The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Dec. 13, 1954.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Forman P. Tucker, Floyd M. Sprague, Byrne Logan, A. L. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, J. A. Hytton, M. F. Bayer, Dr. John Forgrave, and S. J. Campbell.

Absent: Hal Y. Lemon, Dr. Paul Knepper, Wilbur L. Hegarty and J. S. Millyard.

The President presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held Nov. 8th, 1954 and of the special meeting of the Board held Nov. 19th, 1954 were read and approved.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, brought up the subject of the chandelier which was temporarily hung in the ballroom with the understanding that it would not be taken down until after the first of the year, there beeing a possibilitythat some of the members wives might contribute to the purchase of same. If it is not purchased, it is to be removed and the ceiling is to be put back in it's original state at no added expense to the club. A charge of not over $15.00 was to be paid by the club for the installation of the Chandelier. A vote of thanks was offered by the Board to Mr. Logan for the excellent manner in which the ballroom was redecorated.

Dr. John Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted the names of Col. Dwight Rosebaum and Mr. Lee Burgess, to be voted on as regular members. These names were accepted and will be poste on the bulletin board for a period of ten days. It was decided not to post the name of Col. Rosebaum until inquiry was made as to whether or not he would accept at this time. Dr. Forgrave submitted the name of Mr. Miles McDonald of Maryville Mo. as a non-resident member. Mr. McDonald was duly elected and his name will be posted on the bulletin board for a period of ten days.

Stuart Campbell, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, submitted a proposal by the Frank Tracy Agency to to supply a floor show for the New Year's Eve party. It was decided that there would not be room to properly present such entertainment. It was suggested that the entertainment chairman procure orchestras for the holiday partys for 1955 at this time.

The treasurers report showed a gain for Nov. 1954 of $40.59 as compared to a gain of $386.33 for the same month a year ago.

It was suggested by Mr. Floyd Sprague that changes be made in the method of heeting the ballroom and that either the blower in the north-east corner of the room be replaced by a gas blower unit or a suplementary gas blower unit heater be installed in another part of the room. It was passed that if the House Committee could procure such a heater, fully installed , at a cost not to exceed $300.00, That they doso.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman C. Clarke
President.

Stuart W Campbell
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Jan. 10,1955.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Floyd M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, W. S. Hillyard, Byrne Logan, Frank Hanna, H. F. Bayer, Dr. Paul Knepper, and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: S. W. Campbell. Hal Y. Lemon, W. I. Hegarty and Dr. John Forgrave.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer acted as Secretary.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain of $497.40 for the month of Dec. 1954, as compared to a gain of $286.46 for the same month a year ago. Actually an amount of $400.90 was taken from Dec. profit and together with $100.00 from the reservefor major repair fund, was applied to the ball-room expense, thus completing payment for this expense, namely a total cost of $1314.55

Mr. Logan Reported for the House Committee. A general discussion followed.

In the absence of Dr. Forgrave, Mr. Bartlett, reporting for the Membership Committee, suggested several names for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Tucker
President.

J. A. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Feb. 14, 1955.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, Dr. Paul Knepper, J. A. Mytton, H. F. Beyer, Frank Hanna, W. S. Hillyard, Hal Y. Lemon, A. L. Bartlett, Byrne Logan, F. M. Sprague and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Dr. John Forgrave and W. L. Hegarty.

The President presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held Dec.13, 1954, and Jan. 10, 1955 were read and approved.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, suggested that the installation of the supplementary unit heater for the ballroom be postponed as there would probably be no use for it for the remainder of this winter. It was decided that he try again to contact a plumber to do this job. The subject of the chandelier in the ballroom was discussed, no decision being reached except to let it hang until someone did something about it. Mr. Logan advised the Board that the air-conditioning equipment would be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Campbell, reporting for the Entertainment Committee stated that arrangements were being made to procure orchestras for the 1955 Christmas holiday partys, and that also the favors for New Year's Eve would be ordered.

Mr. Hillyard submitted the name of Mr. Burtis Bloom to be voted on as a regular member. Mr. Lemon submitted the name of Mr. Ed Wright to be voted on as a regular member. Both names were passed by the Board and will be posted on the bulletin board for a period of ten days.

The Treasurer's report shows a gain for Jan. 1955 of $246.04 as compared to a loss of $404.40 for the same month a year ago. Mr. Sprague moved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell the clubs govt. bonds at his discretion in order to maintain a cash balance when paying for the air-conditioning. This was seconded and passed by the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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President.

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Secretary.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on March 2, 1955.

The following directors were present: Messrs. F. M. Sprague, Frank Hanna, H. S. Hillyard, J. A. Mytton, H. F. Bayer, A. L. Bartlett, Byrne Logan, W. L. Hegarty and Stuart W. Campbell.

Absent: Hal Y. Lemon, Dr. John Forgrave, Dr. Paul Knepper, and Norman P. Tucker.

In the absence of the president the secretary presided at the meeting.

The final vote for regular membership in the club was cast on the names of Mr. Burtis Bloom, and Mr. Ed. Wright, both of whom were passed by the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectly submitted,

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President.

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Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Mar. 14, 1955.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker, F. M. Sprague, A. L. Bartlett, W. L. Hegarty, Hal Y. Lemon, J. B. Logan, Frank Hanna, J. A. Mytton, Dr. Paul Knepper, and H. F. Bayer, And S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Dr. John Forgrave and H. S. Hillyard.

The President presided at the meeting.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, advised that the air conditioning was in the process of being installed. It was decided that the duct work be properly treated before being painted.

The name of Mr. John Bennett was presented to the committee for considerationn as a regular member of the Club. A favorable vote was taken and the name will be posted on the bulletin board for the required ten days period.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain of $161.40 for the month of Feb. against a gain of $720.77 for the same month a

year ago. However, $300.00 was added to the Reserve for Major Repairs Account.

