the end of their term. Also, looking for a Legal Advisor, George Knies has been approached on this subject. If anyone is interested please write a letter to IOBGHF President Jim Hinckley. There is one (1) grant pending right now, waiting for an answer.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION DAVID KUTZ: Absent. No Report.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LARRY DRAPER: Absent. No Report.

U.S. POWER SQUADRON B. J. URSIN: Absent. No Report.

US SAILING BILL THAYER REPORT:

US Sailing launched the new Animated Handy Guide to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 with audio.

US Sailing and Boat US teamed up on oil spill resources in the gulf for affected yacht clubs.

The subject of Insurance has been brought up by our Legal Officer, George Knies on the subject of entertainment, alcohol and other individual liabilities. US Sailing's Burgee Program is the only policy that is total coverage from the regatta to the club house under one title. So says US Sailing.

MEMBER LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS MARC CONNELLY: No Report.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT REPORT: Given by Past President Jerry Rudd.

The audit is fine. You can get all the information from Marshall Nemoj at any time. Transparency is in place. You can find out when the dollar comes in and where every dollar goes.

IOBG AUXILIARY PRESIDENT LUCY ANTHONY REPORT:

We are having a very good meeting upstairs and fun, hope you are to.

We are discussing how to keep our membership interested in having fun and raising funds for Humanitarian Foundation. We have had a lot of ideas.

A lot more education and communication is needed on the Humanitarian Foundation.

I plan to write an article for the LOG to discuss the Humanitarian Foundation.

BY-LAWS & POLICY MANUAL REPORT: Given by President-Elect Vern Bendsen.

Hopefully by the Annual Meeting I will have the Policy and Procedures Manual revise.

First: The Nomination Committee for this year will be the same, but starting in 2011 it will change to President, the two Immediate Past Presidents and two members not holding office, just members of IOBG, one from East of the Mississippi and one from West of the Mississippi.

The recommendation will start with our AVPs talking to District Directors and their Chapter Officers to select two people from the East and West to be on the Nominating Committee.

Second: District 50 and District 51 Directors will be nominated by their AVPs, District Directors, and Chapters, one each from east and west of the Mississippi.

This should bring every member of IOBG more knowledge of what is going on and make communicating with each other better. Buzz word: More members oriented.

All the nominations will be given to the Nominating Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING, 2010 REPORT: Given by President-Elect Vern Bendsen.

Everything is ready. Passed out the schedule and pamphlets to everyone and talked a little bit about what will be taking place. Any further information you can contact the treasurer for the events, Linda Bendsen. John Anthony is in charge of the transportation.

ELECTIONS REPORT: Given by First Vice President Marc Connelly.

October is the election. If you have an interest in an elected office we would be interested in hearing from you.

Remember this year you can still nominate from the floor, but not in 2011. Starting in 2011 it will be in the Bylaws and Procedures Manual how the election will work. This is one way to help Officers attending the Annual Meeting how to vote because their Membership will know all the names for the positions and had discussed it with their representative on how to vote.

NOMINATING REPORT: Given by Past President Jerry Rudd.

I need to talk to the Nominating Committee at lunch, so no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Ray Thompson called on President-Elect Vern Bendsen to discuss the By-Laws Changes.

This was the second mail ballot we had and it showed more District involvement with them having District meetings to discuss what's on the ballots, a better response than at the Annual Meetings. The By-Laws changes all passed overwhelmingly.

CLOTHING VOLUME REQUIREMENTS:

President Ray Thompson said there are still questions on the Clothing requirements, we are working hard to get all the answers and if you have any questions on the subject or comments let the Executive Committee know. Further discussion tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new Chapter Applications at this time.

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE:

President-Elect Vern Bendsen announced three meetings next year.

June – Portland, OR
August – Florida or Texas
October – Buffalo, NY

2011 BUDGET:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy talked about the financial problems we are running into. One of the main expenses is the printing of the LOG. Had a look into a business that is called E-Mail Marketing, it would send notices when our LOG is ready and could send out other information on what is going on in all areas to all our members if needed. The cost is based on how many members we have, for us it would be \$360.00 a year or \$30.00 a month. This would balance the IOBG budget for 2011 which includes the E-Mail Marketing program.

This will be looked into further and could be ready the first of the year.

There was agreement to the idea and they claim they do not sell our information.

President Ray Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary