

**District 8 IOBG
Winter Executive Committee / Business Meeting Minutes
via ZOOM**

February 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hockenberry @ 6:05 PM.

Roll Call of Executive Committee Officers:

Officers Present (P/Cs):

Kathy Hockenberry, President

Barbara Dolan, 1st Vice President

Frank Bilotta, Immediate Past President

Karen Shea, D8 Director and SEVP

Joe Dombrowski, Alternate D8 Director

Officers Excused:

Joe Tringali, D8 Legal Officer

Paul Ives, 2nd Vice President

Guests (P/Cs):

Hoyt Nichols, IOBG Chapter President Clearwater YC

Stanley 'Woody' Jones, IOBG Chapter President Landings YC

Buzz Bisanz, International Immediate Past President

Secretary:

Establishment of a Quorum: membership as of this date: 200. Requirement is to have 1/3 (66) of membership present, either in person or by proxy. Proxies for membership received totaled 145, meeting the requirement of a quorum to conduct business.

Meeting minutes from October 2, 2021 (GHYC): Motion to accept the minutes from October 2, 2021 meeting was made by Frank Bilotta; Seconded by Joe Dombrowski. All in favor; motion carried.

2022 Budget Report: It was reported that the original proposed/approved budget at the October Annual Meeting was adjusted to reflect the reduction in dues of International from \$40.00 to \$25.00. Budget is still based on membership of 188. Invoices received/paid for website maintenance, malware alerts, email hosting were paid in the amount of \$579.00. Change of Watch (October) expenses totaled \$1,146.88; awards/name plates/flags expenses were \$694.88; dues to International were \$3,850.00. Outstanding deposits: \$1,430.00. Beginning and ending balances were provided. (detailed report attached). Motion to accept the budget report was made by Karen Shea; Seconded by Frank Bilotta. All in favor; motion carried.

2022 Membership Report: will be discussed by Karen Shea under D8 Director/SEVP Report.

SEVP & D8 Director Report:

SEVP Report: IOBG (International) is holding ZOOM meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Currently, the International Spring Meetings is scheduled for May 21, 2022 by ZOOM.

D8 Director: D8 membership count as of Feb 2022 is 189 compared to the annual membership number for 2021 of 188 and 210 in 2020. We have three (3) Past Presidents (Richard Janiszewski (2008); Joe Dowdell (2016); and Bud Higginson (2019)). New IOBG name tags and flags were mailed out to those that weren't able to be present at the Change of Watch in October. Still stressing to be an ambassador for the IOBG when holding events at your yacht club. (Detailed report attached).

Past International President's Report: Robert "Buzz" Bisanz:

Banking regulations to reduce fraud/money laundering created a huge challenge with moving and establishing a new bank account with the change in the Treasurer; however, we were able to finally get everything established.

Been very successful in the reduction of dues from \$50.00 to \$40.00 and to the current \$25.00. With over \$240K in the bank, this allowed for International to reduce annual dues. International expects to break even on the budget this year and with the dues reduction, hopefully, encourage/increase membership.

Reduced face-to-face meetings to two (2) annually and one (1) ZOOM meetings. This will create a cost savings with less travel.

The April meeting was changed to the third week of May because of the Easter holiday.

International will be moving the website to a new webmaster. This will be a cost savings of approximately \$7K. D8 and the Auxiliary has the ability to utilize the new webmaster as well.

Old Business:

- By-Laws Submission to International: D8's revised bylaws were approved at our May 2021 meeting that was held at Vero Beach YC; however, they hadn't been submitted. They were finally submitted on January 21, 2022. Awaiting response from the International Legal Officer.

- Spring/Summer Meeting date change: date was changed from May to April 29-30, 2022 at St Augustine YC. Need to work on registration packet/meals and costs to get out no-later-than mid March.

New Business:

- D8 Membership Directory: Historically D8 has published, annually, a membership directory. This has usually been compiled in April and a link is emailed to D8's membership in May. International's deadline for membership is August 1st. Publishing before the deadline of International doesn't allow for members to be included that have joined the IOBG between April and August. Kathy recommended that D8 hold off on publishing our annual D8 membership directory until after the August 1st deadline of International. All were in agreement.

- Nominating Committee: Per our bylaws, the Nominating Committee needs to be formed so that the first proposed slate of Officers can be presented at our Spring Meeting. Additionally, the immediate Past President is charged with being the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

- Membership Drive: Karen provided information on the membership drive scheduled for March 6 from 3-5 PM at the Palm Beach Sailing Club hosted by P/C Joe Tringali. Joe has invited several IOBG Chapters from the east coast in hopes of renewing old members and gaining new members. Each P/C that joins will receive his two-volume set – free (\$350.00 value). Karen and Kathy plan on attending.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by P/C Karen Shea; Seconded by P/C Frank Bilotta. All were in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy

Kathy Hockenberry

President

District 8, IOBG