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

President.

Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Apr. 18, 1955.

The following directors were present: Messrs. Norman P. Tucker. Floyd M. Sprague, J. A. Mytton, H. F. Bayer, Byrne Logan, Dr. John Forgrave, and S. M. Campbell.

Absent: A. L. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, Hal Y. Lemon, Dr. Paul Knepper, Wilbur L. Hegarty and W. S. Hillyard.

The President presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held March 14, 1955 were read and approved.

Mr. Logan, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the air conditioning installatinn was now completed except for minor adjustments and painting.

Dr. Forgrave, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted the name of Mr. John Bennett to be voted on as a regular member of the club. Mr. Bennett was duly elected to membership.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain of $537.04 for the month of March 1955, as compared to a gain of $370.25 for the same period a year ago. $500.00 of this amount was placed in the Reserve for Major Improvements.

The President named the following: John Smith, J. A. Mytton, and Dr. John Forgrave, to serve on the nominating committee with instructions to have 9 names to appear on the ballot.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

The annual Membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May the 9th., 1955. There were(48) members present.

The President, Mr. Norman P. Tucker, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. Logan, Mr. Henry Bayer gave the report for the House Committee. Major improvements consisted of the redecoration of the Ballroom, at a cost of $1350.00, and the installation of air conditioning at a cost of $6189.00 plus $100.00 for painting. It was suggested that next year some work should be done on the outside of the Clubhouse.

Mr. S. L. Campbell, chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported that all social functions of the Club had been financially successful during the year.

Dr. John Forgrave, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported a gain of nine regular members and a loss of seven, a gain of one intermediate member and a loss of two, a gain of one junior member and a loss of one, a gain of one non-resident member and a loss of one, and a gain of two sustaining members and a loss of one. The membership rolls currently show 101 regular members, 3 intermediate members, 6junior members, 19 non-resident members, and 14 sustaining members; a total membership of 145.

Mr. Allan Mytton, the Treasurer, reported that the total net revenue for the year was $38,591.07, the net operating income $6,044.85, which amount was credited to Major Improvements. The financial condition as of April 30, 1955 showed current assets of $17,598.64, fixed assets of $33,416.83, total assets $51,015.47, less current liabilities and unearned dues of $6,760.08 making a total of $44,255.39

The results of the election to the directorate were as follows: A. C. Bartlett, Conger Beasley, S. W. Birdsall, and Beverley Fitts. Various suggestions were made by members present for consideration.

The President, Mr. Tucker, thanked the directorate and the members for the excellent cooperation received during the year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 9, 1955, immediately following the annual meeting.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. J. A. Mytton, F. M. Sprague, S. W. Birdsall, Conger Beasley, W. S. Hillyard, Dr. John Forgrave, H. F. Bayer, W. C. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, A. L. Bartlett, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: J. B. Logan and Beverley Pitts.

Mr. Norman P. Tucker, the retiring President, opened the meeting and turned it over to Mr. Floyd M. Sprague, newly elected President.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President:	Floyd M. Sprague
Vice-president:	J. A. Mytton
Secretary:	S. W. Campbell
Treasurer;	S. W. Birdsall

Mr. Monty Beasley was unanimously elected a non-resident member of the Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on June 13, 1955.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, S. W. Birdsall, Dr. John Forgrave, J. B. Logan, Conger Beasley, W. S. Hillyard, Walter C. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, A. L. Bartlett, H. F. Bayer, J. A. Mytton.

Absent, S. W. Campbell, Beverly Pitts.

The President, Mr. Sprague, presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held May 9, 1955 were read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

Executive Committee -	Floyd M. Sprague, Chairman W. C. Bartlett S. W. Birdsall
House Committee -	J. A. Mytton, Chairman A. L. Bartlett J. B. Logan B. L. Pitts
Entertainment Committee -	W. C. Beasley, Chairman S. W. Campbell W. S. Hillyard
Membership Committee-	F. S. Hanna, Chairman H. F. Bayer Dr. J. R. Forgrave
Historical Committee-	Bartlett Boder, Chairman H. Y. Lemon G. L. Zwick

The President reviewed briefly several sections of the By-laws of the Club, in order to clarify several pertinent points.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a gain of $54.20 for the month of May, 1955, as compared to a gain of $111.78 for the same month a year ago. However, a House maintenance non-recurring item of $242.27 was pointed out.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, presented for consideration two major projects.

First, a proposal for exterior painting of the Club Building and taking care of any necessary repairs in connection with this work.

Second, redecorating the Pine room and Dutch room as out-

lined by the report of the Womens Committee.

Considerable discussion followed, regarding the above two proposals, resulting in the House Committee being instructed to obtain some preliminary figures as to the cost of painting the exterior. On the second proposal, Mr. Logan made a motion, which was seconded and carried, to the effect that the House Committee be authorized and directed to proceed with the redecoration of the Pine room and Dutch room, and that the cost thereof be limited to approximately $1500.00

Mr. Beasley, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, had nothing specific to report.

Mr. Hanna, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted the resignation of Mrs. C. H. Wallace as a Sustaining member, which was accepted with regret.

Dr. Forgrave suggested that a study of the By-laws be made, to ascertain whether or not any revision would be advisable. Upon motion by Mr. Walter Bartlett, seconded and carried, the President was directed to appoint a committee of three to make such a study of the By-laws and report the results to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd M. Logan
President

H. A. Knowlton
Acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on July 11, 1955.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Walter C. Bartlett, Dr. John Forgrave, A. L. Bartlett, H. F. Bayer, Frank Hanna, J. A. Mytton.

