



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

**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**April 18, 2015**  
**Pittsburg Yacht Club**  
**Pittsburg, California**

**Call to Order**

President Sandee Clark called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**Roll Call**

The following Board Members were present:

- District Director Estella McGrath
- President Sandee Clark
- Vice President Roger Beebe
- Secretary Lucy Anthony
- Treasurer David Camp
- IOBGA Delta District 19 Treasurer Mickey Johnson
- Immediate Past International President Sir Gary McGrath
- Past International President Sir Dr. Vern Bendsen
- Immediate Past District Director John Anthony
- Past President Ray Mitchell

The following Board Members were absent:

- IOBGA Delta District 19 President Sue Meyer

**Minutes**

President Sandee Clark called for the approval of minutes from the January 17, 2015 Board Meeting. Treasurer David Camp **moved to accept the minutes as distributed.** District Director Estelle McGrath **seconded the motion. All votes aye, motion carried.**

## Officer's Reports

### Secretary Lucy Anthony

Secretary Lucy Anthony had no report but indicated how glad she was to see everyone.

### District Director Estelle McGrath

District Director Estelle McGrath said that she is looking at the roster and planning to bring members back into membership and find out why they have not renewed. She asked if anyone was going to Portland and asked any reports to be presented in Portland be given her before June. President Clark asked what needed to be in the reports.

### Immediate Past International President Sir Gary McGrath

Immediate Past International President Sir Gary McGrath brought the Board up to date on Humanitarian. He said that all officers except District Director Estelle McGrath have stepped down. Past International President Sir Vern Bendsen said that the Executive Board decided to appoint five new officers. He continued that there is no communication and no action by Humanitarian. President Clark asked what the next step is.

Immediate Past President Gary McGrath said that a plan of operations needed to be made and it was not done. He said that more and more people are added with nothing done. Discussion followed. He continued that a suggestion was made to start over again and that there will be a conference call Wednesday for discussion. President Clark asked if the funds are secure. The answer is yes.

President Sandee Clark asked if someone could give a report at the annual meeting. Treasurer David Camp asked if this is an International issue and not a chapter issue. Discussion followed on an illegal funding of a government project for life jackets. Immediate Past President Sir Gary McGrath said that there would be a report no later than the annual meeting.

Vice President Roger Beebe said that the International Foundation does not have their act together. He continued that as a member of Delta District 19 a portion of dues goes to Humanitarian and that he is nervous about giving money to an organization without a plan or leadership. He said that he is not happy with his donation and that it sounds like there is considerable strife in the Board of Humanitarian. He forewarned the Board of a plan to withhold money from Delta District 19. Discussion followed.

Past International President Gary McGrath suggested that the amount normally contributed in October be held until the following year if the problems in Humanitarian are not fixed by the October meeting. Past President Ray Mitchell asked if International can appoint new directors. Past International President Gary McGrath said that they are looking for volunteers and that there cannot be new appointments without volunteers. President Sandee Clark asked for a motion.

Vice President Roger Beebe **moved to withhold the 2015 annual donation from Delta District 19 until there is a clarification on the roll and current direction of Humanitarian.** District Director Estelle McGrath **seconded the motion. All votes aye, motion carried.**

Past President Ray Mitchell asked how it was to be communicated. District Director Estelle McGrath said the President should send a letter. Vice President Roger Beebe said the letter should be sent to the current IOBG President, Humanitarian President and a copy to the Secretary. (Secretary's note: The VP did not clarify if Humanitarian Secretary or IOBG Secretary.) Discussion followed.

#### Vice President Roger Beebe

Vice President Roger Beebe thanked Past District Director John Anthony and Secretary Lucy Anthony for all they have done for ship's store. He continued that orders are being fulfilled and proposed that the pins for the badges belonging to Past District Director John Anthony be purchased. Past District Director John Anthony said he would bring the pins to the picnic and give them to the Vice President as long as they were only used for 19. The Vice President proposed to pay the Past District Director for the stock left. District Director Estelle McGrath **moved to reimburse Past District Director John Anthony for his out of pocket expenses for pins at \$.50 per pin.** Discussion followed. Treasurer David Camp **seconded the motion. All votes aye, motion carried.**

#### President Sandee Clark

President Sandee Clark gave the President's Report. She said that she and Secretary Lucy Anthony are working on the Commodore's Appreciation barbeque for May 15 and 16. She said that Julia Powers is doing the food with chicken, tri-tip and potato salad and that Past President Ray Mitchell is doing beans. She continued that Rolf Powers and Past District Director John Anthony are taking care of the bar with the use of the portable bar from The Point Restaurant. She said that no front money was required for Julia and, if needed, she and Past District Director Anthony would take care of it.

