

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
PORTLAND YACHT CLUB, PORTLAND, OREGON
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

District 5 Director Bill McKinney welcomed everyone to Portland Yacht Club and the warm weather.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Browning at 10:00 A.M. at the Portland Yacht Club, Portland, Oregon on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

President Chuck Browning welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence to honor the men, women and children who lost their lives or were injured during the explosion at the Boston Marathon and the Texas Fertilizer Plant.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Elect Gary McGrath.

ROLL CALL of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Chuck Browning	District 27
President Elect Gary McGrath	District 19
First Vice President Joel Kay	District 7
Second Vice President Joe Dowdell	District 8
Treasurer Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Past President Stephen Willing	District 25
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert	District 1

Mr. President there is a quorum confirmed by Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer.

Self-Introduction of Past Presidents, attendees and guests:

DISTRICT 1:

Int'l Past Pres. Marion Hughes (2002) NWVP Mary Nye Meyers Dist. Pres. Andre Gano Dist. 1st VP
Lani Lightle Past Dist. Pres. Jim Hinckley Member Jim Martinson Member Jackie Evans Rudd
Guest Al Eiffert

DISTRICT 5:

Int'l Past Pres. Ira Nies (1996) Dist. Director Bill McKinney Alt. Dist. Dir. Ron Timmerman Dist. Vice
Pres. Deborah Westfall

DISTRICT 11:

SWVP Rosalie Davis Green Dist. Pres, Sherry Barone

DISTRICT 14:

District Director Mike Billington Past SWVP Larry Draper Member Linda Bendsen

DISTRICT 15:

US Sailing Rep. / IOBGHF COB Bill Thayer Dist. Director Michelle Wold

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRICT 19:

Int'l Past Pres. Vern Bendsen Dist. Pres. John Anthony Dist. VP Estella McGrath
Dist. Treas. Roger Beebe Dist. Supply Officer Lucy Anthony

APPROVAL OF WINTER REGIONAL MINUTES – February 9, 2013, Venice Florida

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from February 9, 2013. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

The financial statements presented in this report are as of April 30, 2013 and for the four months then ended. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. IOBG is organized into five operating activities. They are: the International Operations Center (IOC), the Executive Committee, the Annual Meeting, Area Vice Presidents and The Blue Gavel Log/Lighthouse publications. The financial results for each activity are discussed in this report.

Processing Dues Payments: We must have the following to efficiently process the membership card:

1. Full name and address including the zip code.
2. Spouse name
3. Telephone number(s)
4. Email address. This is important for the delivery of the Blue Gavel Log and the Lighthouse.
5. Chapter name – not the initials

Dual Memberships in Two Districts or Chapters: There is a lot of misunderstanding on this issue:

1. A member may belong to more than one district. However the member must designate which district will be their primary district, the one where their membership counts towards the allocation of votes at the Annual Meeting.
2. The member must pay district dues to each district if the district charges district dues.
3. The member only pays international dues to their primary district.
4. A member may belong to more than one chapter within a district.
5. The member must pay chapter dues, if any, to each chapter.
6. The member's primary district and chapter name will appear on their membership card.

Membership Card Picture Contest: The IOC is soliciting photos that may be used as a background for the 2014 membership card. Here are the specifications for the photos submitted:

1. The photo must be in JPEG (.jpg) format.
2. 5 mega pixels or higher.
3. Can be of a powerboat or sailboat but the boat should not be the whole picture.
4. Must contain area where the necessary membership date can be printed clearly.
Refer to the 2013 membership card
5. Scenes that have dramatic sky or water work well.

We will evaluate all entries from the standpoint of suitability for a membership card. The executive committee will act as judges. The member whose photo is selected will be awarded a free 2014 membership. DEADLINE by OCTOBER 1, 2013.

