

Plan To Save Outrigger Canoe Club

Officers and directors of the Outrigger Canoe Club will present a plan to a meeting of all the members of the club next Wednesday evening which, if adopted, will save the historic beach club from going out of existence, it was announced yesterday.

With the club threatened with financial collapse due to a fifty per cent drop in members during the past seven years, a definite plan will be submitted to the meeting at the club pavilion Wednesday evening, which members of the board of directors believe will result in the solution to the financial problem and the saving of the OCC.

According to figures revealed by officers of the club the membership totalled 1,274 in 1927, the peak year, and in 1934 this figure had dropped to 612, including all classes of members. The 1927 membership was composed of 686 senior members, 427 associate (women) members and 161 junior members.

This year the directors voted to

divide senior membership into two classes, regular adult and student members. As a result of this division there remain 273 senior members and 58 students or a total of 331 men. There are 170 women members and 111 juniors still on the roll.

ACTION THREATENED

In calling the members of the club to the emergency meeting Wednesday night the officers of the club declared that the Bank of Hawaii has notified the directors that unless satisfactory arrangements are completed by March 29 whereby the club's existing indebtedness to the bank of \$4,000 could be retired within a reasonable length of time, they would be forced to take action to recover.

Added to the indebtedness to the bank the club will owe on June 30 back taxes and other debts which will bring the total debt to approximately \$7,000.

Attorneys for the Queen Emma estate, owners of the Outrigger Canoe Club property, have notified the directors of the club that the estate

would be unwilling to discuss a renewal of the lease which expires in 1937, until delinquent rent, taxes and insurance are paid up in full.

Since the OCC was organized in 1908, more than \$100,000 has been spent by the club on improvements to the property, construction of buildings and the purchase of equipment including surfing canoes.

The unsightly lagoon, which once flowed along the Diamond head side of the club property, was filled in by the club at its own expense in conformance with terms of the lease and many other beach beautification schemes have been carried out under the various administrations of the club.

SURFING REVIVAL

With interest in canoe racing and competition revived last summer in the Kealakekua regatta, G. D. "Dad" Center, for many years OCC captain, declared yesterday that canoeing and surfing had shown a distinct revival.

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