

The Dolphin Swimming & Boating Club

Board Minutes 1946 – 1960

Summary

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Handwritten Dolphin Club Board Minutes, 1946 Jan – 1950 May

1946 Jan – The regular meeting was called to order by President H. Stephen. All applicants for membership were accepted. A motion carried that those under age 18 be known as athletic members and be non-voting members until reaching the required age. Membership was reinstated for six men back from the war. A committee is still working on getting the club house moved to a more desirable location. Bids will be solicited for a heater or heaters for the locker room.

1946 Feb – The boat *Staib* will be offered for sale to members.

1946 Mar – The #9 skiff was split on the bottom caused by hitting a submerged pile. It was suggested that all new members be taught the care and handling of club boats.

1946 Apr – A bid of \$175 was accepted to repair leaks on ‘A’ Court roof. There was a motion to serve refreshments at each Board Meeting to encourage attendance. A committee appointed to improve the sun roof or sandpit. The St. Patrick’s Day party made a profit of \$44.55.

1946 May – The boat *Staib* was sold to George Lineer for \$25.00. Membership fees increased: Initiation to \$10 and monthly dues to \$2.00 subject to approval at the Membership Meeting on June 26th. Improvements have been completed to the sun-roof by volunteers. Baggiani reported on the successful conclusion of the doubles handball tournament.

1946 June 19 – Motion made by Lawton Hughes passed for boat builder Bill Richards to turn handball court “B” into a workshop. Janitorial services approved for \$50 per month. It was urged that rules be enforced regarding guests to the club.

1946 Aug – First night watchman, 10 pm to 10 am daily, authorized. A motion passed to enforce the 90-day swim rule. A letter of resignation from Hector Stephen, president, was accepted.

1946 Sep – Vice Pres Landucci conducted the meeting. The security watchman reported finding a club member and female companion in the Club House at 2 am. A motion passed that club members interested in weight lifting be granted space with the provision the club not be liable in connection with said activity.

1946 Oct – It was reminded that there will be a Special Mtg on Nov 20th to discuss the possibility of raising dues. Mr. Sancimino spoke at length on the subject of the club’s galley.

1946 Nov – Mr. Baggiani reported that the heating system for the locker room was not yet available. Dues for membership and lockers to be increased by \$1.00 per month each were voted by the membership of 27 in favor and 23 against. However, the proposed amendment did not carry for lack of sufficient majority.

1946 Dec – Plans were reported for the Run & Dip, New Year's Eve party, and Installation Banquet. The General Mtg was called to order, and the Nominating Committee's ballot of officers for 1947 was elected including Dino Landucci for President.

1947 Jan 6 – Special Mtg: Called to order by President Landucci. The purpose was to plan the Installation Dinner-Dance. The date was set for April 12, 1947.

1947 Jan 15 – The New Year's Eve party made \$403.86 including two cases of whiskey left over. Chairmen were selected for club committees. Motion passed to expand the heating system to the boat house and handball court.

1947 Feb – The Valentine's Dance netted \$142.94 plus leftover whiskey. The old piano was sold for \$12.50 and another used one purchased for \$25.00. Motion carried to allow the SERC to use the Dolphin handball court for a tournament.

1947 March – Approval to build three new boats similar to the "Al Pape" at a cost of \$400 per boat. Also, a motion passed to build a new galley, subject to further approvals.

1947 Apr – Six new memberships approved including Ray Morino. Spokesmen were appointed for repairs on the club dock. A set of club rules and the constitution will be printed for every new member entering the club.

1947 May – Motion passed to advance Mr. Giovannoni \$1,500 to build the new galley, not to exceed this cost. Motion approved to let the boat house be rented for \$50.00 for a high school dance. The galley will be closed for 30 days.

1947 Jun – Motion passed that the galley be reopened, and that the Captain have authority over all galley disputes.

1947 Jul – Delegates appointed to the PAAO.

1947 Aug – For the Golden Gate Swim, spectators will be charged \$1.00 to see the swim plus free admission to the dance afterwards. Various fines imposed for disobeying club rules.

1947 Sep – Lawton Hughes was commended for his handling of the Golden Gate Swim.

1947 Oct – For the Old Timers dinner, members for 40 or more years will be guests. Motion passed to amend galley cost not to exceed \$2,300. The Board goes on record as favoring a building fund assessment of \$.50 per month for future building facilities.

1947 Nov – Both the Gate Swim and Barn Dance events reported profits. Names selected for the three new boats: Landucci, Foster, and Baggiani. The General Meeting was opened concerning the matter of raising membership dues. However, it was challenged due to inadequate notice to the membership. The matter will be taken up in January 1948.

1947 Dec – The nominating committee submitted a slate of officers for 1948.

1948 Jan 21 – The meeting was called to order by new president, Clement Dupuis. The regular meeting was adjourned, and the general membership meeting opened. There was a vote on amendments to the constitution that would raise membership dues. The amendments were defeated as follows, 33 no and 23 yes. The regular meeting resumed. Lumber for the new galley

will be purchased for \$250.00. This money was to be taken out of the fund established by Joe Keenan's donation. The installation dinner dance to be held at DiMaggio's, tickets \$3.75 tips included. Various committees were formed to serve for the year. A special policeman was to be paid for watching the club at nights. Mr. James Cronin will enter all club affairs free of charge. The meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for departed Life Member Dr. McKevitt.

1948 Feb – A motion passed that money remaining in the new galley fund be turned over to Bill Richards to complete the galley. Tentative date of April 14th for the dedication of the galley honoring Joe Keenan.

1948 Mar – Walter Schneebeil's application for membership was accepted. Lincoln High School will be given the clubhouse for the night of April 23rd for the sum of \$75.00.

1948 Apr – Motion approved to grant Mike Scafani \$20.00 for reconditioning the bar.

1948 May – Motion carried that Andy Dunn go ahead and paint the club house with all expense of brushes and paint to the club. Mr. Dunn is to receive two year's dues for this work. Roy Lazzeri of the SERC spoke on the tentative building of a joint dock. The Board felt that a night watchman should be obtained for \$10 per month. The Board favors taking out more insurance in the amount of \$25,000.

1948 Jun – A letter from Ray Carmassi was read asking for reinstatement to club membership. His appeal was denied by the Board. A committee was appointed to represent the club at a meeting to develop Aquatic Park for motorized fishing boats.

1948 Jul 5 – Special Mtg: The Mariposa Boat Club asked for use of the Dolphin training quarters at Pier 54 for storing incidentals and as a locker room. The matter was held over to the next meeting. A motion was passed to hold Board meetings twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

1948 Jul 10 – The last club dance raffled off a new Plymouth automobile. The profit from the dance was \$211.00, however the total profit including the raffle would be \$2,555.00.

1948 Jul 21 – Mr. Ray Lazzari of the SERC presented his plan for a joint dock between the clubs. The Board stated the plan was not in accord with Dolphin Club plans. A motion was passed that the club do on record opposing Mr. Lazzari's plan. Ray Carmassi was voted back into the club, providing all his dues to the club be paid off.

1948 Aug 18 – Delegates to the PAAO were named.

1948 Sep 1 – Special Mtg: A bill rendered by Jerry Hawryluk of \$10.00 for photographs would be deducted from his dues. The Dolphin Club and SERC tied for honors at the recent rowing regatta at Lake Merced.

1948 Oct – Reports were made about the successful Gate Swim and upcoming Halloween dance and the annual run to the beach. It was resolved that this Board go on record for raising the dues for 1949.

1948 Nov – The Run to Beach committee plans breakfast at DiMaggio's rather than the Cliff House. Lawton Hughes reported on the Oarsmen's Banquet. The Captain's report approved on boats to be repaired by Bill Richards. The Nominating Committee was chosen.