At our February meeting we discussed the damage done by Hurricane Sandy to yacht clubs in District 12 a request from P/C Vince Core and the need for assistance. In our discussion which we are calling Disaster Relief Fund we centered on two (2) points: (1) we did not want to set an example of waiving dues because of a disaster and (2) some plan for assistance should be formulated. What follows is a discussion of some facets of a disaster relief fund and impact on the 2013 and 2014 budgets.

If a disaster relief fund is established it should be administered as follows:

1. An amount should be made a part of the annual budget. This amount would appear as part of the Equity section of the Balance Sheet so the funds would appear as part of the Equity section of the Balance Sheets so the funds available are easily recognized.
2. Amounts awarded can not exceed the balance available in the fund.
3. It is recommended that amount awarded to a districts can not exceed the average of the dues collected from the districts for the current year and two preceding years, rounded up to the nearest \$100.00.
4. A district requesting relief must have current paid members in the year of the request. As of this date, District 12 has not paid any dues for 2013.

Please let us know what you think?

We thank all the district treasurers for their assistance during the current "dues season". The IOC exists to serve the membership and we stand ready to answer your questions. Feel free to call us on the toll free number. Have a great boating season.

Report Submitted.

Second Vice President Joe Dowdell Report:

Our Membership Members numbers over the last five (5) years has declined. In 2007 a Marketing Program was written by P/C Marc Connelly and still should be used today.

One of the most important parts of the plan is each District Director must commit to recruiting one new chapter and also commit to rejuvenate one dormant or weak chapter per year. This is a 12 month assignment.

Each Area Vice President must contact all the District Directors in their area and see how they are doing with their goal – new chapter recruited and one weak chapter energized – for that 12 month period.

Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOEL KAY REPORT:

I anticipate a very lively discussion about the current issue of the revision of the Humanitarian Foundation by-laws.

Nancy and I attended an IOBG event at the Great Lakes Steel Club with a good turn out by IOBG members.

At the Edgewater Yacht Club I had the honor of administering the IOBG Oath of Membership to the 2012 Commodore.

We attended a District 7 event aboard the boat Nautica Queen with a cruise around Cleveland Harbor.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

Arrangements for the upcoming Annual Meeting are moving along smoothly. I have been working with Mary Nye Meyers on setting up the online registration forms; also, we have mail in registration copies available here today and they will be available in the Lighthouse and the Log by the end of June.

I will ask now for Webmaster and LOG Editor Mary Nye Meyers to come up and explained how the online registration works and the security that is in place.

Webmaster Mary Nye Meyers explained the online registration. It is the first time ever for IOBG to use online registration; it is very quick and easy. Security is very safe. You will receive a copy of everything you have signed up. This information will come to me and to President Elect Gary McGrath (this will help keep track for the planners). You will still have to sign up for the Hotel yourself.

Thank you Mary.

Question was asked if there is a code to use for online registration. No just use the email code that will be on the Email for the events on the online form by the end of June.

We will be going to two different Yacht Clubs and taking a Delta Boat Cruise, it will be an interesting three days.

I give a presentation about uniform wear, flag customs, and visiting yacht club etiquette to my Club and I was asked to give my presentation to one of the oldest yacht clubs in the Bay area. There is a need for this type of Seminar for IOBG and we should explore it further.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

I would like to thank Bill McKinney, Shirley Ridley and members of Portland Yacht Club for hosting our Spring Regional meeting again this year. They always show us a great time.

I have attended a few Retreat ceremonies at different yacht clubs. It seems that each Retreat ceremony is a little different. Other yacht clubs wish to start having a Retreat Ceremony but they don't know the procedure. I have put the procedure together with the proper calls, Retreat and To the Colors. I have brought copies of the procedure if you want one. I also have the bugle calls (Retreat, To the Colors and the Procedure) copied on a jump drive.

Report Submitted.

