

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT CASCADES
CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE AT 8 P.M.

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2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Membership Report.
4. Interim Financing.
5. Other business.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD AT CASCADES
CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY, 8TH JUNE 1978, AT 8 P.M.

PRESENT: A. Hopkins, W. Weynerowski, I. Stewart,
L. Payne, P. Wilson, H. Payne, N. Hogg,
N. Patterson, R. Ross, M. van Wijk, I. Hale,
G. Drury, G. Hill, M. Hill, K. Decker, C. Decker,
M. Hopkins, J. Ross.

Minutes of the last General Membership Meeting held on
30th November 1977 at Wakefield School were read and approved, moved
by R. Ross, seconded C. Stewart.

One motion queried by R. Ross was that offering membership in
exchange for work, but it was decided to retain this option,
although there had not as yet been any application, as there
was a variety of safeguards written in the motion.

Construction: W. Pawley reviewed the situation and advised
members that expenditure was very close to
budgeted figures; although some items were
over estimate, savings had been effected in
other areas e.g. roof trusses. Cement blocks
had been very satisfactorily laid by A. Koen,
and it was proposed to engage his services in
the plastering and finishing of the court walls.
The quote of \$3000.00 was very reasonable and
Mr. Koen had been trained as a Master-plasterer
in Europe. The work on the tile-field is now
being completed by W. Allan and G. Hill, and it
is hoped that some toilet facilities will be
available for the Beef B.B.Q. on July 8th.

A vote of thanks is to be recorded to W. Pawley
for the long hours spent on site and also in
ordering materials.

In the absence of Treasurer, J. Kranenburg, A. Hopkins ran over
building costs; approximately \$20,000 has been spent with \$2,000
in the bank account, and a further \$500-\$600 received in cheques
still to be deposited. A. Hopkins estimated a further \$15,000
is now required to complete construction of two squash courts,
toilets, showers, meeting rooms, passageway, heating and
electrical work, tile field. However, for a further \$2,000 it
would be possible to complete all interior finishing, wall-to-
wall carpeting, connecting passageway to Clubhouse, and insulate
exterior walls in order to protect court walls and floors in
winter.

All estimates, except court walls and floors which will be
professionally done, are based on self-labour. If outside
help is necessary these estimates will be nearly doubled.
The projection is that all funds will have been exhausted in
two weeks' time.

W. Pawley pointed out that it was very important to continue construction, as people were now aware of the Squash program. It was necessary to keep up the momentum and very useful in attracting new members who see the reality of building in progress. The general opinion of members was that to halt, or even slow down, construction would be harmful to the membership drive. One opinion was that some local residents seem to expect the Club to halt construction anytime now, as an indication of funds running out or lack of support.

A. Hopkins pointed out the alternatives:

1. Stop until money becomes available (through memberships)
2. Slow down construction.
3. Arrange interim financing through the offer of the local Wakefield Bank to loan money to Squash Cascades under the guarantee of individual members. The money will be used ONLY as required and all interest is payable from club funds.

As most members indicated any hold up in construction was undesirable, A. Hopkins mentioned that the past 3 weeks had been spent by Dave and Di Ross, and himself, individually chasing up all contacts in pursuit of Federal, Provincial and municipal grants. Approaches had also been made to Tom Lefevbre, Gaston Isabelle and even Sports Canada, to no avail although all avenues have not yet been exhausted!

A. Hopkins turned to Membership results, mentioning that W. Weynerowski was now Chairman of the Membership Committee after J. Lemelin was forced to resign owing to pressure of work, including the construction of his own home.

W. Weynerowski mentioned that the neighbourhood had truly been "blitzed" both by mail and telephone by his Committee. Every lead mentioned had been followed up but members' assistance was desperately required. One could not assume that cheques would be sent to the Treasurer, so wherever possible, offer to hand in their cheque yourself. He mentioned also that the Committee had been attending local events and even setting up stalls, e.g. Chelsea June Fair, and the Rosses of Masham had covered the "Antique Sale". However, several memberships were expected within the week but it was up to members to actively pursue new memberships themselves and not to rely on the Committee. W. Weynerowski stated that a "bi-cultural" even "multi-cultural" Community Club was desirable and, to this end, we should encourage our neighbours in St. Cecile de Masham to join.

N. Patterson asked that members advise the Membership Committee of any local "current events" where we could possibly benefit from a display stand.

W. Weynerowski stated a further \$2,000 might be produced from "Patron Members". It was proposed to send letters to prominent citizens inviting their participation in this Community venture. Their donations would be much appreciated and they would be included on a formal Roll of "Patron Members of Squash Cascades." These letters will be sent out at once so hopefully the funds will be replenished along with a number of "last minute" founder member applications before June 30th.

Thereupon, W. Weynerowski proposed that a competition be held immediately amongst members to encourage participation. It was decided that those members bringing in one Life Member and one other (any category) will qualify for a new squash racquet of their choice up to a maximum of \$30. This will be formally presented on OPENING NIGHT!

A. Hopkins reminded members of the position; as explained earlier in the evening, memberships are coming in but not fast enough to match construction. Last fall we discussed obtaining a bank loan by individual members signing promissory notes, at which time several persons indicated willingness to sign.

Once again, support for the Squash program was indicated as members agreed to stand as guarantors up to a maximum of \$1,000 each. It was pointed out that the more members participating, the more the total required was shared amongst members, the less the burden may be on fellow members.

The following members have formally signed consent:

L. Payne, P. Wilson, R. Ross, N. Patterson, G. Drury, M. van Wijk, C. Stewart, M. Hill, W. Pawley, M. Hopkins, A. Hopkins, I. Hale, W. Weynerowski.

Dave Ross, Di Ross, W. Allan, M. Dolgin, R. Grant and P. Martin were not present but have already promised their signatures in support of the loan.

After reminding members that Cascades Club memberships were due, the Meeting was adjourned. Moved by P. Wilson, seconded L. Payne.

..... Chairman

..... Secretary

N.B. It was agreed that all members will be asked to sign a "promissory" or "demand" note as soon as possible.