1948 Dec – The regular meeting was suspended in favor of an Open Meeting of members. The proposition to raise the club dues to \$25 per year was voted on by secret ballot. It passed 26 to 5, consequently the proposition carried by the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ majority. Next on the agenda was the election of officers on the nominating ticket. The new boat, Landucci, to be launched on Dec 18th at 2 pm. The open meeting was then closed, and the regular meeting resumed.

1949 Jan – The meeting was called to order by new President Stanley Rybicki. Committees were selected for the year. A motion passed to eliminate the 25 cents tax per head on those who dine in the Keenan room. Various projects were proposed; however Mr. Sterling reminded the Board they had decided months ago to repair the wharf before anything else.

1949 Feb – Bids were evaluated to finish the boathouse ceiling and walls. Driftwood paneling proposed for the walls. Permission to build an orchestra pit (stage). Funded at \$300. Mr. Hughes given permission to get rid of the barge *Dolphin* and three broken skiffs.

1949 Mar – Four rules approved: A member may bring a guest provided the guest does not use the club or club facilities, this includes sunbathing, showers, etc. Any violation of this rule the member will be subjected to a \$5.00 fine. No dogs will be allowed on club property with a \$5.00 fine per violation. All unescorted women under no circumstances will be permitted in the club. If a member signs up for a club activity he will be charged. If he does not sign up he will not be permitted to partake.

1949 Apr – A mimeograph machine will be purchased to publish a monthly bulletin.

1949 May – A service door is cut from the galley into the main boat house. Motion passed for the club to pay \$10 for a mailing permit to use one cent postage envelopes.

1949 Jun – Mr. Hughes reported on the Stockton regatta; the Lightweight crew won, the Junior crew beat Stanford, and the single made a good showing. Motion passed to renovate the Stair Room by painting the ceiling, varnishing the walls, and installing an asphalt floor for \$190.

1949 Jul – Approved \$250 expenditure to equip the galley to serve 100 people. The rowing crews to be awarded sweaters and medals for their Stockton regatta victories. The Board requested that the Secretary send a letter with the SERC and SFRC to the Park Commission to restrict motors from the Cove.

1949 Aug – Two letters were received from the Harbor Commission acknowledging and approving our request to expand our rowing training quarters. The Board ruled that any minor under 21 in age can not play cards for money. Any adult playing cards for money with a minor will be fined \$5.00 with the possibility of expulsion.

1949 Oct – Special Meeting to set rules for a raffle of a TV set.

1949 Oct – A piano was purchased for \$75. Reported that the barge *Dolphin* was thrown in the Bay and destroyed. The club secretary was instructed to report the vandalism to the Chief of Police.

1949 Nov – Mr. Taylor told the Board about the meeting with the SF Examiner concerning Aquatic Park property being sold to Eastman Kodak Company. The Examiner did want to take sides in the matter. Mr. Sterling is to contact the Aquatic Park Development Commission to seek its aid.

1949 Dec – The Annual Meeting was held, and new officers elected including Pres. Mike Scafani. Walt Taylor read a news article about the selling of an Aquatic Park property for the purpose of a warehouse.

1950 Jan – A fresh crack in the No. 9 skiff was reported. A bid of \$575 was accepted to finish the hallway in driftwood paneling. A general list of house rules was to be drawn up by the Secretary.

1950 Feb – Mr. Hughes reported on the dance and raffle. Louis Marcelli won the TV set. Mr. Scafani announced that members were not to launch varnished boats from the beach. A motion passed to loan the barge Oakland to the Sausalito Rowing Club. They will refinish the barge, and terms of the loan be left to the discretion of Lawton Hughes.

1950 Mar – The main boat house walls, entrance, and stairs have been covered with “driftwood” paneling. Cost about \$2200. Motion carried that the Juke Box be reconditioned. Motion carried that asphalt tile be laid on the floor at a cost of about \$200. Lawton Hughes discussed the proposed Aquatic Park Marine Exhibit and proposed the Dolphin Club go along with the plan. A motion was made by Lawton Hughes and passed that Tom Harris be contacted regarding Alex Pape’s medals.

1950 Apr – The Captain reported boat repairs totaling \$154, and that the damage was caused because of our poor dock facilities. A discussion arose on the guest rule. A motion carried that members be allowed to bring prospective new members to the club and use club facilities for a limit of two occasions only. Jimmie Cronin stated that the time has come for a new dock. The club will seek advice of experts such as Healey & Tibbets.

1950 May – Lawton Hughes reported the Park Commission was not ready to provide a breakwater for one or two years. He also announced that Ladies Day Regatta will be July 16th. The Dolphins and SERC will compete for the Malcolm Steele trophy with a 6-oared barge race from Yacht Harbor to the Cove.

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1950 Jun – Carl Ludens discussed the bad affect of card playing in the club. Mr. Cronin cautioned the Board to be more frugal. Malcolm Steele to be notified by letter that Tom Troneum has been elected as our PAAO delegate.

1950 Jul – A rule was passed that no card playing, dice, throwing or gambling of any sort will be allowed in the Dolphin Swimming & Boating Club. Alex McCausland spoke of the medals of Alex Pape which are in the possession of Mrs. Thomas Harris. Permission granted to secure the medals and give them to the granddaughter of Alex Pape.

1950 Aug – Discussion on boatbuilder Bill Richard's lease, to vacate in September. Motion made and passed to rescind the rule of July 16th in regards to cards/hearts playing.

1950 Sep – – Boat builder Bill Richards is retiring. Discussed making the carpenter's room into a boat room by cutting a door into the main boat house. Motion carried that a monthly inventory of liquor be taken by the Captain and entertainment chairman.

1950 Oct – December 17th was selected for the date of the 52nd annual Run and Dip to the beach. Projects were discussed and decided the first thing on the agenda is to construct of a big door leading into the old boat shop.

1950 Nov – Fred Herms resignation submitted at the last meeting was accepted. Motion carried for the installation of an amplifying system for \$175. Motion passed that \$35 be spent for a hot water line to the galley.

1950 Dec – A question was raised as to who had authority to burn the damaged boat, *Al Pape*. The President said the boat was a total loss. Replacing the lost boat was discussed. Jim Morino said the *Columbia* was used without permission. Bud Sterling suggest the rewriting of rules for all boats. Mr. Cicerone discussed the wearing of a regulation club uniform when a boat was taken out. Lawton Hughes recommended that the Board try to give direction to young men of pre-draft age in order that they might see their way to join the club. Lawton brought up the problem of rowing competition with the boys being drafted.

1951 Jan – Objection to rentals raised by Joe Weiss. Majority rules to continue rentals. The indictment of Joe Paoli for the loss of the *Al Pape* discussed. His fine suspended. A donation of \$25 agreed upon.

1951 Feb – Alex McCausland showed the medals of Alex Pape to the Board. Roland Demarias raised the problem of decreasing membership. The club has lost about 25% of its members during the past year. Malcolm Steele's letter was read regarding a unified policy by the three clubs concerning Aquatic Park, especially the anchoring of ships therein. A Dolphin committee was selected to meet with the other clubs on this matter. Mr. McCarthy, the building contractor, is ready to work on the cutting a door into the old handball court.

1951 Mar - Mr. Liva announced there were 55 at the Installation Dinner, a poor showing. Work has not begun on the door to the old shop. The Captain reported some boats had been beached and failure to log boats.

1951 Apr Mr. Demarias talked about the need for a gym. Mr. Liva suggested a gym be erected above the old handball court. Another suggestion was to use the roof for a gym with a shelter for equipment. Ray Morino said a new toilet should be installed in the Training Quarters. The project by the three clubs to obtain a breakwater was discussed. Virgil Anderson talked on club welfare, "We must concentrate on Aquatics." Jimmy Cronin stated that we ask the city to get back to the Western end of the Cove, and the club should act independently, if necessary. It was proposed to build a shed for the *Wieland*. Frank Adams said the Board should promote membership swimming together.