PAST PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING REPORT: No report at this time.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS and DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

NORTHWESTERN VICE PRESIDENT MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

The idea of doing the application, directory and of course the newsletter electronically without all the paper really works well, so I started it in District 1. District 5 is already doing it. This has turned out very well for our District, getting more members. Paper is still needed, phone calls are still needed, the personal reach out and touch is still needed. By doing it electronically saves a great deal of money.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR BILL MCKINNEY REPORT:

District 5 is moving forward in 2013 continuing to hold board meetings and plans events. In April we had our annual cruise to Hadley Land working with the Oregon State Park help keep this cruising destination clean and maintained for the boating community as well as the local residents. District 5 is definitely giving back to the community.

In May IOBG District 5 Officers attended the Columbia River Yachting Association's opening-day ceremonies. Our major event now is hosting you all at IOBG Spring Regional Meeting.

Report Submitted.

SOUTHWESTERN VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

In our area we are having difficulty with membership recruitment and membership retention. We have an older membership not to resist the electronic age and show our younger membership we are current and professional.

I have been to many Opening Days up and down the coast of California particularly to American Legion Yacht Club Opening Day where IOBGHF Chairman Bill Thayer presented a check to Commodore Floyd Stanford and District 21 Director Leo Vortuni to assist in their youth program.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR LaVon PLUMLEE: Given by SWVP Rosalie Davis Green

Would like to report we have inducted seven new Past Commodores to District 10 at the Opening Day ceremonies and encouraging them to become active members. We have enlisted our Ombudsman Diane Aperio to assist us in this task in addition to our board members.

Our members meet monthly at member yacht clubs and at special events. This year IOBGA is planning to host a fashion show. We also host monthly board dinner meeting. Our events continue to be supportive of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation, the Long Beach Charity Regatta and Pathers at Sea.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR MIKE BILLINGTON REPORT:

Our District 14 has made great strides over the past year. Our membership is up and there is a lot of excitement with out new members. Together with District 19 we supported a fundraiser for President Elect Gary McGrath.

Many members gathered to go on the committee boat for Opening Day on the Bay put on by the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association with photos taken by Bill Wells, preeminent writer for the Bay & Delta Yachtsman magazine with great pictures of the conclave from District 14.

District 14 joined District 19 for a cruise on Rio Vista.

District 14 has an enthusiastic committee lined up for 2014, so I know things will continue to improve for us.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 16 DIRECTOR NANCY ROWE REPORT: Given by SWVP Rosalie Davis Green

District 16 was off to a good start with a brunch for the Change of Watch.

Opening Day for clubs in the Channel Islands Harbor and Ventura Harbor was a celebration with good weather and food and the renewed of friendships.

In May we renewed our commitment to the Maritime Museum and learning what we can do at recent new location.

In June we will have our Annual BBQ and looking forward to the coming months.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR JOAN MARSH REPORT: Given by District 19 Vice President Estella McGrath

New and interesting activities have become monthly events for District 19. In April we held a fundraiser and dinner to benefit President Elect Gary McGrath's convention.

In May, a barbecue at the Delta Marina Yacht Marina, along with long time member P/C Marguerite Lawry flew up from San Diego for the Occasion.

In July, a Seafood Boil at Pittsburg Yacht Club to continue the support for Gary McGrath and the Convention.

In August, we hope to have our annual barbecue hosted by IOBG Legal Officer Herman Meyer and District 19 Auxiliary President Sue Meyer. At this time Herman Meyer is not feeling well, so we ask all to keep him in your thoughts.

This year is speeding toward October when we will welcome IOBG members from all over.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 21 DIRECTOR LEO VORTOUNI REPORT: Given by Southwestern Vice President Rosalie Davis Green

District 21 is pleased to receive a grant from the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation to help American Legion Yacht Club purchase new boats for their Jr. Sailing Program. The grant check was presented at the American Legion Yacht Club Opening Day.