The President said that door prizes are needed and asked Board Members to bring them. She said that dinner would be coordinated at The Point for Friday night for those wishing to join. She also asked for hors d'oeuvres.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer David Camp said that the Modesto Account has been closed and a new account has been opened that will not cost additional fees based on activity.

He said that eleven new members have paid since the last Treasurer's Report. Past President Ray Mitchell asked how many are now paid. The Treasurer reported 125 members.

The Treasurer gave the bank balance after outstanding checks. (Sec note: To protect the financial security of Delta District 19, the balance will not be presented in these minutes. Any member wishing to know the balance may contact any Board Member.)

### **Old Business**

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

President Sandee Clark said that she had reviewed the duties and responsibilities of officers and sees no reason to not put them online. District Director Estelle McGrath thought it was a good idea. Past President Ray Mitchell asked about duties and qualifications. Discussion followed.

Vice President Roger Beebe asked about the nominations committee. Past International President Sir Vern Bendsen, Past District Director John Anthony and District Director Estelle McGrath all volunteered to be on the nominations committee. The President thanked them all. Discussion followed.

#### **Proposed Bylaws**

President Sandee Clark said that once the Board approved the Bylaws she wanted them put on the web site and then come to a General Meeting for discussion. She asked that the review be done by Section.

### **Section I**

Treasurer Camp suggested a proof reader. It was decided IOBGA Treasurer Mickey Johnson proof read. Past President Mitchell thanked Past International Presidents McGrath and Bendsen for their work. Discussion followed on the Bylaws being an edit of International Bylaws.

Vice President Beebe talked about the Bylaws saying that the Auxiliary does what 19 wants and asked why Auxiliary exists if they only rubber stamp.

IOBGA Treasurer Mickey Johnson said she was representing IOBGA President Sue Meyer and that the Auxiliary has their own Bylaws and goals. Discussion followed with IOBGA Treasurer Mickey Johnson saying they had no objection to the work “encourage” being used. She said that the Auxiliary does not want the Organization directing or dictating the Auxiliary’s goals and objectives.

Past International President Sir Vern Bendsen suggested all Board Members put their ideas together and send them to him and Immediate Past International President Sir McGrath and they would resend with changes.

### **Article III**

The President asked for discussion on Membership. Treasurer David Camp suggested the end of line 4 include “submitted in writing.”

Past President Mitchell objected to the “selective” nature of membership. Considerable discussion followed on the elite nature of IOBG and the “selection” of new members.

Treasure Camp suggested Section II C, Expulsion should have a 30 day notice instead of 14 days. Discussion followed.

### **Article IV**

President Clark directed attention to Article IV Board of Directors. Past International President Sir Bendsen noted the current configuration to the Board if four people and suggested adding the Past President/Director. Sir McGrath suggested adding “Immediate Past President. Sir Bendsen noted 5 to vote with a quorum of 3. Discussion followed on “qualified” instead of “acceptable” language on the Past President.

### **Article V**

The President directed attention to Article V Officers. The Vice President noted that the President is authorized expenditures not to exceed \$100 and suggested an increase. Past President Mitchell suggested \$250. It was agreed by the Board.

## **Additional Discussion**

Discussion was held on other items including meetings and elections and service duration of officers. At discussion on **Article VIII Committees**, District Director Estelle McGrath **moved to do without an audit of the Treasury this year**. There was no second, but all agreed.

Discussion was held on the issue of International Presidents paying District Dues. It was agreed to not include such language.

## **New Business**

### **Herman Meyer Barbeque**

Vice President Roger Beebe said that he has a commitment from P/C Otis Brock to do the meat for the barbeque and that it is important to make money out of the event. He said that the event will be held at village West Yacht Club. There was discussion on the date with it being August 22, 2015 and elections at Bridge Yacht Club September 19, 2015 with the International Convention October 22-24, 2015 in Florida.

The Vice President's Change of Watch will be November 7, 2015 at Stockton Yacht Club.

## **Good of the Order**

President Sandee Clark asked for any items for the Good of the Order. There were none.

## **Adjourn**

District Director Estella McGrath **moved to adjourn the meeting**. Vice President Roger Beebe **seconded the motion**. **All votes aye, meeting adjourned at 2:54pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Anthony, Secretary IOBG Delta District 19  
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