



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Stockton Yacht Club

3235 River Road

Stockton, CA 95204

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

President Dave Breninger called the meeting to order at 11:03am and welcomed all present.

ROLL CALL:

President Breninger served as Acting Secretary to fill-in for Secretary Karen Mann (who was ill and unable to attend).

District Officers:

District Director (& Immediate Past President) – Roger Beebe: Present

President – Dave Breninger: Present

Vice President- Jack Michael: Present

Secretary – Karen Mann: Excused Absence

Treasurer – Mike Billington: Present

Supply Officer – Don Dietz: Present

District Auxiliary Officers:

President – Sue Meyer: Present

Secretary/Treasurer - Mickey Johnson: Present

International Officers:

Alternate International District Director – Vern Bendsen: Excused Absence

Current and Past International Officers – Joan Marsh & Gary McGrath: both
Excused Absence

Guests:

Diane Billington & Linda Breninger.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

MOTION by Roger Beebe with second by Mike Billington to accept the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of August 13, 2016 and the Annual General Membership and Change of Watch Meeting of November 5, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

President:

President Breninger highlighted the agenda and that items can be added as needed.

Vice President:

Vice President Michael outline membership development (retention and new memberships) plans for the coming year. Currently he is drafting a letter to send to previous but in-active members.

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer:

Treasurer Billington reported on several matters:

Wells Fargo Bank checking/savings accounts & signature authorizations were completed in early November. Officers 'on' the signature cards include (1) Treasurer Billington, (2) Past President/District Director Beebe, (3) President Breninger & (4) Vice President Michael.

Financial Statements (balance sheet and profit/loss details) were presented as of December 16, 2016. The current checking account balance is \$4,803.75, the savings account balance is \$4,875.86 and prepaid expense is \$270.00 for a combined balance of \$9,949.61. (Details are available through the Treasurer). A 2016 Year End Financial Report will be after the close of the fiscal/calendar year.

Dues billings for District 19 for 2017 to existing members were mailed in November. Members renewed to date are 64 regular members, 3 Past International Officer, 2 Associate members for a total of 69 members. Auxiliary members renewed to date totals 33 members.

Financial controls and records retention (of non-permanent documents) was reviewed.

Immediate Past President (& District Director):

Past President & District Director Beebe reviewed the discussion and outcome of the IOBG-International General meeting in October regarding IOBG membership development and retention. At that meeting membership retention was discussed in depth and at length in as much as IOBG membership has significantly declined in recent years. Director Beebe highlighted several examples given at the International meeting of other Districts' chapter as well as membership loss. He explained that many outcomes were identified at the International meeting that the new IOBG-International President Rosalie Davis Green said should be pursued. One of these and of significant importance is that a District Director holds board discretionary authority regarding local decisions in striving to sustain and to bolster IOBG chapter and member retention and expansion. He identified several ways that District 19 could utilize for chapter and membership retention. He said that he has been and will continue to review prior District records regarding chapter formation, ways to stimulate renewed interest among one or more of the members of such chapters and to use all available membership 'tools' available to return and retain members to active membership status in District 19. The District 19 Board members discussed this and gave full support to District Director Beebe and Vice President Michael to pursue all means available to retain and expand membership opportunities for District 19.

Electronic Communications (Website and Emails):

District Director Beebe reported that the website is current on all District 19 documents and information.

He explained that the electronic 'tool' used for sending District e-blasts to members was not adequately transferred from the person who previously volunteered to manage this service for the District in communicating with the membership. Accordingly, he is personally pursuing learning the necessary functions to assume this important communications 'tool' through use of a free email-service provider called Mail-Chimp. He soon will be sending 'test' emails to Board members and once that is successful it is expected that District 19 will resume electronic communications with the membership. Once the system is fully operational and reliably operating, others can be trained and authorized on the use of Mail-Chimp so that the District has 'back-up' personnel available for electronic communications with the membership. The Board expressed appreciation and thanks to District Director Beebe for pursuing this critically important function for District 19.

Calendar (Meetings and Events):

President Breninger reviewed District 19 events and meetings as well as International meetings in 2017. District 19 Auxiliary President Meyer reviewed the Auxiliary event to be held in 2017.

MOTION by Mike Billington with second by Jack Michael to approve the 2017 Calendar of events and meetings. MOTION CARRIED

The 2017 Calendar is attached to these Minutes and posted on the District 19 website.

Supply Officer and Ships' Store

Supply Officer Dietz has assumed his duties and following the meeting will meet with District Director Beebe to review the remaining Ships' Store supplies and other information for ordering IOBG apparel.

********MEETING RECESSED for lunch at 11:57am & RESUMED at 12:25pm********

DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Audit Committee:

Treasurer Billington upon assuming the financial records from former Treasurer David Camp reviewed them and verified that these and the Well Fargo accounts were in order.

Bylaws Committee:

Past President Beebe reported that at the August 13, 2016 Board meeting that he appointed a Bylaws Committee for the purpose to review necessary ministerial and as well as clarification wording amendments to District 19 Bylaws (that were first adopted September 19, 2015 by the Board). Those appointed to the Bylaws Committee include: Roger Beebe (Chair), David Breninger (Clerk), Vern Bendsen, Joan Marsh and Gary McGrath. He reported that the Committee's recommended changes are few, very focused and are within Article VI and Article VIII of the Bylaws. He then went through each specific proposed amendment and the reasoning for each. He then noted that as provided by the Bylaws (Article XI Amendments) that the Board may amend the Bylaws upon majority vote of those present. There was discussion about the proposed amendments.