1951 May – A resolution was passed that the DSBC will become allied with the other rowing clubs providing the other parties agree to investigate the possibility of moving to the Western end of the Cove.

1951 Jun – The club has received a letter from the State Harbor Commission, June 4th, stating the need to remove the Dolphin Training Quarters at Pier 54 within 6 to 12 months because of the extension of the Santa Fe rail road tracks. The question was raised but deferred about moving the training to Lake Merced. A Cove Handicap swim was set for Saturday, Aug 25. Frank Mennucci accepted the chairmanship of the rentals.

1951 Jul – Special Mtg: \$285 approved for eight men (crews & coach) to fly to San Diego for a regatta. Regarding a membership drive, the following was carried: period of drive Aug 1 to Oct 31, \$5.00 initiation fee dropped for 90 days, three months free dues to be granted to each member who brings in a member providing the new member stays in the club one year, a letter of membership invitation to be sent to all fire houses on approval.

1951 Jul – Motion passed to setup an Investigation Committee, especially during period of the membership drive. Questions to be answered by new applicants: Do you belong to any other clubs? Name any other fraternal organizations of which you are a member., Do you hold a military discharge? Was it honorable? Were you ever convicted of a felony? Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

1951 Aug – Mr. Liva stated the policy for rentals was to charge \$100 for weddings and \$150 for club functions. Resolution – rowing crews congratulated!

1951 Sep – Motion carried that medals be purchased for the Senior Crew and coxswain for their Pacific Coast Championship. Fred Hermes re-instated into club with non-interruption of longevity. Lawton Hughes suggested that no action should be taken on the training quarters until the railway project is ready to start.

1951 Oct – Nine applications for membership were accepted. Mr. Sterling commented on the Senior crew participating in the National try-outs in Phila. Lawton Hughes said he planned for a match race with Washington and California in April.

1951 Nov – Jim Morino picked for the Mrs. Hubbard Dolphin of the Year award.

1951 Dec – No Minutes recorded.

1952 Jan 10 – Special Mtg: The dinner for new officers and new members was set for Jan 19th. Lawton Hughes stated its purpose should be focused on the new members. The separate Installation Dinner and Dance to be held at the Alta Mira in Sausalito. The handball commissioner said the court is in bad condition and suggested a work party to put it in shape. A

handball tournament will be held starting Feb 2nd. A motion carried that a softball game be held April 20th between married and single club members with a feed at the club following the game. Minutes respectfully submitted by W. W. Schneeбели, Recording Secretary.

1952 Jan 16 – The new Financial Secretary stated that owing to faulty accounting and unbalanced books he is finding it difficult to perform his job. The audit committee will meet Jan 22nd concerning this matter. The shower and lavatory are in need of repair. The Captain estimates \$2000 to repair both. Lawton Hughes suggested we write to the Park Commission about our dock problem. A committee of club members experienced in construction work will be formed to determine the course of action on the dock.

1952 Feb – Page removed from Minutes Book.

1952 Mar 6 – Special Open Mtg: Various repairs and improvements were proposed to the locker room, sun porch, roof, boats, and handball court. There was discussion of providing some weight equipment on the roof sun deck. Cost estimates to be obtained, however locker room plans be shelved temporarily until boats and the dock are repaired. A Barn Dance and raffle is scheduled for May 24th.

1952 Mar 19 - Regular Mtg: James Barron and Jim Morino to fined \$5.00 apiece and made to appear on work days for the next three months for breaking into lockers during “horseplay.” Repairs and painting of the hat check room authorized. Motion carried that the *Dolphin Log* be printed on the outside. The Financial Secretary will provide the mailing list.

1952 Apr – A letter was read from Walt Schneeбели who tendered his resignation as an officer of the club due to business reasons (military leave). A letter from the SERC explaining the reasons for closing the doors between the clubs. Since the matter was mutually desirable, a motion carried to lock the doors on our side as well. Also, former members are continuing to use the club. A motion was made to change the front door lock and mail out keys to those members in good standing only. The House Committee reported painting of the boat house and gallery and installation of gutters and drain pipe for the porch. Mr. Hughes reported on his meeting with the Park Commission and discussion of constructing a 200-foot fender at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. The Commission seems willing to cooperate. It was brought out that our insurance coverage is inadequate should a major disaster happen. Since the policies are in the name of the City of SF, it was decided to let them expire and renew in the name of the Dolphin Club. After much discussion about card playing and bad language, it was decided to permit card playing in the Galley only and not in the Staib Room.

1952 May – President Demarais addressed the club on expectations and participation of the upcoming May 25th Harbor Day for the Junior Chamber of Commerce of SF. The obligation being so great it is hopeful the entire club will get behind the event. The prior rule about card playing in the Staib Room will be the subject of a general meeting so all members can express their opinions.

1952 May 14 – Special Mtg: Called to discuss the emergency moving of the Training Quarters required by the Harbor Commission. Unanimously decided to bear the expense of moving to Lake Merced if site is approved by the Park Rec Commission.

1952 May 21 – Report on site at Lake Merced shows progress and hopeful condition. Lawton Hughes has also been in discussions with the Army Engineers on plans for the dock and pilings. The House Committee recommended putting asbestos (asphalt, according to a subsequent Log

article) shingles on the North side of the handball court to keep out dampness. Also, to be painted and front wall nailed.

1952 Jun 4 – Open meeting to discuss card playing. Thirty-five in attendance. After pros and cons, a motion made and carried (28 yes 7 no) that card playing be allowed in the front room (Staib Room) except for minors. Suggestion by A. Liva that members who break the rule on profanity be brought up before the Board.

1952 Jun 18 – Moving the training quarters to Lake Merced will cost \$700 for building, ramp, and float to be ready for July 13th regatta. Work will begin immediately to sheet and shingle the North wall of the handball court, cost estimated to be \$340.00. Motion passed to also sheet the West wall of the handball court. Total bid of \$870.00 for two sides. Motion passed that all members on Athletic membership shall participate in active rowing or be reinstated to regular membership or dropped.

1952 Jul – A proposal made and passed that a 10% commission be paid to members securing rentals, not to exceed one year of membership dues. The recent Barn Dance was popular and cleared \$846 after expenses. The front door lock will be changed again, and all members in good standing be given new keys. Committee named to organize a Racoon Straits swim.

1952 Aug – For the Racoon Straits swim the club will pay to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies plus medals for all who finish.

1952 Sep – A “thank you” letter was sent to the Corinthian Yacht Club for their cooperation in our Racoon Straits swim. A resolution passed that in the future members will have to pay in advance for their Dolphin sweat suits. The Old Timers dinner is set for Nov 22nd.

1952 Oct 1 – Special Mtg: A membership drive has begun. Initiation fee waived, and new members will pay \$10 (same as dues) to the end of current year. Sponsoring member will be credited with one quarter’s dues (\$6.25) providing new member stays in club after initiation.

1952 Oct 15 – A committee will get estimates for a public address system for downstairs.

1952 Nov 5 – Special Mtg: Chef Andy Dunne to be given one year’s dues for handling the galley this year. Plans made for the Run to the Beach and Dip. The New Years Eve party and dance will be limited to 100 couples.

1952 Nov 19 – Typed consolidated operating report for 1952 attached to the minutes. Board goes on record that children not be allowed in the Run & Dip photograph. Open meeting convened for the nomination of officers.

1952 Dec – There being no opposition ticket the previously nominated officers were selected for the year 1953 lead by Frank Mennucci, President.

1953 Jan – Bill presented from Keyston Bros for necessary material to repair oars of all club boats. Program of parties and swims set up for the year. Committees and PAAO delegates established for the year.