On June 1st District 21 hosted a Southwestern Area Vice President's round table on communication and membership.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT SHERRY BARONE REPORT:

In March we held out membership appreciation lunch and in March two (2) Windy Q's with guest Speaker Vivian Callahan speaking about Hong Kong to Puckett. IOBG District 11 participation starts in May, Del Ray Yacht Club Sundown, Friday Night Sailing Series ending in September.

We provided to Del Ray Yacht Club sailing program funds to support a grant for two (2) students to attend session 1 of the summer program.

IOBG District 11 will be attending the America Cup in San Francisco in September.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 15 DIRECTOR MICHELE WOLD REPORT:

Our first order of business was the annual Yacht Club Management Seminar which was very well received.

District 15 participated in the Make-A-Wish Amazing Race in Coronado. Our team under the leadership of P/C Gregg Hansen raised almost \$1600.00 for the event. We even had members of Gregg's family who were recruited for the race all the way from Nebraska, Father Ralph Hansen and Sister Judy Splehs.

In August, we will help to support Make-A-Wish Tuna Challenge at Silver Gate Yacht Club.

Also, there will be the annual District 15 Appreciation party which will be in my home.

Report Submitted.

NORTH CENTRAL TONY DURIEUX REPORT: Not Present.

DISTRICT 25 DIRECTOR BILL WOODS REPORT: Given by First Vice President Joel Kay

District 25 has hosted a wine tasting event with First Vice President and Mrs. Joel Kay in attendance.

In March we showed our support in Cleveland for District 7 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

June we will be hosting an informal Meet and Greet social event inviting all current Commodores, Vice and Rear Commodores to explain what the Blue Gavel is all about and to encourage membership.

Arrangements are already for District 25 to participate along with Districts 7 and 9 hosting an Inter Lake Yachting Association's Power Boat week in August and next December provide a feast of pizza at a Fall Meeting.

We are looking forward to two (2) dinners one at Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and Sun Parlour Boat Club.

Report Submitted.

NORTHEASTERN VICE PRESIDENT DAVE GROVE REPORT: Not Present.

SOUTHEASTERN VICE PRESIDENT LENWORTH GORDON REPORT: Given by 2nd VP Joe Dowell

SEVP Gordon is not feeling well at this time.

District 8 had a meeting in Clearwater, FL and at that time a survey of the Chapter activities which benefit the respective Clubs was presented. The next step will be to publish the results on the website, so that activity ideas will be available to all District 8 Chapters.

An idea to develop a library of videos of clubs events, which could be available at all the clubs to see activities like, Fleet Review, Remembrance, Boat Christening and Flag Pole Retreat Ceremony done at various Yacht Clubs in the District.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 8 SECRETARY B.E. "BUD" HIGGINSON REPORT: Given by 2nd VP Joe Dowell

This is a record from President Eichman's notes and Secretary Higginson's minutes:

Member Remembrance Boat Christening and Venice Y/C Flag Pole Retreat Ceremony was well received by the group. The next step is to determine how to implement the process.

A Report on a new channel recently completed will allow consistent access to Pelican Bay Y/C.

B) The Status of the Royal Palm Yacht Club has sold their building and paid off their debt. They intend to remain an active Yacht Club and the Blue Gavel will continue to be active.

B) Efforts are now being made to be sure all District 8 members are receiving their email and the Gulf Stream Publication.

C) An Electronic Membership Directory is being prepared through Mary Nye Meyers.

D) The Nominating Committee will be chaired by President Eichman.

Report Submitted.

DIRECTOR 50 DIRECTOR MARK A. VADAJ REPORT: Given by 1st VP Joel Kay

As Director District I welcome the opportunity to meet with you or your individual chapter to discuss how the District 50 and IOBG can assist and support your efforts or participate in any of your functions, whether it is a fundraiser, Regatta, Induction Ceremony or Change of Watch I will be there.

I am continuing my efforts to reach each Member by Email, Phone, or written correspondence. The LOG is available through the mail for a nominal fee to cover the cost of postage.

