

OUTRIGGER CLUB AGAIN IS FACING ITS OLD PROBLEM

Organization is So Popular Its Waiting-List is Much Ampler Than Its Accommodations

Shall dressing room facilities be provided by the Outrigger Canoe Club on its grounds for the use of women guests of members?

With the mailing today by Secretary J. Ashman Heaven of the Outrigger Canoe Club to all members of notices of a special meeting to be held a week from tonight in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A., there has come to a climax the question which has arisen every year for the last four years without being settled and which now threatens to stir the organization to its foundations.

This is whether or not the Outrigger shall take steps to erect dressing rooms for women relatives and guests of members—women who have been unable to gain admission to membership in the woman's auxiliary of the club owing to the long waiting list and the already overcrowded quarters of the auxiliary.

At the annual meeting in July this problem created the most emphatic discussion of any one matter considered. A percentage of the members favored the move, while others argued that for the club to go to such lengths would mean a radical change in its former policy. The matter was finally referred back to the board of directors for their earnest consideration.

Far from being killed by this move, the proposition has again come forward, a written request for a special meeting of the club having recently been signed by 25 members and sent to President H. B. Campbell, who was elected at the annual meeting while away on the mainland. A similar request signed by four members of the board of directors has also been received by the president.

"As both requests call for action on the same general subject," says the notice of the special meeting mailed today to each member by Secretary Heaven, "it has been decided that one special meeting will comply with both requests.

"Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of the bylaws, President H. B. Campbell hereby calls a special meeting of the Outrigger Canoe Club, to be held in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A. building, at 8 o'clock sharp on Tuesday evening, October 24.

"The business to be transacted at this meeting shall be confined to action on the following questions:

"(1) Shall dressing room facilities be provided by the Outrigger Canoe Club on its grounds for the use of women guests of members?

"(2) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include all women guests of members, irrespective of relationship?

"(3) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include only those wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of members whose names are now or hereafter may be on the waiting list of the women's auxiliary, but only while they remain on said waiting list?

"(4) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include only the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of members, whether their names appear on the waiting list of the women's auxiliary or not?

"In calling this special meeting, President Campbell desires that the attention of members be called to the fact that the question to be considered at this special meeting involves a radical change in the former policy of the club, and he also expresses the hope that every member will regard it as his duty, as well as his privilege, to attend this meeting and express his desire in the matter.

"If you cannot attend this meeting or arrange to be represented by proxy, will you kindly fill out the enclosed blank, indicating your wishes, and mail it to me in a sealed envelope to be opened at the meeting.

"Information as to the number of women for whom members desire dressing room accommodations provided will be of value to this special meeting, therefore I will ask you to state your wishes on the enclosed postal card and mail same to me."

Accompanying the notice are blanks which will be considered when filled out by members who cannot attend the meeting as expressions of their wishes in the matter and may possibly be considered as votes. The blanks contain the same questions as in the notice and members are to write "yes" or "no" after each of the four.

According to the members opposed to erecting dressing rooms for women guests, such action would antagonize both the woman's auxiliary of the club and the Moana baths and Seaside hotel as well. They say it would be nothing more or less than "going into the bathhouse business" and would violate agreements made some years ago with the auxiliary by which the Outrigger promised to defer erecting dressing rooms for women guests if the auxiliary would take in 100 more women members, which was done at that time.

Those favoring the proposition say there are members of the Outrigger whose wives, daughters, mothers and sisters have been on the waiting list of the auxiliary for nearly two years without being admitted to membership and that if the auxiliary cannot help them it is up to the Outrigger to take such action as will relieve the situation.