

# OUTRIGGER CLUB DOESN'T CARE WHAT WOMEN BATHERS PUT ON OR LEAVE OFF WHEN SWIMMING

## By Big Majority, Almost Unanimously, Club Repudiates Idea of "Dress Reform" and Disowns Relationship With Woman's Auxiliary

Not only do the majority of the members of the Outrigger Canoe Club not care a whoop whether the girls at Waikiki wear skirts or not, but they likewise do not care a whoop what the members of the Woman's Auxiliary think of it.

This majority, after a two hour discussion of skirts last night, so voted. They voted their perfect neutrality in skirts attached to swimming clothes and disowned skirts in the abstract by repudiating any official relationship between their organization and that of the Woman's Auxiliary, from whence arose the original objection to skirtless mermaids.

As finally passed, the resolution of the Outrigger members was:

"Be it resolved by the Outrigger Canoe Club that this club is not interested in the bathing suit controversy and that it is not officially connected with the Woman's Auxiliary."

### Expurgated Version

This was not the way the resolution read in the beginning, when Oswald Mayall first sprung it at last night's annual meeting at the Library of Hawaii. Mayall's resolution was very much more to the point he wanted to make, but he was persuaded to permit the rough edges to be smoothed away by Messrs. Buttolph, Wall, Campbell, Lorin Andrews and some others.

The discussion, that lasted fully two hours, both pertinent and extraneous to the subject, waxed warm. Finally the opposing camps affected a compromise and Acting-President Buttolph deleted the so-called objectional features and reworded the resolution as finally adopted. The vote for its adoption was large, but two "noes" being heard from the floor.

### Chaperone Criticized

The board of directors was criticized for the appointment of the Woman's Auxiliary chaperone as the chaperone of the Outrigger Canoe Club and for permitting the chaperone to impose on women guests of the men's organization rules or order, procedure and regulations regarding what styles of bathing suits they should wear.

The general trend of the discussion was a slap-bang condemnation of the attempted regulation of bathing cos-

tumes on the beach.

"If my wife cares to get into a man's bathing suit and she looks well in it and I see no objection to her wearing it, so long as it is decent," said one member, Mr. Porter, "I can't see why she can't wear it. And any man or woman who criticizes her for wearing such a suit will hear from me good and plenty."

### Complained of Insults

One speaker said that insulting notes were placed in some of the lockers, criticizing the suits worn by some women. The chaperone, he said, had insulted several women through the unnecessary criticism she offered wearers of suits which did not meet her approval. One woman had been turned back four times and told that the bathing suits she had appeared in were not fit.

"The chaperone was employed," said one speaker, "to look after the young girls and not dictate to women as old as herself and as wise in their day what they should wear. The trouble has not been with the women guests of the Outrigger Canoe Club in the bathing suit controversy, but with women from the adjoining hotels and residences along the beach who frequent the strip in front of our club."

Another member was afraid the adoption of the resolution, which finally carried, would renew the controversy on the question and would cause ill-feeling between the two clubs. On this score the spirit of moderation worked wonders and the most radical and rabid for the adoption of the original resolution finally gave way and agreed to the compromise measure.

The keynote of the whole discussion was that the Outrigger Canoe Club had never and was not now interested in what bathing costumes women wore on the beach so long as they suited the wearers, and that the two organizations were separate and apart and not officially connected, although they occupied adjacent premises and exchanged social courtesies.

### Officers Elected

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

Warren Dease, president; H. A. Walker, vice-president; W. J. Dickson, secretary; John Lennox, treasurer; "Dad" Center, captain of the athletic teams; Henry A. Asch, chairman of the order and entertainment committee; S. Starrett, chairman of the house committee; J. M. Westgate and Fred C. Bailey, new members of the board of directors.

Forty-nine members were present in person and fifty proxies were voted. The officers elected received big majorities of the vote cast.

The treasurer's report, which showed a credit balance of over \$700, was read and referred to the auditor. Reports by the president, athletic captain and chairman of the house committee were read and approved.

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