Absent: S. W. Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Conger Beasley, S. W. Birdsall, J. B. Logan, W. S. Hillyard.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held June 13, 1955 were read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, and himself as a committee to make a study of the By-laws. Mr. Sprague said that he had flowers sent, in the name of the Benton Club, to the family of Roy Turner.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain of $81.95 for the month of June, 1955, as compared to a gain of $46.97 for the same month a year ago.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the work in the Pine Room and Dutch Room had started. He reported an estimate had been obtained of $1072.00 for painting the exterior. However, he suggested that Mr. Lehr be engaged to take care of needed repair work preliminary to the painting. Upon motion of Dr, Forgrave, seconded by Mr. Walter Bartlett, and carried, the House Committee was authorized to use its own judgment in consulting with Mr. Lehr regarding the repairs. Upon motion of Mr. W. C. Bartlett, seconded by Dr. Forgrave, and carried, the House Committee was directed, upon completion of the repair work, to proceed with the exterior painting as outlined to the Board.

There being no reports from either the Entertainment Committee or Membership Committee, and no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

A. L. Mytton
Acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on August 15, 1955.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Stanley W. Birdsall, Beverly Pitts, Conger Beasley, Walter C. Bartlett, Henry F. Bayer, Dr. John Forgrave, A. L. Bartlett and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: J. B. Logan, W. S. Hillyard, Frank Hanna and S. W. Campbell.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held July 11, 1955 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a loss of $182.88 for the month of July, 1955 as compared to a gain of $118.81 for the same month a year ago. However, he explained that while the income account was approximately the same, the expense account was a little over $300.00 greater, pointing out several items of expense that resulted in the difference.

Mr. Mytton reporting for the House Committee, said that the Club House repairs had been completed at a cost of $310.45 and the exterior painting at a cost of $966.50. He stated that the interior work was nearly completed with the exception of some of the furnishings for the Pine Room. He reported, notice from the City had been received by the Club, to repair the sidewalk on 7th Street. The Board asked the House Committee to obtain estimates on the cost of a new sidewalk or necessary repairs. He brought to the attention of the Board the condition of the flag pole. It was decided that the pole should be removed. Mr. Beasley offered to have it removed, which offer was kindly accepted.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said the usual fall picnic would be held at the Country Club and that a suitable date would be reserved.

In the absence of Mr. Hanna, Dr. Forgrave reported for the Membership Committee. He gave the present status of the membership, stating that while we are one over the limit of regular members, we are lacking in intermediate and junior classifications and that an effort would be made to submit names in the latter two categories.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

J. A. Mytton
Acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on September 12, 1955.

Present: The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Stanley W. Birdsall, Frank Hanna, Conger Beasley, Walter C. Bartlett, J. Byrne Logan, W. S. Hillyard, Henry F. Bayer, A. L. Bartlett, J. A. Mytton.

Absent: Beverly Pitts, Dr. John Forgrave, S. W. Campbell.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held August 15, 1955, were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain of $171.92 for the month of August, 1955, as compared to a loss of $81.26 for the same month a year ago. Several items in the monthly statement were analyzed.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, submitted a bid from the Land Construction Company of $585.00 as the total cost for a new cement sidewalk 9½ ft. wide and 127½ ft. long, on the 7th Street side of the Club. He commented on one other approximate price. After considerable discussion by the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Walter Bartlett, seconded by Col. Logan, and carried, the House Committee was authorized to have the Land Construction Company proceed with the work.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the annual picnic will be held at the Gun Club on September 17th and notices were being sent out to that effect. He asked for an expression by the Board, regarding a fall party. The Board concurred with this idea, and instructed the Entertainment Committee to make such plans.

Mr. Hanna, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted the resignation of Mr. Carl J. Meyer as a regular member, which was regretfully accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

J. A. Mytton
Acting Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Oct. 10, 1955.

The following directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Stanley W Birdsall, Conger Beasley, Walter C. Bartlett, Henry F. Bayer, Dr. John Forgreve, Frank Hanna, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Ingram~~ J. A. Mytton, A. L. Bartlett, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Beverley Pitts, W. S. Hillyard, and Byrne Logan.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held Sept. 12th. were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a gain of $87.71 for the month of September, 1955 as compared to a gain of $442.33 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the house committee, advised considering the installation of a supplementary heater for the ballroom, to be placed in the south east corner of the room. The President suggested that the House Committee get bids on this project and submit their findings at the next meeting. The question of the chandelier in the ballroom was again brought up, and Mr. Beasley offered to trade his divan, which is now being offered for sale by Mrs. Boteler, for the chandelier. Mr. Mytton reported that the walk in front of the club had been completed. It was suggested that the House Committee inquire into the possibilities of enlarging the kitchen by taking in the squash court.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the annual Picnic was a success. He asked the directors to consider the possibilities of having a floor show on New Year's Eve. The President suggested that he get prices on such entertainment.

Mr. Hanna, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted a letter of resignation from Mr. Dudley Willis, whose resignation was regretfully accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on November 14, 1955.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Stanley W. Birdsall, J. Byrne Logan, Walter C. Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Frank Hanna, W. S. Hillyard, A. L. Bartlett, J. A. Mytton.

Absent: Dr. John Forgrave, S. W. Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Henry F. Bayer.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held October 10, 1955 were read, and with one correction, approved.

Mr. Sprague, stated that he would first like to discuss the proposed new By-Laws as drawn up by the By-Laws Committee. He thereupon, distributed to each Director, complete copies of draft prepared by the By-Laws Committee, with proposed changes, for consideration of the Board. He and the members of the Committee explained at length several sections contained in the Articles of the By-Laws. Mr. Sprague asked the Directors to study the preliminary draft and said it would be submitted to the Board at the December meeting for final consideration. He also asked the House Committee to submit at that time, a report on any revision of the House Rules. Mr. Beasley asked that a note of thanks be extended to our President for preparing the proposed By-Laws report.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a loss of $83.59 as compared to a gain of $619.53 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the total cost of redecorating the Pine Room and Dutch Room was $1,826.59. He said Mr. George Eckel, has made a preliminary survey of the proposed enlargement of the kitchen and will prepare plans along the lines suggested, for the consideration of the Board. He recommended that the matter of proper heating for the ball room be deferred and considered along with the over-all plans for the kitchen remodeling.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said plans have been made for the Christmas and New Years parties, and suggested that the same prices be charged as last year. Upon motion by Mr. Birdsall, seconded by Mr. Hillyard, and carried, the Entertainment Committee was directed to fix prices at its discretion. Upon motion by Mr. Sprague, seconded and carried, the cards soliciting Christmas funds for the employees, were to be sent out separately from the letters pertaining to the Holiday activities.