1953 Feb – The Board agrees with plans of the PAAO to recommend that the Park Commission consider in long range plans (1) joining the two lakes at Park Merced in order to provide an official 2000-meter rowing course, and (2) the building of a joint training quarters for the three

clubs with separate partitions to encourage competition. Motion carried that Paul Sylvester be given a \$15 monthly raise for janitorial service retroactive as January 1st. Captain estimates cost of \$500 to \$600 to repair and extend the dock. Action delayed until Spring. Request from rowing coach Tom Troneum to build a float at Lake Merced, to repair a shell, and to build a racing four. Action delayed until rowing picture brightens. A letter to be sent to PAAO requesting a guarantee there will be rowing competition before the Dolphin Club sends delegates.

1953 Mar – Routine matters.

1953 Apr – Letter read from State Board of Equalization on sale of liquor without a license on club premises. Ted Monell to ascertain the cost of a beer license. Bids for work on the dock range from \$697 to \$ 734 to extend it 40 feet and piles sunk hydraulically. Motion passed to send Bob Nielsen and Coach Tom Troneum to the Newport rowing regatta.

1953 May 6 – Special Mtg: President Frank Mennucci called he meeting to order on the dock. Lawton Hughes presented an alternate plan to improve the dock. The Captain says he see no merit over the plan already presented. Motion carried to submit both plans to the membership with recommendations by the committee.

1953 May 20 – All plans for the dock were thoroughly discussed. Motion carried to consider the Hughes plan with any necessary modifications and proceed. It was added that the club get all figures for the plan.

1953 Jun – Minor matters.

1953 Jul – Recommendation by the House Committee to repair all roofs at a cost of about \$648, subject to obtaining more bids. Mr. Hughes reported the cost to move the club to the western end of the Cove would be \$15,000. Mr. Harry Fields explains possible *Dolphin Book*, and that publishing would not cause the club indebtedness. Motion passed for Fields to enlist subscriptions.

1953 Aug – Regarding moving the club house to western end of the Cove, and after a discussion with the Park Commission, a committee was formed to see the Mayor.

1953 Sep – Ray Taft's swimming eligibility brought up. Ted Monell to clear with the AAU. Letter to be sent to the Corinthian Yacht Club for courtesies extended for out Racoon Straits Swim.

1953 Oct – Relations with the South End discussed. The door between the two clubs will remain locked on our side. Report of bids to repair the roof, and discussion about the club heating system. The dock fund has \$522.50 as of Aug 30th.

1953 Nov – Report on the Gate swim costs which resulted in a \$21 net profit. The roof repairs have cost \$250 but a leak remains to be fixed. The Nominating committee selected a slate of officers for the coming year.

1953 Dec – Motion passed to present Mrs. Anita Day Hubbard with a Dolphin pin. It was reported that the club has 114 paying members. The meeting was opened to the general membership, and the regular ticket of nominated officers read. There being no opposition ticket, the Secretary casts one vote. Meeting adjourned.

1954 Jan 6 – Special Mtg: Called to order by President Frank Adams. The theme for the year is “Youth & Tradition.” Various Commissioners were selected for the year. The bill for roof repairs was \$450.00. It was suggested and agreed to present a Dolphin Pin with a diamond at the Rowers Dinner to Lawton Hughes for his years as Crew Coach. The schedule of athletic events and parties was listed for the entire year. Mr. Demarais stated that it cost the club \$45.00 to publish the *Dolphin Log* in 1953. With his “new” format the cost will be about \$31.00. It was suggested to invite a swimming coach from the Crystal Plunge to come to the club and give our members swimming instructions.

1954 Jan 20 – Motion approved that for future Ladies Night Dinners we have dinner dancing. More detailed plans for upcoming swims were reported. The Dolphin Club dock/wharf fund is \$832.50. A committee will contact the Park Commission about obtaining water and electricity at Lake Merced. Discussion and carried for doors to be cut into the shop to keep boats in the old “B” handball court. Mr. Cronin said the *Wieland* should be kept in the main room of the boat house.

1954 Feb 3 – Special Mtg: First order of business, delinquent members. Over 40 listed. Plans and assignments to contact them. President Frank Adams suggests making a roster of Life Members. An assessment of club’s assets and their insurance coverage were discussed. There was further debate on Club Property or Park Commission liabilities.

1954 Feb 17 – Ten members dropped due to non-payment of dues. Some others to be contacted. Editor Roland Demarais reported that the Dolphin Log publication expenses were only \$2.92 due to advertisements. Motion carried for buying a lock and keys for the Lake Merced boat house. The Board approved \$50 to purchase an adding machine for the Financial Secretary.

1954 Mar – Motion approved to send a crew, single and coach, to the Newport Regatta. Approved that we pay Sid Hall for his work our boats and have him continue on other boats. The Captain’s report mentions boats Viking, Australia, and Oyster. Tom Troneum is thanked by the Board for planning and work on a float at Lake Merced. George DeGear said we should mount the pictures of oarsmen that are stored in the room behind the handball court. Suggestion that we advertise and hire an outsider for position of care-taker. Lawton Hughes is planning the Russian River “Row for Fun Day.”

1954 Mar 31 – Special Mtg: Insurance coverage was the first order of business. Both the Aquatic Park and Lake Merced facilities were discussed. A complete inventory of boats is still needed to finalize needed coverage. George De Gear suggested that Life Members pay \$5.00 a year to cover the insurance premium. Other matters, Captain De Gear said the four-oared barge will be ready for the Row for Fun Day. There was disagreement whether or not barges *Keniff* and *Oakland* are damaged beyond repair. The Newport club will provide a four-oared shell for use by our crew in their regatta. Nearly 3000 to 4000 people are expected to watch the May 9th races on the Russian River. Don Kane wants pictures of every event during the year.

1954 Apr – It was reported that the club has 142 regular paying members, plus 11 out of town and 10 on military leave. Repairs to various boats described with approval to pay bills. A new membership drive is proposed. New members to be charged \$6.25 omitting initiation.

1954 May – Six members worked on digging and plumbing at Lake Merced. Motion carried that a check for \$125 be made for airline expenses for Bob Nielsen and Coach Tom Troneum to participate in the Newport Beach sprint regatta.

1954 Jun – The dock fund consists of \$1057.00. Motion approved to fix dock, piles and counter-balances. Hughes reported that a nice time was had by all at the Russian River outing. Twenty-eight players participated in the recent Handball tournament. The recent rental of the club house for a San Francisco College Dance resulted in damage to several historic boats. The Dean of the College has been contacted. The matter will be held over to the next Board Meeting.

1954 Jul – Motion made and carried to purchase and install an electric winch for the new dock, cost of \$700.00. The Entertainment Committee reported a profit of \$322.85 from the Barn Dance and Raffle. Suggestion that the rowing machine loaned to Stanford University should be returned to the Dolphin Club. Don Kane appointed Swimming Commissioner. It was urged for Dolphins to enter the Stinson Beach, Sausalito, and all outside swims. Several motions were carried for the campaign to move the club house back to the foot of Van Ness. A partition will be signed by club members, and the Park Commission will be contacted again. Jim Hieling won the case of beer in the Meeting Raffle tonight.

1954 Aug – Charles Korelec one of the new members accepted. It was suggested to have a Sargent-of-arms at club affairs to enforce silence during speeches. Harry Fields suggested an Old Timers bull session once a month to tape record anecdotes and history of the club, and beer to be served.

1954 Sep – Three oarsmen, Bob Nielsen, Pat Young, and Joe Weiss, will row 28 miles from the Dolphin Club to Mare Island Navy Yard on Sep 18, 1954, to deliver a scroll from the SF Mayor to the Commander. Thirty-nine new members were taken in during the membership drive. A lunch at the Corinthian Yacht Club will follow the Racoon Straits Swim on Sep 19th. Lawton Hughes suggested that we build a “hot box” to get more members to enjoy the club.

1954 Oct – All members who wish to order Dolphin sweat suits can order them from Steve Gaal. A discussion was held on the Tri-Club swim on Columbus. Some swimmers are not registered with the Olympic Club, not the Dolphin Club. An ovation was made for our three oarsmen who rowed to Mare Island Navy Yard.

