LEASE PREVENTS ADMITTING FAIR SEX AS MEMBERS

Outrigger Canoe Club Plan Is Upset; Captain Cutter Reports Successful Year

Plans to amend the by-laws of the Outrigger Canoe club to permit women to join the organization as regular members were tabled at the annual meeting of the club held at the Library of Hawaii last night, when it was learned that provision was made in the lease of the bathhouse at the club that women would not be admitted.

Preparations had been made to take the matter up at the meeting last night, and amendments to the by-laws had been drawn up, but the plans were temporarily halted when word was received from the Women's Auxiliary, which owns the property which the canoe club leases for bathhouses, that the lease prohibits women members in the club. This obstacle to the plans came up so late yesterday that it was impossible to look into the matter before the meeting, and after a brief discussion last night the entire matter was turned over to the board of directors to investigate and take action. No vote was taken on the various amendments to the by-laws.

Admitted as Guest Members

Under the existing rules of the Outrigger Canoe club women are admitted as guest members, having the privileges of the club, but they are not permitted to take part in the administrative part of the organization. Frequent applications from women for membership in the club prompted the male members to consider taking action to amend the by-laws so that the women could enter as full fledged members.

Very little routine business was taken up at last night's meeting other than the annual reports of various standing committees. Election of three directors for a period of three years and two to fill unexpired terms of directors who have resigned was held. Those elected for the three year periods were S. S. Starrett, L. McCormickkey and H. A. Asch. W. R. Ouderkirk was elected for a two year period, and Dr. Paul Withington was selected to fill an unexpired term of one year.

Most Successful Year

In the report of the captain of the club, D. ("Dad") Center reported that 90 per cent of the members of the club had taken advantage of swimming and surfing facilites at the club during the 1922-23 season and that the year had been the most successful in the history of the organization.

The treasurer's report showed that the income during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, totaled $13,727.14 and the expenditures amounted to $13,475.93. Assets of the organization total $19,953.42.

The house committee reported that the club will probably be called upon this year to fill in the pond on the grounds at Waikiki, but that conditions are not suitable to attempt this work at the present time. The committee also reported that additional lockers and other equipment are needed to take care of the rapidly increasing membership.