There was no report given by the Membership Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Walter Bartlett, seconded and carried, a letter was to be sent to Mrs. George Schroeder, proposing membership by her as a sustaining member.

No other business having come before the meeting, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Floyd M. Sprague
President.

J. A. Mytton
Acting Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Dec. 12, 1955.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Henry F. Bayer, Dr. John Forgrave, J. A. Mytton, W. S. Hillyard, W. C. Bartlett, Byrne Logan, Conger Beasley, A. L. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Stanley Birdsall and Beverley Pitts.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held Nov. 14th. were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a gain for the month of November of $250.67, against a gain of $40.69 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Beasley resolved: That the existing By-laws, as amended, of the Benton Club, be and the same are hereby abrogated, rescinded and annulled; and,

Resolved further, that new By-laws in the form presented at this meeting (a copy of which shall be attached to these minutes) be and the same are hereby adopted as the By-laws of the Benton Club.

Mr. W. C. Bartlett suggested that before adopting the new By-laws that the regular membership be limited to 100 instead of

BY-LAWS OF

THE BENTON CLUB

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ARTICLE I.

Membership

Section 1 Number of Members — The membership of this Club shall be limited to one hundred ten regular, twenty-five intermediate, twenty-five junior, twenty-five non-resident and such number of sustaining members as the Board of Directors may deem for the best interests of the Club.

Section 2 Qualifications — (a) No person shall be eligible to membership unless such person shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(b) No person shall be eligible to become a regular, intermediate or junior member until such person shall have resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, or in some adjoining county thereof in Missouri, for a period of at least six (6) consecutive months prior to such person's election as a regular, intermediate or junior member of the Club.

Section 3 Regular Members — (a) A regular member is a male member over 35 years of age who resides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri, or any other male member who pays the admission fees and dues of a regular member.

(b) None but regular members, liable to pay full dues, shall be entitled to be elected to the Board of Directors or to hold any office, be counted in the number necessary to form a quorum, or vote at the meetings of the Club.

Section 4 Junior Members — (a) A junior member is a male member between the ages of 21 to 29 years, both inclusive, who resides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri.

(b) When a junior member shall become 30 years of age, he shall forthwith be classified as an intermediate member, and shall be liable for the admission fee and dues of an intermediate member, from which admission fee there shall be deducted any amount he shall have paid as an admission fee on becoming a junior member.

Section 5 Intermediate Members — (a) An intermediate member is a male member between the ages of 30 to 34 years, both inclusive, who resides in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri.

(b) When an intermediate member shall become 35 years of age, he shall forthwith be classified as a regular member, and shall be liable for the admission fee and dues of a regular member, from which admission fee there shall be deducted any amount he shall have paid as an admission fee on becoming an intermediate member, plus any amount which had been deducted from such intermediate admission fee on his transfer, if any, from a junior to an intermediate membership.

Section 6 Non-Resident Members — (a) A non-resident member is a male member whose permanent residence is other than in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri.

(b) When a non-resident member shall become a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri, he shall thenceforth be classified, according to his age, either as a junior, intermediate or regular member, and shall be liable for the admission fee and dues of such reclassified membership.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 10(a) of Article I of the By-laws of the Benton Club, the Board of Directors does hereby designate and establish the following admission fees and dues for its members, to-wit:

Admission fees:

Classification	Amount	Tax	Total
Regular	$125.00	$25.00	$150.00
Intermediate	83.33	16.67	100.00
Junior	41.67	8.33	50.00

Dues:

Classification	Amount	Tax	Total	Payable when
Regular	$20.00	$4.00	$24.00	Monthly
Intermediate	12.50	2.50	15.00	Monthly
Sustaining	12.50	2.50	15.00	Monthly
Junior	6.25	1.25	7.50	Monthly
Non-resident	25.00	5.00	30.00	Annually, in advance

(c) When a non-resident member shall have resided in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri, for three (3) consecutive months, or for the greater portion of the time during six (6) months, he shall be considered to be classified, according to his age, as a junior, intermediate or regular member, and shall be required to pay the admission fee and dues of such reclassified membership; except, that by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present, a male person residing for an indefinite period in Buchanan County, Missouri, or in an adjoining county in Missouri, may be designated as a non-resident member for a period not exceeding one (1) year.

(d) When a junior, intermediate or regular member shall become a non-resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, or of an adjoining county in Missouri, he shall be entitled, on notice to the Secretary of the Club, to be classified as a non-resident member.

Section 7 Sustaining Members

(a) A sustaining member is a female member who is the widow of a deceased former member and who may, at the option of the Board of Directors, have been invited to a sustaining membership in the Club, or any other female member who may, at the option of the Board of Directors, be invited to a sustaining membership in the Club.

(b) The membership of a sustaining member shall cease upon her re-marriage.

Section 8 Privileges

All members of the Club shall be entitled to the same privileges as regular members, except that junior, intermediate, non-resident and sustaining members shall have no voice or vote in the control or management of the Club or in the election of directors and no right to hold office; and except further, that sustaining members may not attend any annual or special meeting of the Club or use any part or parts of the Clubhouse at any time or times as is or are set aside for the exclusive use of the male members.

Section 9 Election of Members

(a) Every male member shall be elected by the Board of Directors, by secret ballot.