MOTION by Mike Billington with second by Jack Michael to accept the report of the Bylaws Committee and to approve the amendments to District 19 Bylaws to become effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

The Committee's proposed amendments to the Bylaws and as adopted by the Board is attached to these Minutes.

The Secretary will in a timely manner have the District 19 Bylaws re-typed with the amendments as adopted by the Board and have those Bylaws distribute to the Officers and posted to the website.

Finance Committee:

Treasurer Billington recommended that the Board of Directors for efficiency, timely oversight and action serve as the District Finance Committee. This was discussed and there being no objections, President Breninger affirmed the recommendation.

Past President Beebe reviewed the expenses associated with the induction of new members into IOBG District 19. He explained past practice. He suggested a change that the District pay for certain items: personal name badge (with backing and IOBG red icon) and blazer sleeve insignia for new members. He clarified that the IOBG burgee, however, should be an item available for purchase by a new member along with any other IOBG items from the Ships Store. There was brief discussion and concurrence.

MOTION by Jack Michael with second by Mike Billington that the District pay-for and provide at the induction of new members for their name badge (with backing and IOBG red icon) and blazer sleeve insignia. MOTION CARRIED.

Nominating Committee:

President Breninger reported that the Bylaws provide that the President is chair of the Nominating Committee and appoints the Committee members.

He reviewed the 2016 approach used by then President Beebe for appointing members to the Nominating Committee for a slate of Officers for 2017. He announced that he will follow the same approach used this year which was to have the Committee members be comprised of past and active District 19 Directors in good standing.

Accordingly, he asked District Director Beebe to serve on the Nominating Committee and asked that he ask two to three other past and active District 19 Directors in good standing to serve on the Nominating Committee for the nomination of a slate of Officers for 2018. The Committee's work culminates with its report to and action by the Board of a slate of Officers for 2018 at a Board meeting that needs to be held in July or very early August (in advance of the scheduled August 12 Nominations General Membership meeting) in order to comply with timelines in the Bylaws regarding nominations and elections of District Officers.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY REPORTS:

Auxiliary President Meyers and Secretary/Treasurer Johnson participated throughout the Board meeting.

INTERNATIONAL REPORTS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION:

District Director Beebe spoke about the IOBG Spring meeting in Portland and encouraged Officers to consider attending.

SET NEXT MEETING (and at 'the call of' the President):

President Breninger said that a timely opportunity for scheduling a Board meeting would be as part of the Auxiliary's event at Ebony Boat Club the weekend of March 17 thru 19. All concurred and he set the next scheduled Board meeting for Saturday, March 18, 3:30pm at Ebony Boat Club.

ADJOURN:

President Breninger adjourned the meeting at 1:07pm

MINUTES PREPARED AND SUBMITTED by Acting Secretary David Breninger

THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING STOOD AS APPROVED AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY.

APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AFFIRMED BY Acting Secretary David Breninger

**ATTACHMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTOR
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2016
OF
2017 Calendar
(As of December 17, 2016)**

**IOBG DISTRICT 19
General Membership Meetings and Cruise-Ins**

February 12, Sunday, 1PM Cruise-In, New Member Induction & Luncheon at Pittsburg Yacht Club

May 20, Saturday, 1PM Cruise-In, Members' Appreciation & Picnic at Delta Marina, The Point, Rio Vista

August 12, Saturday, 1PM Cruise-In, Nominations & BBQ at Discovery Bay Yacht Club

September 17 Sunday, 1PM Cruise-In, Elections & Luncheon at Bridge Marina Yacht Club

November 4, Saturday, 5:30PM Cruise-In, Change of Watch & Dinner at Stockton Yacht Club

**IOBG-AUXILARY DISTRICT 19
General Membership Meeting and Cruise-In**

March 17 to 19, Friday to Sunday, Cruise-In, Haggin Museum Tour & Dinner with Blues Music at Ebony Boat Club, Stockton

**IOBG-INTERNATIONAL
General Membership Meetings**

March 3 & 4, Saturday & Sunday, Winter Meeting at Clearwater, Florida

June 8-10, Thursday thru Saturday, Spring Meeting at Portland, Oregon

October 18 thru 22, Wednesday thru Saturday, Annual Change of Watch Meeting at Cleveland (West Lake) Ohio

**ATTACHMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2016
OF
IOBG DELTA DISTRICT 19
BYLAW – AMENDMENTS AS
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 17, 2016**

Notes:

- The Bylaws in effect were first adopted by the Board on September 19, 2015.
- Amendments to specific sections of the Bylaws are shown below with ~~strike over words~~ deleted and with underlined words as additions to the Bylaws.
- The amendments to the Bylaws become effective immediately as of December 17, 2016 as follows:

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 4

Prior to any meeting of Delta District 19's Board of Directors or General Membership meeting, notice of such meeting shall be placed in the mail and/or emailed to each member authorized to vote at least ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days in advance of the date set by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors for such meeting.

Section 5

The District Director, Past Directors, and Past Presidents who are current dues paying members in good standing of Delta District 19 shall be notified of all District Board meetings and Regular meetings. If they attend they are entitled to vote for any issues that come before the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 3

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President and three (3) District 19 members.

(a) The President shall chair the committee.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of Officers for the ensuing year. With the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, its selection shall be announced at the summer meeting.

(c) Other nominations of a slate of Officers may be made by petition, signed by members from no less than three (3) Chapters. Such petition must be filed with the Secretary not more than ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days from the adjournment of the Summer Meeting.

(d) All nominations shall be with the written concurrence of the nominee that if elected the nominee will perform the duties and responsibilities of the Office throughout the their term and will support the President and Board of Directors to manage Delta District 19 in accordance with the Bylaws, rules and regulations of District 19.