1954 Nov – In the last 10 months \$1345.00 was taken in on rentals. Run & Dip plans for Dec 19th outlined. The Crystal Plunge wishes to borrow our paddle boards for their Aquacade in December.

1954 Dec 8 – Annual Membership Mtg: Captain De Gear said the *Farrell* and *Cronin* have leaks needing repair. Completion of the dock is waiting for lumber.

1954 Dec 15 – A letter and check for \$25 received from Anita Day Hubbard for the Dolphin of the Year Award. The president stated that rentals has caused considerable damage to Boat House equipment. There were suggestions to screen rentals more carefully, and to erect a shed for boats to prevent damage from renters.

1955 Jan 5 – Special Mtg: Harry Fields and Ed Curtis were elected to serve on the Board. The Corinthian Yacht Club was selected for a combined Installation of Officers and New Members Dinner.

1955 Jan 13 – Special Mtg: Further planning of the Installation Dinner. A cocktail party at the Boat House will precede a boat ride from Pier 43-1/2 to the Corinthian Yacht Club.

1955 Jan 19 – The New Year's Eve party was a success and made a profit of \$598.18. About a dozen matters were discussed including moving the club location, closer relations with the neighboring clubs, and hiring a full-time caretaker.

1955 Feb 2 – Special Mtg: A schedule of activities for the year was accepted.

1955 Feb 15 – Due to recent damage, a notice will be placed in the log book stating no boats are to be launched during any low tide, period. Members ignoring this rule will be fined. The Financial Secretary stated the club now has 264 members: 174 paying, 15 out-of-town, 11 military leave, and 64 Life Members. A committee was formed to plan for establishing living quarters for a club caretaker.

1955 Mar 9 – Special Mtg: The purpose was to select raffle prizes for the Barn Dance.

1955 Mar 16 – The San Diego Rowing Club has requested a meeting regarding a rowing competition between the clubs. Coach Tom Troneum suggested a barge race at Lake Merced on June 5th, and he was given authorization to reply. Regarding the project to relocate the club house, the SF Rec and Park Department could find no deed giving the Dolphin Club the right to move. Mr. Hughes said however that there is some agreement, and when it is found we will have the power to do so. The Captain reported a very lengthy list of needed repairs and improvements to the building and dock. Captain De Gear stated that fiber glass work on the barges is now in progress.

1955 Apr – Minor complaints, etc.

1955 May – There is interest in Water Polo and practice will begin this Summer in the Bay and pools. Eighteen members have signed up. Bingo nights will begin soon in the Keenan Room.

1955 May 26 -Special Mtg: For the purpose of the dock situation. The current bid of \$1095.00 did not include all necessary repairs. Other bids to be secured. Several empty places on the Board were filled.

1955 Jun – New members including Brian Gilbert were approved. The contract for repairing the dock has not arrived. Under new business, a vote of "Good Luck" was given to club officer Don Kane in upcoming marriage to Marion Olsen, national swim star and record holder of the Gate Swim for women. Mr. Demarais suggested an ongoing race against time for single oarsmen similar to the swimmers and handball ladders. There are approximately 278 members with 62 Life Members. More volunteer help should be encouraged, and work days scheduled.

1955 Jul – Lawton Hughes suggested that the *Wieland* and one barge be housed under the back stairs. Plans to be drawn up and presented at the next meeting. There was discussion over the Dolphin liquor license problem and to obtain legal advice. Frank Mennucci reported a problem with the Ladies Room shower. Approximately fifty Hanna Boys will be visiting the club. Chili, spaghetti, and hot dogs will be served.

1955 Aug 1 – Special Mtg: Housing of the *Wieland* in a shed under the stairs was the first order of business. It was countered that three other projects are underway and should be finished first.

That lead to many needed improvements to the boat house. Motion passed that the work party be given a meat balls and spaghetti dinner.

1955 Aug 17 – A letter received from the SF Parks approving of work being done on our dock. The entire Board commended the president, Roland Demarais, for his work editing and producing the Dolphin Log. The membership drive was temporarily postponed due to achieving goals.

1955 Sep – The Captain said all boats used in the Gate Swim withstood the need for repairs. Work still needs to be done on the dock and *Wieland*. Les Hendry, who rowed to the State Fair in Sacramento, told the Board of his experiences and fun. He asked the Board to investigate a future rowing trip to the State Fair in 1956. Anyone wishing to buy a club sweat shirt with their name may do so at Hirsh & Price at a price of \$3.32. It was reported that both the cigar and cigarette machines had been ransacked in the night. Motion carried to remove the machines from the premises. New members accused of partying after hours or not logging boats will be brought before the Board.

1955 Oct – Proposition “C” on the City ballot was discussed. It includes a new sports center at Lake Merced which would include our club. A motion was carried for the Board to indorse the proposition.

1955 Nov – Reports were submitted for the Columbus Day affair and the Old Timers Dinner. Four cases of beer were taken after the dinner. Plans were read for the Hike and Dip, followed by breakfast at the Cliff House. Carl Noto, member at large, was congratulated for his fine work organizing the club bowling team. The General Mtg was then called to order. A nominating committee was selected. Upon completion the meeting was adjourned to watch movies of the Racoon Straits Swim and the Water Carnival at Russian River.

1955 Dec – A Personal Property Tax bill was discussed. The Board believes the assessment is void in as much as the SERC on adjacent grounds was granted a zero assessment in July 1955. Further legal advice will be obtained. The General Meeting was opened, and the Recording Secretary cast his vote in favor of the nominated ticket. The regular meeting was then back in session. Roger Gaal was chosen to receive the “Dolphin of the Year” award.

1956 Jan 11 – Special Mtg: Called to order by President John Dugan. The purpose was to relive Jimmy Cronin from his duties as Treasurer. The Board further decided to acquire a practical nurse for two calls a week to look after Jimmy’s physical and home conditions.

1956 Jan – In Memory of James J. Cronin: The final chapter of the “Cronin Story” was written January 17, when Jimmy Cronin succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at the San Francisco Hospital, at the age of 87. A few short weeks before Jimmy had attended the breakfast at the Cliff House having declined to make the hike for the reason as he expressed, “I’ve been a little tired lately.” Jimmie’s personal life was closely interwoven with the history and activities of the Dolphin Club. He joined the club in 1891 and served on every office through the presidency, having occupied the office of club Treasurer for over 30 years. Jimmy made every hike to the Ocean Beach since its origin in 1892. He swam the Golden Gate in 1917 when the classic was originated and also swam it in 1918. On sunny days last fall, one would find Jimmy enjoying his dip in the bay. In his youth Jimmy was active in rowing and handball. But Jimmy never seemed old because he was so young in Dolphin Spirit. The final chapter has been written and will forever filed in the memories of all Dolphins. Don Kane, Recording Secretary

1956 Jan 25 – Financial statement as of Jan 18th attached showing accounts with a balance of \$3,397.22. A motion was carried to appoint Frank Adams as temporary Treasurer. It will cost up to \$582 for the recovering the front room chairs.

1956 Feb – A letter was received from the Park and Recreation Department stating the three rowing clubs to paint the front of their respective buildings. Leslie Hendry was named chairman of the *Wieland* to Sacramento project and instructed to obtain an estimate of repairs to the *Wieland*. The Board approved that a gavel and block be obtained for the president, John Duignan, to be bought at Figone Hardware.

1956 Mar – The Board decided to ask the Park and Rec Dept for an extension to repair the front of the boat house. Two cost estimates were read. Bids will be obtained for the improvement of the front room bar to include a kitchen type room in back of the bar. A committee was named to evaluate proposed insurance policies. The San Diego Rowing Club intends to put on a regatta in July. The Russian River Water Carnival is tentatively planned for June. It was noted that Captain Jim Morino has been absent from three consecutive Board Meetings.