(b) He must be proposed by one, and seconded by two other regular members.

(c) His name and the names of the members proposing and seconding his nomination shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Clubhouse for at least ten days preceding the day upon which his name is to beballoted on.

(d) It shall require an affirmative vote of not less than eight of the Board of Directors to elect a male member.

(e) Any candidate receiving two negative votes shall be declared rejected.

(f) After a candidate for admission shall have been balloted for and rejected, any member of the Board then present can call for and have a second ballot; provided, request be made and ballot had before the Board adjourns.

(g) No person who has been rejected for membership by the Board of Directors shall again be proposed for membership until six months shall have elapsed since the date of his last rejection, unless by a unanimous vote of the whole Board of Directors.

Section 10 Admission Fees and Dues

(a) The admission fees and dues of junior, intermediate and regular members and the dues of non-resident and sustaining members shall be in such amounts, respectively, as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time; provided, however, that dues of non-resident members shall be payable annually, in advance.

(b) No admission fee shall be charged to non-resident or sustaining members.

Section 11 Arrears and Forfeiture of Membership

(a) On or before the fifth day of each month members shall be notified of their indebtedness to the Club (including dues, taxes, house bills and all other indebtedness). If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twentieth day of same month, a second notice (including a copy of this Section) shall be sent to members whose accounts are unpaid. If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twenty-fifth of the same month, such members shall be deemed delinquent and the names of such delinquent members and the amounts of their indebtedness shall be posted on the Club bulletin board. If such indebtedness be not paid in full on or before the tenth day of the following month there shall be added to the delinquent balance due a delayed payment charge of 5% thereon (or such other amount as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time), and further credit shall be refused to such delinquent members until their indebtedness is paid in full. If such indebtedness be not paid in full within 90 days, after such members have become delinquent, the membership of such delinquent members shall thereupon automatically terminate, unless the Board of Directors shall determine otherwise by appropriate action duly recorded in the minutes. A member whose membership has thus been terminated may be reinstated thereafter within a period of one year by unanimous vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that all arrears have been then paid.

(b) All notices shall be sent to the member's last known place of address, and it shall be considered sufficient notice if so sent.

(c) If any junior, intermediate or regular member shall leave his residence in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri, and remain absent for the space of one year, or if any sustaining member residing in Buchanan County, Missouri, or an adjoining county in Missouri or Kansas, shall leave her residence and remain absent for the space of one year, such member shall be exempt from paying dues during his/her absence; provided, such member shall have first notified the Secretary, in writing, of his/her intention of so leaving and remaining absent.

Section 12 Resignations

All resignations must be made in writing to the Secretary. Any member resigning, or in any manner ceasing to be a member, shall forfeit all privileges pertaining to the Club. Any member who shall resign can not again become a member of the Club unless he/she shall have again been admitted to membership in the manner required by these By-laws for the admission of new members. All accounts and dues must be paid in full before the resignation of a member may be accepted.

ARTICLE II

Board of Directors

Section 1 Duties and Elections

(a) The affairs of this Club shall be managed by a Board of thirteen Directors, each of whom shall hold his office for a term of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The present Directors, five of whom were elected at the 1953 annual meeting, four of whom were elected at the 1954 annual meeting, and four of whom were elected at the 1955 annual meeting, all for a term of three years, respectively, shall continue in office until their respective terms shall expire; and at the 1956 annual meeting, and at each annual meeting thereafter, a sufficient number of Directors shall be elected to take the place of those whose terms, respectively, expire.

(b) After the expiration of the term of any Director, such retiring Director shall be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment to the Board until the lapse of one calendar year from the date of the expiration of his last year of office on the Board.

Section 2 Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring among its members.

Section 3 Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at the Clubhouse, or at such other place as may be designated by it, upon the second Monday of each month.

Section 4 Special Meetings — A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or in his absence, by the Vice-president, upon two days' notice of such meeting to each Director.

Section 5 Expulsion — The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member on account of unbecoming conduct, by vote of ten members of the Board at a special meeting held for that purpose; provided, that the accused member shall have received a written notice signed by the Secretary, of the charges against him, and the date set for the examination of the charges.

Section 6 Quorum — Seven members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. The action of a majority of those present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present, shall be considered as the action of the Board, except as herein otherwise provided. Any member of the Board of Directors absent from three consecutive regular meetings, without permission of the President, may by a vote of the Directors, be held to have resigned his office, and his successor may be elected by the Board.

Section 7 Standing Committees — (a) There shall be appointed by the President from the Board of Directors (except as herein otherwise provided), five standing committees hereinafter named, and such other committees as the Board of Directors may determine upon, to-wit: an Executive Committee, a House Committee, an Entertainment Committee, a Membership Committee and a Historical Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members, of which the President shall act as Chairman.

(c) The House Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members.

(d) The Entertainment Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three members, the majority only of whom must be members of the Board of Directors.

(e) The Membership Committee shall be composed of not more than five nor less than three, the majority only of whom must be members of the Board of Directors.

(f) The Historical Committee shall be composed of not more than three members, none of whom need be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 8 Duties of Committees — (a) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the business affairs and finances of the Club, and shall audit the accounts of the Steward and Treasurer.

(b) The House Committee shall have charge of the Clubhouse and, subject to prior approval of the Board of Directors, shall provide and promulgate rules and regulations for its government. It shall receive and investigate all complaints made in writing and signed by members of the Club, and when in its judgment it shall be necessary, report same to the Board of Directors; it shall direct the purchase of literature and other supplies, regulate the prices to be paid for all services provided and for all articles sold in the Clubhouse, employ and dismiss all house employees, and attend generally to all matters of the Club other than its business affairs.

(c) The Entertainment Committee shall have general charge of all entertainments which may be given by the Club, and shall provide for the Club such entertainments as in their discretion they may think will be for its best advantage.

