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Outrigger Club To Hold Special Meeting To Consider New Clause To Bylaws

The hotly debated question of whether or not the Outrigger Canoe Club shall extend its privileges to women guests of the members, and also whether or not the club shall erect upon its grounds a bathhouse for women guests, is again to come up before the members.

Notice was issued yesterday by Secretary J. Ashman Beaven that the president of the club, H. B. Campbell, has issued a call for a special meeting, to be held Tuesday, November 14 on the second floor of the Library or Hawaii building to consider and act upon certain proposed amendments to the bylaws and also upon a resolution providing that the board of directors be authorized "to provide dressing room facilities on any ground controlled by the club, for the accommodation of female guests of the members" and make the necessary charges, rules and regulations for the use and government of such dressing room facilities.

The proposed amendments to the bylaws would throw the club open to women guests of the members without regard to relationship and would allow permanent women residents of the Islands to become guests of the club for from one to twelve months.

Change Broadens Out

This proposed change is much broader than the one first proposed and which was defeated on a technicality at a special meeting held recently. At that time a member opposed to having a women's bathhouse on the club grounds interposed the objection that for the club at that special meeting to legislate on the question would be unconstitutional. President Campbell held that the point of order was well taken. The result was that the special meeting adjourned, to convene again immediately as a caucus at which the subject was hotly debated.

Finally, by an overwhelming vote, the club members present and represented by proxy went on record as in favor of erecting a women's bathhouse and admitting to the club privileges women guests of the members, irrespective of relationship.

It was then discovered that, although women had for years been admitted as guests of members, this was contrary to the bylaws. The proposed amendments to the bylaws are designed to overcome this prohibition.