1956 Apr – Six new applicants, including Tom Gould, were accepted as members. George De Gear was elected Captain for the remainder of 1956. Steve Gaal suggested the club constitution be printed and a copy given to every in-coming member.

1956 May – Carl Noto spoke on the need of a lady's washroom on the main floor. There was an objection saying the cost may bankrupt the club. The discussion was closed with no action taken. The dock is working 100% better following repair work. Use of Paradise Cove for the Initiation Picnic will be reserved for \$100. The masquerade dance has been cancelled. It was moved to install a cluster of lights over the sign on the front of the club house.

1956 Jun – Lawton Hughes said there was not enough interest shown by Board Members in club activities. If we are to have any successful event, the Board members should be the leaders. They should act as Board members instead of just enjoying the title given them. Under Good and Welfare session, non-members have been observed using club facilities. House rules state members may bring only prospective members in to use the club.

1956 Jul – There was a report about the Initiation Picnic and discussion on the action of some members in the presence of ladies at the picnic. Motion made that rowing coach Tom Troneum should give a monthly report on activities at the Lake Merced training quarters. Les Hendry plans to row to the State Fair in Sacramento, and the Board okayed expenses not to exceed \$25.00.

1956 Aug – A committee was formed to revise the club's constitution. An electric clock will be installed in the handball court to automatically turn off the lights at 10:00 pm. After the meeting was adjourned, a movie of the 1947 Gate Swim was shown.

1956 Sep – Nine new members were accepted. Several new committees were formed. It was suggested that more committee members should be picked from the club at large. A new lock will be installed on the front door, and keys given to members. There was discussion about the need for the Board to standardize and set rental rates, and if members should get special rates. Work parties are being held on Tuesday nights. Boats are need of repairs. Members are urged to sell as many tickets as possible for the Golden Gate Swim.

1956 Sep – Special Mtg: Called following the pilots and swimmers meeting. Permission was given to five swimmers for the Gate Swim who had not been club members for three months previous to the swim. Also, the matter of boats being used for special distance swims by members was discussed but no action taken.

1956 Oct – Roland Demarais, editor of the Dolphin Log, stated that not enough material was being sent to him. In the future, committee chairmen will be asked to prepare publicity for the Log. Also, there was much discussion on the poor turnout expected for the Old Timers Dinner. Chas Yeager said reservations will be made for 45. Don Kane proposed organizing a men's swim team to represent the Dolphin Club. Charlie Sava, a Life Member, is willing to coach and train said team. This matter was deferred to the Nov meeting. There was a vote in favor of tearing down the patio fence which is restricting members' movements on the beach.

1956 Nov – A letter was received from the U.S. Coast Guard about a Dolphin Club boat being moored to a buoy in the bay which is a violation of Federal and California harbor laws. A \$500 fine will be waived in this case because of the cooperation the club has given the Coast Guard in the past. A budget for 1957 will be prepared and presented at the December meeting. The annual Hike and Dip will be on Sunday Dec 16th. Breakfast at the Cliff House will cost \$2.60 including a tip. Les Hendry suggested the *Wieland* be stored in 'B' court. The estimate of recovering the front room chairs totaled \$320 including labor. A motion passed that repairs be made immediately. A vote was made to buy a reconditioned restaurant type stove for \$235.00. Other improvements to the galley will be taken up at the next meeting. The regular meeting was adjourned, and the Annual Meeting was called to order. A nominating committee was selected, and then the meeting adjourned.

1956 Dec – Dr. Nathan Rogers was given permission to speak on behalf of Troup 88 Boy Scouts of America. Approximately forty boys are interested in a rowing program mainly to gain merit badges. He would like to use the Dolphin Club facility at Lake Merced with supervision of both Dolphin and Scout officials and begin a program in January. The matter was deferred to New Business. Then a delegate from the Junior Achievement Organization spoke asking for a reduction in the price of renting the club house. He stated they were a non-profit organization and trying to raise funds. It was pointed out that the Dolphin Club is also a non-profit and dependent on rentals as a source of income. The Board was unanimous in its decision not to offer a rental price reduction. Lawton Hughes spoke on Proposition X involving development plans for the Aquatic Park area. The City is lacking financing and trying to interest the State Park Commission. It was moved that the Dolphin Club again go on record as wanting to be relocated to the West end of the cove. The Gate Swim committee reported making a profit of \$117.91 with the help of tickets on the spectator boat. The Treasurer reported the club has a grand total of \$4,205.24 in financial assets. The budget for 1957 was presented expecting expenditures of approximately \$5,433.00 and income of \$7,600.00. A report on the galley will be given at the January meeting.

1957 Jan 9 – Special Mtg: Meeting called to order by President Steve Gaal. The activities calendar for 1956 was presented and tentatively adopted. Lawton Hughes spoke in regard to the development of the East end of Aquatic Park. The Board went on record not opposing or recommending the proposition but preferring a site at the west end of the cove.

1957 Jan 16 – A motion was approved to renew our club ad in the NAAO yearly rowing handbook. A report of \$537 expenses so far on improvements to the galley: new tile on floors, rewiring the ceiling, new sinks, and old stove replaced. Various committee chairmen were appointed. Members not abiding by the House Rules should be called before the Board.

1957 Feb – A lengthy resolution was presented and passed unanimously by the Board detailing our club's case for being relocated back to the West end of Aquatic Park. It refers to an agreement dated Sep 29, 1938, between the Park Commission and the Dolphin Club. Please refer the handwritten minutes for more information. The next order of business was the matter of insurance. Some coverage revised.

1957 Mar – Dominic Julio requested re-instatement. He left the club May 11, 1955 in good standing. The Board passed his request provided he pay dues owed from 1955 to 1957 so he would be able to get his life membership. Carl Noto spoke about the dock problem, that professional help is needed. A financial report was made about the New Year's Eve party which raised demands for future reports be verified by another Board member. Boat Captain reports that the condition of boats not good. Another stated the boats are being misused, and that a committee of members at large should watch over use of the boats.

1957 Apr – There were six applicants for membership including James Vanya. Sid Hall wrote saying he was surprised and unhappy that he was not given a chance to bid on boat repair work. The Board approved an acknowledgement be mailed and that he be given a chance to submit a bid. Coach Tom Troneum reported on activities at Lake Merced. A four-oar crew and two single rowers are training hard for several upcoming regattas. Tom spoke on plans for the new Aquatic Building at the Lake, and that there will be enough room to store Dolphin racing boats. Club insurance coverage and premiums were discussed. A motion passed to obtain figures for higher coverage.

1957 May 2 – Special Mtg: The boats are bad in bad condition, and the Board is on record in favor of repairing the boats. Work parties will be scheduled and led on a rotating basis by senior oarsmen. Also, a motion approved that only members who have passed oaranship by Rowing Instructor Weiss be allowed to use rowing equipment. A current list of qualified rowers will be kept with the log book. A benefit affair is planned to raise funds for the *Wieland*.

1957 May 15 – Eleven men were admitted to membership including Dr. Fred Howard, Rico Passanisi, and Ed De Cossio. Plans are being made for the Guerneville Water Carnival. A motion was defeated to feed members of a coming Work Party at \$1.25 per head. The motion was then reconsidered and passed but led to much discussion as to accomplishments of recent Work Parties. Charlie Yeager and Lawton Hughes followed with details of repairs being made to the *Viking* and other boats. Joe Daniele was suspended from the club for 30 days for misusing boats and letting non-members use club equipment. Another problem, stealing, was discussed. Many lockers have been broken into.

1957 Jun – Joseph Daneile wishes to be reinstated. The Board must have the details from the Immigration Dept before reinstatement. Steve Gaal accepted the chairmanship for Hanna Bos Day on August 3rd. The *Wieland* Repair Dance reported a net of \$925.18. There was discussion about administration of putting the boats back into shape. The Board affirmed that most of the repair work on the *Wieland* be done during work parties by club members.