(d) The Membership Committee shall submit a report upon such names as may have been proposed for membership, in accordance with these By-laws, after they shall have fully investigated the qualifications of such proposed members.

(e) The Historical Committee shall keep in permanent form a record of the activities of the Club and its members.

Section 9 Nominating Committee. The President shall within ten days preceding the second Monday of May, appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, a Nominating Committee of three regular members, not more than two members of which committee shall be members of the Board of Directors. Such Nominating Committee shall nominate such number of regular members of the Club as candidates for Directors as shall constitute twice the number of Directors that are to be elected at the annual meeting of the regular members, as provided in Section 1 of Article II of these By-laws. At such annual meeting each regular member voting shall vote for the same number of names as there are directors to be elected at such meeting; but in so doing, shall not be limited to such names as may have been selected by the Nominating Committee, but may vote for any duly qualified regular member of the Club.

ARTICLE III.

Officers

Section 1 Election. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected by the Board of Directors from their number.

Section 2 President. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Club and Directors, and to have general supervision over all affairs of the Club.

Section 3 Vice-President. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy. In case of the absence, resignation, dismissal or death of the Vice-President, the Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President during the continuation of such absence or vacancy.

Section 4 Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of all funds and securities of the Club, to keep accurate accounts thereof, subject to investigation by the President and Executive Committee, and to submit the same whenever required to do so by the Board; he shall deposit all funds as directed by the Board, and shall pay all obligations of the Club as they fall due. In case of the absence or inability to act of the Treasurer, the President or such other officer as may be designated by the Board of Directors shall be authorized to pay such obligations of the Club as may fall due during such absence or inability of the Treasurer to act.

Section 5 Secretary. The Secretary shall collect all fees, charges and subscriptions, or see that they are so collected. He shall have charge of all deeds, documents and other instruments of writing. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club and Board of Directors, notify members of their election, and conduct the correspondence of the Club.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings

Section 1 Annual Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of the regular members at the Club House, at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the second Monday of May, at eight o'clock p.m.

Section 2 Quorum. (a) If there should be no quorum before the hour of nine o'clock p.m., the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be had, and notice of such adournment shall be given to all members. Thirty (30) members shall constiute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the regular members.

(b) Any junior, intermediate or non-resident member may attend any annual or special meeting of the regular members of the Club but shall have no right to take part in the proceedings thereof.

Section 3 Special Meetings — A special meeting of the regular members of the Club may be called by the President or Vice-President, upon ten (10) days' notice.

Section 4 Order of Business — The order of business shall be substantially as follows:
1. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Report of standing committees.
4. Report of special committees.
5. General business.
6. Election of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

Guests of Members

Section 1 Non-resident Guests — (a) A non-resident guest is any person, not a member, residing outside the territorial limits prescribed for qualification for regular membership, who may be invited to the Clubhouse by a member.

(b) Any member may invite non-resident guests to the Club at any time.

(c) The privileges of the Club may be extended to a non-resident male guest for a period of two (2) weeks, upon application to the Secretary by any member of the Club. Such privileges may be extended beyond the two (2) weeks period by the Board of Directors, upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by it, or by rules of the House Committee promulgated after prior approval of the Board of Directors. The members so making application for extension of privileges to a non-resident guest shall be responsible for such guest and for the payment of all debts and liabilities to the Club that may be incurred by such guest.

Section 2 Resident Guests — (a) A resident guest is a person, not a member, residing within the territorial limits prescribed for qualification for regular membership, who may be invited to the Clubhouse by a member.

(b) No member shall have the right to invite to the Clubhouse any resident guest, except upon such times and for such specified functions and entertainments and upon such terms and conditions as may be designated by the Board of Directors or by rules of the House Committee promulgated after prior approval of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the foregoing restriction on the right to invite resident guests shall not apply to the following persons, who may be invited to the Clubhouse at any time by a member, to-wit: (1) The wife, any son under twenty-one (21) years of age, or any unmarried daughter of a member; (2) the mother, mother-in-law or unmarried sister who forms a part of a member's household; and (3) any female guest invited to the Clubhouse by an unmarried male member.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments

Section 1 By Directors — These By-laws may be amended by a vote of nine (9) members of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose; provided, that notice shall have been given to each member of the Board of the proposed amendment at least one (1) week before the date of the meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be considered and voted upon.

Section 2 By Members — These By-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of the regular members present at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose; provided, that notice shall have been given to each regular member of the Club of the proposed amendment at least one (1) week before the date of the meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be considered and acted upon.

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HOUSE RULES

BENTON CLUB

I.

The Club House will be open every day at 8:00 a. m. and shall remain open not later than 12:00 o'clock midnight on week nights, or 1:00 a. m. on Saturday and Sunday nights, with the exception of nights on which parties, or other functions, are held. Members or guests remaining in the Club after 12:00 o'clock on week nights, or 1:00 a. m. on Saturday or Sunday nights, upon other than above-excepted nights, will be required to pay a pro rata charge at the rate of $5.00 per hour for each overtime hour to cover the cost of keeping the Club House open.

II.

Meals will be served only between such hours as may be fixed by the House Committee.

III.

Ladies using the Club and its privileges shall use only such parts of the Club as are set aside for their use, and are not expected to enter the bar before 6:30 p. m., except on Sundays, and the Men's Lounge Room is for the exclusive use of the men at all times.

IV.

The following rates have been established for the use of the facilities of the Club: For the use of the ballroom and the Club House $35.00. For the use of the clubroom for teas, cocktails and similar parties when the guests number 20 or less, $10.00, when the guests number more than 20, $20.00. Dinners or buffet suppers will be served when the facilities of the Club have been retained for parties at actual cost thereof and actual cost of extra help, if any, plus a service charge of 25% above cost of food.

V.

