



**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL®**  
**THE ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMODORES**  
**DELTA DISTRICT #19**

**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**September 20, 2014**  
**2015 Election of Officers**  
**Pittsburg Yacht Club**

**Call to Order:** 2:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Zane Clark

**Roll Call:** Roger Beebe 2:20 p.m.

The following were present:

- ✓ Delta District 19 Director John Anthony
- ✓ President Estella McGrath
- ✓ Vice President Sandee Clark
- ✓ Secretary Roger Beebe
- ✓ Supply Officer Lucy Anthony
- ✓ International President Gary McGrath
- ✓ Past International President Vern Bendson
- ✓ Past President Ray Mitchell
- ✓ IOBGA President Sue Meyer
- ✓ IOBGA Secretary Glenda Mitchell
- ✓ IOBGA Treasurer Mickey Johnson
- ✓ IOBGA International Past President Carol Foote

**President Report:** Estella McGrath

- Welcomed everyone. Many thanks to Rich, bartender, Pittsburg Yacht Club for hosting.

**Vice President Report:** Sandee Clark

- Change of Watch is November 1, 2014 at Marina West Yacht Club. Vern Bendson is Master of Ceremony.
- Presented Treasurer's Report from Mike Billington. \$8808.48 to date. We will miss him. He is dropping all boating activities.

**Secretary Report:** Roger Beebe No Report

**Director Report:** John Anthony

- Ontario conference was wonderful. Had a terrific time, dinner cruise. Next conference in Cleveland Ohio in October. He encouraged all to support the Bay and Delta Make-a-Wish foundation.

**IOBGA President Report:** Sue Meyer

- Auxiliary slate is same as 2014. Sue Meyer President, Glenda Mitchell Secretary, Mickey Johnson Treasurer.
- Rosie the Riveter rescheduled to Friday October 24, 2014 10:00 a.m. Rescheduled so our tour guide would be an actual Rosie the Riveter. No cost for museum but lunch will be at a local restaurant. Sandee suggested Assemble as a good local restaurant. Roger will put out more information and sign-ups on website. Bring your friends.
- Mickey promoted the Christmas ornament fundraiser.

**Secretary Report:** Roger Beebe

- Website up and running with current information. Complimented Zane for the terrific job with the email program. Sign up on the website for Rosie the Riveter. Explained we are a 501(c) 7 not for profit charitable organization and need to contribute to charitable organizations such as the Sea Scouts and Make-a-Wish functions. We need to refocus and rebrand IOBG.

**Gavel Tidings Report:** Ray Mitchell

- Articles by October 1, 2014. Maybe a story of interest. Reminded everyone of the Story of Korth and Alcatraz stories which can be downloaded.

**New Business:** Estella McGrath

- Introduced the 2015 Slate of officers and called for nominations from the floor for treasurer.
- Gary motioned to accept the Slate and Sandee seconded. Motion Carried.
  - Director: Estella McGrath
  - President: Sandee Clark
  - Vice President: Roger Beebe
  - Secretary: Lucy Anthony
  - Treasurer: David Camp
  - Alternate Director: John Anthony

**IOBG International President:** Gary McGrath

- Executive Board meeting in Charleston
  - OND insurance \$1000 now included
  - Nowhere else to cut costs
  - Need Area VP's to be trained and they get no money to go to regional meetings. Individuals are not making any money. The per diem doesn't cover the cost of attending. Proposed money to go to regional meetings as well as International Conventions.
  - Proposed dues increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00.

- Ray Mitchell
  - Concerned about money for travel. Approx. \$44,900 is in the budget for Executive Committee members. (Received figures from Treasurer Marshal Nemoy). Ray read the financials and asked why so much cash (over \$163,000) was sitting in the bank. With that, International could cover the \$10.00 dues increase. Participation has fallen off in IOBG and maybe a stipend would increase attendance. Maybe it is a lack of interest. We need a cause like Make-a Wish. Our district needs a goal.
- Gary McGrath
  - Executive Committee has to travel. It is the largest expense. Wants to increase stipend to get them to the meetings. Have no answer for the large balance in the bank. IOBG is a fraternal organization. We have the Humanitarian fund and the Auxiliary. We support numerous charitable organizations like the Elks. We need to pay the expenses of our officers.
- Ray Mitchell
  - 52% of the budget for travel is excessive.
- Vern motioned, Sandee seconded we approve the \$10.00 increase in IOBG International dues to \$50.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ed Stetson:** Need more boats and volunteers for October 4<sup>th</sup> Make a Wish. Also SPCA is offering boarding for animals that were victims of fires.

**Gary McGrath:** Motioned to adjourn. Jerry Zanolli seconded

**Adjourned:** 3:33 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Roger Beebe