1957 Jul – Three applicants for membership, including David Hinton, 26. It was learned between 30 and 40 boys will attend the annual Hanna's Boy Center aquatic outing on August 3rd. Les Hendry reported both Ed De Cossio Sr and Jr will accompany him on the row to the Sacramento State Fair. There was the largest turnout in the history of the club for the recent Handball Tournament which showed a profit.

1957 Aug – A profit of \$800.65 reported from the raffle. Plans discussed for the Raccoon Straits swim and lunch at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Tom Crowley Jr given a vote of appreciation for helping in past swims. Paul Sylvester requests an increase in wages for janitorial services from \$75.00 to \$85.00 per month. Tabled to the next meeting.

1957 Sep – President Steve Gaal called the meeting to order. Salary raised for Paul Sylvester, however his janitorial duties should be defined in more detail. Les Hendry reported on the row to Sacramento. His crew was treated like royalty with much publicity. Joe Keenan will be the honorary starter for the Gate Swim. Roland Demarais to be given free dues for the duration of his term as editor of the *Dolphin Log*.

1957 Oct – There were two applicants for membership including Toufe Blake, 25, a citizen of Lebanon and student at Hastings Law School. Mr. Blake wishes to use the club for his training for professional Long-Distance Swimming. It was pointed out he must first have Board approval to use club facilities for professional swimming. Also, he can not represent the club in a professional swim, otherwise very amateur athlete in the club would be suspended from AAU competition. There will be a luncheon rather than breakfast at the Cliff House following the Hike & Dip this year because of complaints about the late hour and inadequate menu in the past.

1957 Nov – The regular meeting was closed, the annual meeting called to order, and a nominating committee named to elect officers for the 1958 Board. The regular meeting was then re-called to order. The Financial Report and plans for the New Year's Eve party were discussed. The meeting was adjourned to watch movies of the 1957 Golden Gate Swim taken by Charles Sava.

1957 Dec – Nov 1978 These Board Minutes were type written, searchable, and will be included as recorded.

1957 Dec 11 – The general meeting and the annual meeting of the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club was called to order. The ballot of officers for 1958 was accepted. Charles Yeager will be the president. A letter was read from S.F. Police Chief Frank Ahern which stated the escort for our run and dip has been approved by his department. Mr. Rybicki submitted the financial report showing a net worth of \$3164.13. Ray Morino was chosen for the Dolphin of the Year Award.

1957 Dec 18 – There were no applicants for membership. Turnout for the Hike & Dip was disappointing, in part due to inclement weather. Also, the accommodations and food at the Cliff House were bad. Plans for three upcoming parties were discussed. Outgoing President Steve Gaal expressed his thanks to all board members for their cooperation and work.

1958 Jan 8 – Special Mtg: Called to order by President Charles Yeager for the purpose of setting the calendar of club events for 1958. After considerable discussion and juggling of dates the schedule was finalized. Before adjourning, Mr. Demarais urged each board member to solicit advertisements to defray expenses of publishing our monthly *Dolphin Log*.

1958 Jan 15 – The recent New Year's Party showed a net profit of \$939.60. Mr. Hughes remarked on the condition of the club and that various facilities were in need of repair. More work parties were scheduled. It was brought to the Board's attention about the trend to lengthy speeches at our affairs. A motion passed to limit all speeches to 2 minutes.

1958 Feb – There was discussion about a proper location for the picture of Joseph Keenan. It was decided to leave it hanging in the room which was named for Mr. Keenan, and through

whose generosity, the room was largely completed. A request had been received from the NAAO for the Dolphin Club to place an ad in their roster listing. The Board voted to pay only club dues to NAAO, and that there be no ad. It was suggested that a candidate for "Dolphin of the Year" award be selected each month rather than waiting until the end of the year. Mario Guevara was recommended for February.

1958 Mar – The ladies shower is in need of repair. The House Committee will survey the shower and report. A motion made that the chairman of any Dolphin affair be empowered to refuse admission to anyone deemed not suitable. Some constitutional changes were discussed, but no action taken as committee members were not all present.

1958 Apr 7 – Special Mtg: The meeting was called to formulate a program for Ladies Night, April 26, 1958 at the club. It was agreed that an orchestra would be hired. Also, two professional bartenders would be hired. Drinks will be at 50 cents each. Wine will be available at a price of 75 cents per bottle. Younger members will help with decorations and serve as waiters.

1958 Apr 16 – Further discussion of plans for Ladies Nite.

1958 May – Three membership applications received including Dan Murphy. Vince LaRocca's membership was reinstated. A few remarks were made regarding the Wieland Day fiasco.

1958 Jun 24 – Special Mtg: The locker situation came up for discussion. New members want lockers. There was a request to row the *Wieland* barge to Sacramento. Repairs need to be approved before such a trip. A motion carried that the *Wieland* trip be considered only if it meant rowing the barge both ways.

1958 Jul – A very brief report of the minutes.

1958 Aug – Letter received from the USCG confirming coverage of our Raccoon Straits and Golden Gate Swims.

1958 Oct – Mr. Yeager resigned as President and his request for an out-of-town membership was denied due to unpaid dues. A motion passed that his past dues be forgiven. The door between the SERC will remain sealed, and anyone wishing to use our handball court must enter the Club from the front door.

1958 Nov – Three new members including Frank Drum. Various repairs and swim events were discussed. It was reported that the *Wieland* would be repaired by the first of the year.

1958 Dec – No Minutes. The Recording Secretary was absent from the meeting.

Handwritten Dolphin Club Board Minutes, 1959 Jan – 1960 Oct

1959 Jan – Meeting called to order by President Carl Noto. The Corinthian Yacht Club was selected for the Installation Dinner Dance on February 21, 1959. The cost will be \$6.00 per person and includes the boat ride to and from Tiburon. Committees were named for the year, and events scheduled for 1959.

1959 Feb – Letter received from Malcom Steel, secretary of the PAAO, stating that the Lake Merced training quarters would be opening in September and asking that the Dolphin Club be represented at the dedication ceremonies. Lawton Hughes was named chairman for the Dolphin Club for the dedication. A letter was forwarded to the Maritime Museum requesting permission to construct a 10 ft fence on the west side of the Dolphin dock and east side of the South End beach to keep out undesirables. Ray Belluomini asked that there be a crab cioppino feed after the soft ball game between the single and married men.

1959 Mar – There was a report on the Handball Tournament currently in progress. Thirty-five members are competing in the novice division. The senior division begins next week. Don Kane reported the Dolphin – Merionettes Aquacade will take place at Larsen Pool on Saturday, April 25th at 8:00 pm. All tickets will be one dollar. Member Kevin Keith was reprimanded for taking the boat *Baggiani* to Sausalito overnight without obtaining permission from the Captain. Another member was reprimanded for mis-using guest privileges and club facilities.

1959 Apr – Stan Rybicki reported that written permission must be obtained from the Harbor Commission before we can proceed with plans to install a fence on the west end of the dock, but said permission is expected. The Water Carnival at the Russian River is scheduled for June 6th and 7th.

1959 May – The San Francisco Port Authority is asking for detailed drawings of the fence being considered for the west side of the Dolphin Club dock. Other repairs are being made to dock cables and planks by club volunteers. The Board approved additional insurance for the windows in Staib Room.

1959 Jun – An invitation to participate in the Russian River carnival, June 21st and 22nd, was declined as it interfered with planned club functions. The financial report for Ladies Night Dinner showed a loss of \$32.86, but the report was approved by the Board. The report for the New Years Eve party has not yet been submitted. The club calendar for the remainder of 1959 was announced. The Dolphin Club will participate in team play at the dedication of new handball courts in Golden Gate Park. Shirts will be ordered for the Dolphin team.