1. Evening meals should be ordered before 8:00 p. m. on week days, and 9:00 p. m. on Saturdays, Sunday and holidays. An extra charge of 25c per person, with a minimum extra charge of $1.00 will be made on all orders placed after these hours, and all orders placed within such hours, but on the request of the member not served within a half-hour after the times above fixed. No special parties will be served until after 1:30 p. m. on days when regular noon-day luncheon is served to members.

2. A member so desiring may make a firm table reservation for himself and his party for a definite specified time, and such table reservation will be held for him in accordance with his request; however, such table reservation must be specified for a definite time and will be held at that time and for an additional 15-minutes only. If the table reservation is not taken within 15-minutes of its specified time, then the table reservation automatically is cancelled, and the member and his party shall take such seats as may be available when they are ready for table service.

X.

The following provision of the By-Laws will be strictly enforced: "On or before the fifth day of each month members shall be notified of their indebtedness to the Club (including dues, taxes, house bills and all other indebtedness). If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twentieth day of same month, a second notice (including a copy of this Section) shall be sent to members whose accounts are unpaid. If such indebtedness be not paid in full by the twenty-fifth of the same month, such members shall be deemed delinquent and the names of such delinquent members and the amounts of their indebtedness shall be posted on the Club bulletin board. If such indebtedness be not paid in full on or before the tenth day of the following month there shall be added to the delinquent balance due a delayed payment charge of 5% thereon (or such other amount as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time), and further credit shall be refused to such delinquent members until their indebtedness is paid in full. If such indebtedness be not paid in full within 90 days, after such members have become delinquent, the membership of such delinquent members shall thereupon automatically terminate, unless the Board of Directors shall determine otherwise by appropriate action duly recorded in the minutes. A member whose membership has thus been terminated may be reinstated thereafter within a period of one year by unanimous vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided, that all arrears have been then paid."

Accordingly the Treasurer shall send to members the notices provided for in the above By-Laws, and shall see that the provision in regard to the delayed payment charges is enforced; the House Committee shall see that the provisions in regard to suspension of credit are enforced; and the Secretary, upon the termination of the membership as provided in the above Section of the By-Laws, first being directed so to do by the Board of Directors, shall strike the name of the member whose membership is so terminated from the list of members, and further shall notify in writing the delinquent member that his/her membership has been automatically terminated.

XI.

1. No entertainments of a private or semi-public nature shall be given in the Club House, except by a member and then only after permission shall have been obtained from the House Committee, provided further that such use of a portion of the Club House shall not materially restrict or interfere with the use of the Club House by members of the Club. The House Committee may, in its discretion, make a reasonable charge for such use of the Club House, if permission shall have been obtained from the House Committee for the giving of such entertainment on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday night (other than a legal holiday) the member giving such entertainment shall have the privilege of inviting resident guests.

In reserving rooms for entertainment of a private or semi-public nature, it shall be understood that individuals other than members of the Club, attending the meeting, shall be restricted to the use of the rooms so reserved.

2. Upon application to and with the permission of the House Committee, a member may, for the purposes of entertainment, take over the entire facilities of the Club, including the bar, kitchen and ballroom; provided, however, that he shall invite the entire Club membership to his party or entertainment, and shall also pay the regularly scheduled charges for the use of the Club facilities. If these requirements are met, the member may invite resident guests.

XII.

Payment of all bills due the Club shall be made by check in favor of the Club. Vouchers representing the exact amount of the charges will be delivered to members.

It is particularly requested that no bills be paid in cash or currency. If so paid and if no receipt therefor can be produced, the member will be held responsible to the Club in the event of any dispute as to payment.

XIII.

No member or visitor, or any guest of the Club, shall give money or any gratuity to any person in the service of the Club.

XIV.

No member shall be allowed to send the Club employees out of the Club House, nor employ such employee to perform any personal service during the time such employees are on duty.

XV.

No member shall reprove an employee. All complaints regarding employees must be made to the House Committee.

XVI.

All complaints against the Management of the Club, or against the conduct of any officer or member, must be made in writing to the House Committee and signed by the complainant. No verbal complaints will be considered.

XVII.

No animals will be allowed in the Club House.

XVIII.

Any damage to the Club property by any member or his guests shall be charged to the account of that member.

XIX.

No subscription paper or petition (unless relating to the business of the Club) shall be posted or circulated in the Club House, nor shall subscriptions be solicited from members therein, except for Club purposes. No posters or other advertisements will be permitted except those of strictly Club functions. The membership list shall not be given out to anyone to be used as a mailing or solicitation list.

VI.

All service charges, all orders for services or for articles supplied from the kitchen or from any room in the Club, and all merchandise purchased, must be signed for by the member or guest holding a guest card duly issued by the Secretary. No cash will be accepted.

VII.

The House Committee may grant temporary and limited privileges of the Club to the son of a member upon the written request of his father, who shall be responsible to the Club for the indebtedness and acts of his son.

VIII.

1. Upon the written request of a member of the Club, the Secretary may issue a guest card to any non-resident male guest for a period of no longer than fourteen days. Such privileges may be extended beyond the fourteen day period, either by the Board of Directors or by the House Committee, upon such terms and conditions as may be designated respectively by such Board or by such Committee. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman of the House Committee may issue guest cards.

2. A guest who does not hold a guest card shall not incur any indebtedness to the Club. Guests holding guest cards shall sign written orders for all service and merchandise.

3. Any member who shall request the issuance of a guest card shall be responsible for such guest and the payment of all debts and liabilities to the Club that may be incurred by the holder of such guest card.

4. When authorized by the Board of Directors upon certain specified times, and for certain specified functions and entertainments, such as New Year's Eve parties, Christmas afternoon dances, etc., members may entertain resident guests, so long as the member attends his guests, or sponsors their activities, provided, however, that the facilities of the Club shall not be used by such guests to the inconvenience of members. Any member of the Club introducing a guest in the Club, knowing said guest to be objectionable, shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may see fit to impose.

