

Rowing Clubs House Sites

Definite Plan Is Approved and Committee Is Appointed For An Active Campaign

At a meeting of the Hawaiian Rowing Association at the Star-Bulletin office last evening, a plan of Campbell Crozier, first submitted at a meeting of the association a week ago Wednesday, was approved by all the clubs, and a committee was appointed to endeavor to get public support for it.

The plan is this: It is proposed that there be a slip dredged Waikiki of the new lumber wharf at the makai-Waikiki side of the harbor, 300 feet long, 100 feet wide and at least ten feet deep, on the Waikiki side of which sites for the boat houses could be erected. This slip also could be used for the A. A. U. swimming meets.

Houses Must Be Moved

As already explained, the clubs are facing dispossession of their present houses because the buildings are on land to be used for the new lumber wharf and United States government work. The Healaniis will be able to keep their site longer than the others, but they have no certain tenure in excess of a year, and the situation for the Myrtles and Kunalus is acute.

All the clubs approved the Crozier plan, and A. T. Longley, speaking for the A. A. U., said, although no action had been taken by the board of governors, the Union was anxious to reach a settled state in regard to a place for swimming races and that he had no doubt that approval would be given at Monday's meeting. The A. A. U. has faced at times the possibility of not being able to hold its meet in the navy slips, and sometimes short notice was given of that possibility, so naturally it would be interested.

No Pulkia With Lumber Firms

This proposed slip would leave 154 feet of space for the wharf, for the wharf line extends back 254 feet. It is not anticipated that the lumber firms will object to the plan, since it is held that there will be plenty of space for them otherwise; and the intent of the rowing association is to get public aid for its plan, especially from such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and others. It is held that a depth of ten feet will be sufficient for the boats and for the swimming races.

The expense would be borne by the territory, but, again, it is believed that the appropriation for the work is sufficient to include this comparatively small item and that rowing here is at least semi-public, as witness the fact that Regatta Day is a public holiday, and that the public is thoroughly interested in seeing rowing perpetuated; and rowing scarcely can be perpetuated without sites for the houses. Mr. Crozier's plan appealed to all as being quite feasible, especially since there is little or no other space convenient and available on the waterfront.

How Houses Would Be

The houses in order, from the makai side of the harbor, probably would be: Myrtles, Kunalu, Healani and Honolulu Yacht and Boat, for the last, although at Pearl Harbor, wishes to get up to Honolulu where the other clubs are. It had been suggested that the clubs organize to build one house for all, partitions setting one club off from the other, but this probably will not be done, although the first necessity is to get support of the public and of the harbor board for the plan. The houses could be used for seating spectators at A. A. U. swims.

Mr. Crozier said that the Kunalu Club, the girls' rowing organization, was behind anything the Rowing Association might do, and the Myrtles, Healaniis, Honolulu Yacht and Boat also approved.

The committee, appointed by B. E. Hooper, who presided, is composed of Campbell Crozier, David Center and B. A. Kroll. These men will begin their campaign immediately. Among those who spoke was Riley H. Allen, editor of the Star-Bulletin, who expressed his approval of the plans of the association to get sites, although he was not familiar with the details of the Crozier plan. This plan, first broached a week ago, was unfolded in detail to the clubs last night.

Among Those Present

Among those present were: Stanley Wright, Honolulu; George Crozier, Myrtles; Campbell Crozier, Myrtles; Charles Brown, Healaniis; A. T. Longley, A. A. U.; A. C. Reinecke, Healaniis; David Center, Myrtles and Outrigger; William Lyle, Honolulu; A. K. B. Kroll, Healaniis; B. E. Hooper; Bob Chillingworth, Myrtles, and Pat O'Sullivan, Honolulu.