A Special Thank You to all who contributed to the Humanitarian Foundation a (501-C-3 IRS Charitable Designation).

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR WALT KADYK REPORT: Given by 2nd VP Joe Dowdell

District 51 has 3 paid members for 2013. These are returning members. Effort to obtain new members will continue. I continue to attend "Opening Days" ceremonies on behalf of Blue Gavel.

Report Submitted.

District 75 Director Keith Wardell Report: Given by Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

They are still recovering from the earthquake and looking forward to the getting new equipment and boats. IOBGHF Chairman Bill Thayer announced that a check was being sent to them that had been in reserve waiting for starting that process and it has started.

EXECUTIVE MARY EIFFERT: No Report.

APPOINTED OFFICERS;

LOG EDITOR in CHIEF MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

Deadline for the LOG is July 8, 2013.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER REPORT:

Please send me your reports of the Regional and Annual Meetings for each meeting electronically or give them to me at the meetings.

LOG EDITOR Mary Nye Meyers also asked for a copy of the reports, sent electronically only to her.

REPRESENTATIVES:

AUXILIARY LIAISON JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

IOBGA is working hard to keep everyone together. No further report at this time.

BOAT US MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

BOAT US is available for all members at half price for all membership. Check them out; they have many things to offer.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Executive Board has passed the revised By-Laws for IOBGHF and they will be available either Monday or Tuesday. IOBGHF Chairman announced he present a Grant to American Legion Yacht Club at their Opening Day.

NATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION REPORT:

President Chuck Browning stated that IOBG is looking for someone to represent us in this Association. Past President Stephen Willing stated that he had been invited to attend their Executive Board Meeting in Cleveland in November and hopes to be able to go.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

There was an accident on San Francisco Bay with three (3) deaths. One thing to remember is to be sure to wear an Offshore Life Jacket all the time.

US SAILING ASSOCIATION BILL THAYER REPORT:

The Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. will host the 2013 International Women's Keelboat Championship on September 2-7 to be raced in the International J/22 class keelboat suitable for four person teams.

The Inaugural Sailing Leadership Forum set for February 6-8, 2014 at the Hilton San Diego Resort.

For the first time ever, the skipper that wins the 2013 U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship will get an automatic invitation to the entire Open Grade 2 Grand Slam Series.

US Sailing hosts the first Safety At Sea Seminar in Qingdao, China. I don't know if big Yellow Rubber Duck had anything to do with it.

Report Submitted.

President Chuck Browning announced luncheon break at noon.

President Chuck Browning resumed the Spring Regional Meeting at 1:10 A.M.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT, ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW and NOMINATIONS STEPHEN WILLING REPORTS:

AUDIT:

The Audit Committee has received from Treasurer Marshall Nemoy all the documents for the review.

The Audit Committee has reviewed all documents and has found no errors or admissions and approved the financial statement.

The Executive Committee this morning approved the Audit Committee report.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:

Annual Meeting is all in order.

NOMINATIONS:

This is the 2014 IOBG Nominations:

President	Gary McGrath
President Elect	Joel Kay
1 st Vice President	Joe Dowdell
2 nd Vice President	Rosalie Davis Green
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Southeast VP	Lenworth Gordon
Northeast VP	Dave Grove
North Central VP	Tony Durieux
Northwest VP	Mary Nye Meyers
Southwest VP	Mike Billington
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert

Past President Stephen Willing then read bios of the two (2) new nominees Rosalie Davis Green and Mike Billington.

BY-LAWS and POLICY MANUAL VERN BENDSEN REPORT: No Report.

ANNUAL MEETING 2014 GARY McGRATH REPORT:

All IOBG Hotel rate are guaranteed for 3 days prior and 3 days after Annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEW CHAPTER APPLICATIONS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Chuck Browning presented to District 5 Director Bill McKinney a plaque for the hosting the Spring Regional Meeting and luncheon at Portland Yacht Club.

MOTION to ADJOURN;

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary