

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ATHLETIC COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1948

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE:

During the past year the Volleyball Committee has been very active, and has done an exceptional job in sponsoring several tournaments for the membership. These tournaments consisted of a 6-man open, 2-man open, mixed doubles, junior doubles, men over 40 doubles, and an informal 6-man tournament for businessmen on Wednesday evenings. In addition the club sponsored a team in the AAU 6-man open league.

As a finale to the year's volleyball activities, this committee sponsored an informal party at which time trophies were presented to the winners of the various tournaments. It is felt that as a result of the success of these tournaments, that this form of activity should be continued and possibly expanded in the coming year.

The Volleyball Committee urges that consideration be given to improving the lighting on our courts through the medium of additional lights on the back end of the court, as it is difficult to play properly under the present center lights which do not properly light the back end of the court. It is felt that the addition of lights at the back of the court will improve the playing conditions to a point where businessmen will feel more free to get together on week nights and enjoy these facilities, and by drawing more people onto the club premises we should tend to increase the club's revenue.

It has also been recommended by the Volleyball Committee as a result of the past two years experience that it has now become necessary to assign the makai court to businessmen entirely after 4 p.m. on week days, since the cooperation of the junior members in connection with the use of the court by businessmen has continued to be a problem, and as a result our businessmen and businesswomen activities have dropped off considerably.

CANOE COMMITTEE:

Activities of the Canoe Committee

have been rather varied throughout the past year, and the Outrigger Canoe Club, through its Canoe Committee, has been commended for its cooperation on various civic projects. Specific projects handled by the Canoe Committee were: Organizing a canoe flotilla to greet the *SS Lurline* on her maiden voyage, putting on a water pageant for the benefit of *Lurline* passengers assembled at the Luau at Queen's Surf, sponsoring the June 11 Hookupu and canoe torch parade on the night of June 11, providing free rides for guests attending the club steak fry in August, organizing the canoe flotilla for participation in the commemorative exercises on Maritime Day and Aloha Week programs and making a complete study of our present canoes on hand with a view towards replacing obsolete and impractical canoes with better equipment.

As a result of this study, the Canoe Committee is now negotiating for six koa logs of a uniform size to be delivered to our club over a three-year period, and it is planned to build standard size lightweight canoes from these logs, which will facilitate easier handling by interested club members, and should result in more canoeing activity by the membership.

It is also planned to dispose of those canoes which are not practical for membership use, because of their excessive weight and odd designs, by selling them to club members or outsiders having specific use for such equipment.

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It has also been recommended that one of the canoes marked for disposal be given to the Police Athletic League as a gesture of cooperation on our part to assist them in their commendable efforts to provide entertainment and healthy activity for underprivileged juveniles throughout Honolulu. It is further felt that as a result of their having equipment available for training purposes we may further help to develop competition for future regattas and thus assist in preserving the Hawaiian sport of canoe racing.

The committee is also considering the practicability of building laminated canoes which appear to be much stronger and are much lighter, and definitely less expensive than the solid log type. As soon as these studies are completed the final recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval.

It is further recommended that the racing canoes be moved from their present storage space under the dining room to another location, possibly in a shed which could be constructed above the proposed carpenter shop and soda fountain. This would result in the releasing of valuable space in the canoe shed for active canoes, and would also eliminate the danger which we now have from a fire in the kitchen and dining room, which might not only destroy this building but our entire stock of canoes including our racing canoes which are practically irreplaceable.

The committee is also studying the possibility of providing small sailing canoes for the use of the membership, to make it possible for smaller groups to go sailing, as compared to the one large canoe which we now have that requires the aid of 8 or 10 strong men to move it from the beach to the water and vice versa.

GENERAL:

A project which has been started by the Outrigger Athletic Coordinating Committee and which will be passed on to the incoming committee is the sponsoring of a Molokai to Oahu canoe pad-

dling race as proposed by Mr. A. E. "Toots" Minvielle. The promotional value of such a race appears to be quite valuable, both to the Outrigger Canoe Club and to the Territory, and it is felt that if such a race can be organized and properly handled, a great deal of valuable publicity both through news items and motion pictures can be developed.

It is also recommended that the club participation in the proposed trip to Australia of top notch surf board riders, canoe paddlers, and swimmers is well worth considering, and a program designed to work towards this end throughout the next 8 or 9 months should provide some very interesting competition and entertainment, and at the same time develop top notch competitors for the international meets to be held in Australia in December 1949.

We are also hopeful that if the new plan for rearranging the club facilities is passed upon that some of the space relieved in the Diamond Head end of the canoe shed can be made available for junior membership activities, and tentative plans as to the type of facilities to be provided have been discussed with our architect. As recommended in our last year's report, there is a definite need for a specific space for junior membership activities, and we urge that consideration be given to the provision of such a space as soon as possible.

It is also planned to set up facilities for horseshoe pitching near the men's locker room, and this project will proceed immediately if the moving of the soda fountain and work shop to this area is going to be delayed for several months.

In closing we wish to extend our appreciation to the Board of Directors and our manager for their cooperation and understanding in connection with the problems faced by this committee throughout the past year, and each and every member of the committee will be more than happy to assist in the continued promotion of club athletic activities throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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