1959 Jul 22 – Special Mtg: There were two applications for membership, one being Rudolph DeMay, 29, electrical employee of the City and County of San Francisco. Paul Silvester was requested to notify the Board of any future absences of his janitorial duties at the club house so that other arrangements can be made. A row to Sacramento is planned for September 6th. The group requested use of two boats, but the Board approved use of one boat only. Don Kane was granted permission to use the club for showing a film to bay area coaches and swimmers of Australian swim coach Don Talbot.

1959 Aug – It was brought to the attention of the Board that Angel Island will be opened in September as a state park. Dan London's Great Golden Fleet will furnish a boat for swimmers

for the Golden Gate since the tug boat strike is still in effect. A Dolphin committee is working with the South End in preparation of installing fences along the docks to keep undesirables from using club facilities.

1959 Sep – There was discussion about available locations for the Initiation Picnic. There will be a special meeting of the Board on September 30th to make all the final plans. Various other financial reports were presented to the Board and entered into the Minutes.

1959 Sep 30 – Special Mtg: Arrangements have been made to hold the Initiation Picnic on Angel Island on the 18th of October. A boat will be chartered to carry Dolphins and guests to and from the Island. There's a ten cent per person fee for entrance to the park. A chairman was appointed for the event, as well as other assignments.

1959 Oct – Plans were discussed for the Old Timers dinner. The menu will include cracked crab and prime rib of beef. Price of the dinner to be \$3.50. There have been discussions with South End Club regarding fences, but the Board took no action. Tom Troneum reported that the new Lake Merced Boat House dedication is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. President Noto asked that all Board members be in attendance. Post cards will be mailed to the membership informing them of the dedication. Financial reports were accepted by the Board for the Golden Gate Swim and the Initiation Picnic. Don Kane submitted a proposed entry form for future Golden Gate swims containing a liability clause and a two-dollar entry fee. The Board approved the form. The hike and dip event was discussed, and Roberts at the Beach Restaurant was suggested as the site of the breakfast following the dip.

1959 Nov – A letter was received in regard to the relocation of the Boat House to the East end of Aquatic Park cove. The Board instructed Lawton Hughes and Don Kane to reply. The Cliff House was selected again for the Hike and Dip breakfast, because Robert's has no bar. The regular meeting was close for the open meeting for election of the nominating committee. The committee will nominate a ticket of officers for 1960. The regular meeting was again opened. The absence of Board member Kelleher from four consecutive meetings was noted. The Board voted unanimously to uphold Article V Section 10 of the club's constitution and terminated Mr. Kelleher as a Board member.

1959 Dec – The handball chairman reported the club team was gaining experience competing in the Bay Counties Handball League. The skylight above the handball court was said to be in very bad condition. No action has been taken on the fence construction matter. Tom Troneum says that club equipment at Lake Merced is in fair condition. Also, that the South End and San Francisco Rowing Club have moved their equipment into the training quarters. The Financial Report for 1959 showed a loss of \$985.44 for the entire year. A committee lead by Lawton Hughes was named to act on behalf of the Dolphin Club in matters pertaining to proposition X. The regular meeting was adjourned so that the Recording Secretary could cast a vote for the Board of Directors ticket for 1960. There was one dissenting vote from Mr. Lawton Hughes.

1960 Jan 6 – Special Mtg: The purpose was to discuss and take action on the Installation Dinner Dance. Mr. Rybicki will be chairman for the event. Several others will serve on a committee. Next, the club schedule for the year was taken up. Dates were selected for about fifteen events.

1960 Jan 20 – The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Tom Troneum. A letter was received from the club's insurance agent advising the coverage of the Lake Merced training quarters. The present policy will cover equipment only. The building policy will not be renewed as the club is in the new Lake Merced Sports Center. A report was given to the Board

by Lawton Hughes and Don Kane on proposition X. There has been no action taken on the proposed fence construction. Frank Mennucci reported the club has a total of \$4568.15 in the checking and savings accounts. The matter of proposition X (relocating the club house to the West side of the Cove) was discussed at great length by the Board. A committee was formed to obtain a used piano for the Staib Room. Other committee chairmen were named by the president.

1960 Feb – Two former members, Al and Jack La Rocca, requested and were granted re-instatement. Various areas of the club house are in need of maintenance or repair. Some sections of the roof should be tarred. Frank Drum motioned that a \$2.00 entry fee be charged all competitors for each official Dolphin Club swim. It was pointed out an entry fee had already been approved for the Golden Gate Swim. The Board felt there was no need for the other swims. Mr. Drum withdrew the motion. Frank Mennucci was appointed Financial Secretary due to the vacancy left by the passing of Stanley Rybicki. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the late Stanley Rybicki who served the Dolphin Club faithfully for many, many years. The Board stood in silence as President Tom Troneum said a prayer for the former club President and Financial Secretary.

1960 Mar – The membership list formerly posted by the front door has been moved to the Staib Room. It was brought to the attention of the Board that a great number of new members have not yet been assigned a locker. The matter was referred to the Captain. It was reported that two former University of California oarsmen are now training at Lake Merced in preparation for the Olympic Trials scheduled in July. One boy is a former Dolphin Club member seeking re-admission, and the other is expected to apply shortly.

1960 Apr – Nine applicants for membership including Frank Blair, 34, swimming pool contractor. The handball commissioner reported that the Dolphin Club will be represented in the Senior National Handball Championships by Vince La Rocca, Dino Landucci, and Mario Guevara. The Board approved uniforms and money for entry fees. The cost of the Dolphin Log was discussed, the cost being about \$150 per issue. No action taken. Quite a few delinquent members were dropped from the membership.

1960 May – Nine applicants for membership including Robert Hoff, 35, and Gordon Scott Cook, 32. Four members were dropped for delinquency in dues. Due to lack of interest, The Russian River Water Carnival participation cancelled this year. Plans were made for the annual day for the Hanna Boys Center visit to the club.

1960 Jun – Bill O'Brian motioned that certified letters of notification be sent to all delinquent members. Frank Drum seconded, and the motion passed. Reported that Vince La Rocca won the P.A. of the A.A.U. singles handball championship. Lawton Hughes says that work parties have not been good. He recommended that dues be increased, and repairs made to boats professionally. Attorney Ted Monell will be contacted in regard to the legality of raising dues. Charles Yeager reported that the upper lockers in the locker room are in need of repair. It was decided that the damaged canoe should be destroyed rather than repaired. Bill O'Brian reported that the front door has been left open on several occasions. Also, he asked that the women's group that uses the club on Tuesday evenings keep the premises clean or be charged a rental fee.

1960 Jul – It was stated that no lockers in with women's rest room will be locked permanently. The *Wieland* will be rowed to Candlestick Park on Sept 30th to cheer the Giants on. It was moved and passed that Captain Charles Yeager receive up to \$75.00 per month to maintain the club.

1960 Aug – Paul Adrian, 52, waiter at the Cliff House was accepted as a member. The paddleboard stolen from the club last year has been found at the Rio Nido Russian River resort. The matter will be turned over to the Dolphin Club attorney. Tom Troneum reported that the *Wieland* is ready to be varnished. The boat will be ready for the row to Candlestick Park. The Board passed a motion to raise dues to eight dollars per quarter. Lawton Hughes was appointed chairman of the maintenance committee for repairing boats and rowing equipment.

1960 Oct – Needed repairs to the building were the first order of business. Charles Yeager will be in charge at a salary of \$50.00 per week. Roof repairs and widening of the entrance into the 'B' handball court would be the first projects. Redecoration of the Staib Room would follow. Addendum: Previous to the regular Board meeting, a general meeting of Dolphins and representatives of the South End was called to order by Lawton Hughes. The purpose was to decide views and course of action on a plan to rebuild Aquatic park into a small boat harbor and a series of land locked heated swimming pools. It was agreed that this plan would be detrimental to both open water swimming and hand propelled boating. Mr. Hughes and the South End agreed to act as spokesmen outlining the clubs' objections and being on record in opposition to the plans.