5. A member shall not be permitted to introduce as a guest in the Club any person who has been dropped or suspended as a member of the Club.

6. Non-members calling for or upon a member will be detained in the reception rooms, and, unless accompanied by a member, excluded from all other parts of the Club.

7. No guests shall be permitted to attend Club meetings or to introduce others in the Club building.

IX.

Any guest of a member ordering services or merchandise shall be required to sign the sponsoring member's name therefor, and such sponsoring member shall be held responsible for the proper conduct and for all indebtedness to the Club incurred by such guest.

XX.

No newspaper, magazine, or book, or other property of the Club shall be taken from the Club Rooms by any member, guest or employee, except books which may be taken out under such rules as may be set up by the House Committee.

XXI.

All requests, suggestions and complaints must be made in writing and signed and addressed to the Chairman of the House Committee.

XXII.

The House Committee is authorized to enforce such of these rules as are applicable to service and the use of the Club premises.

XXIII.

The House Rules governing the operation of the Club House may be changed or modified at any time by the House Committee subject to the prior approval of the Board of Directors, which shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all House Rules.

110 members, not counting [illegible] followed, a vote was taken, and the 110 member figure was accepted by the Board.

These resolutions were duly voted on and accepted by the Board.

Mr. Beesley proposed that the new House Rules and By-laws be in effect on Jan.2, 1966, and that they be printed and distributed to the membership before the annual meeting. These proposals were seconded and carried.

There being no reports from the House Committee, the Entertainment Committee, or the Membership Committee, and no furtner business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd M. Jones
President

Stuart H. Campbell
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house on Jan. 9, 1950.

Thefollowing Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, M. A. Mytton, S. W. Birdsall, J. B. Logan, Walter C. Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Frank Hanne, A. L. Bartlett, Dr. John Forgrave, Henry F. Bayer, W. S. Hillyard, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Beverley Titts.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held Dec. 12, 1949, were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a gain of $187.96 for the month of December as compared to a gain of $497.40 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, read an acknowledgement from the employees thanking the membership for their Christmas gift. He recommended accepting the price of $500.00 to purchase the chandelier in the ballroom from Mrs. Boteler. This motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said that the holiday parties had been a success, and that orchestras for the coming year had been tentatively engaged. The charges for guests at the New Years party for next year and the number of guests to be permitted, started a general discussion. It was decided to consider these problems at the next meeting.

Mr. Bayer, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that there are 99 regular members, 4 intermediates, 6 jr., 14 sustaining, and 20 non-resident. Several names were voted on for membership, and their names were to be posted on the bulletin board for a period of ten days.

No other business having come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President.

Stuart W. Campbell
Secretary

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Benton Club on Jan. 20, 1956 for the purpose of voting on names proposed for membership.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, H. F. Bayer, J. A. Mytton, A. I. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, W. C. Bartlett, S. W. Birdsall, and S. W. Campbell.

Mr. Harold Dugdale and Mr. Alvan F. Clayton were elected as regular members, and Hugh A. Sprague was elected to junior membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Stuart W Campbell
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Feb. 14,,1956.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, J. A. Mytton, H. F. Bayer, Beverley Pitts, W. S. Hillyard, J. B. Logan, W. C. Bartlett, Frank Hanna, A. I. Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Dr. John Forgrave, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: S. W. Birdsall

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Jan. 9,1956 were read and approved.

Mr. Sprague thanked the Board for the good attendence.

Mr. Mytton, acting in the absence of the Treasurer, reported a gain of $290.15 for the month of Jan. 1956, against a gain of $246.04 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, suggested that some thought be given to limiting the size of the Christmas and New Years parties. Dr. Forgrave recommended having a party in mid-April.

Mr. Hanna, reporting for the membership Committee, said that there were at present 101 regular members, 5 intermediate, 5 junior, 2Onon-resident, and 15 sustaining members. There were no applications at present.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, read bids on the kitchen improvements. Ageneral discussion followed, and there was a tour of inspection. The President suggested that Mr Mytton get more information on the subject to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Stuart W Campbell
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on March 12, 1956.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. Floyd M. Sprague, S. W. Birdsall, Dr. John Forgrave, Frank Hanna, Walter C. Bartlett, Henry F. Bayer, Walter S. Hillyard, J. B. Logan and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: Beverly Pitts, S. W. Campbell, Conger Beasley and A. L. Bartlett.

The President presided at the meeting. No minutes were read due to the absence of the Secretary.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a gain of $46.37 for the month of February, as compared to a gain of $161.40 for the same period a year ago. It was pointed out that $500.00 was put in the Expense Account.

No report was made by the Entertainment Committee.

Mr. Hanna, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented one name to be considered for regular membership. No vote was taken and it was decided to delay until a later meeting.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, presented an estimate from the Lehr Construction Company, of the cost of constructing a ramp leading into the ball-room, of $1,477.00. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Walter Bartlett that the House Committee be authorized to go ahead with all of the work for enlarging the kitchen as outlined. The motion was seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

A. L. Bartlett
Acting Secretary

The reguler meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on April 9, 1956.

The following Directors were present: Floyd M. Sprague, Stanley S. Birdsall, J. A. Mytton, Beverley Pitts, Henry F. Bayer, Byrne Logan, W. C. Bartlett, Dr. John Forgrave, Conger Beasley, A. L. Bartlett, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent, J. S. Hillyard, and Frank Hanna.

The President presided at the meeting. The minutes of the meetings held on Feb. 13, 1956 and March 12, 1956 were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Birdsall, which report showed a gain for the month of March of $5.73, against a gain of $57.04 for the same period a year ago.

Mr. Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee suggested that a small party be arranged to be held before the annual meeting. Mr. Walter Bartlett recommended this action, it was seconded by Dr. Forgrave, and passed by the Board.

Mr. Bayer had no report for the Membership Committee.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, said that in two weeks the work in the kitchen and ballroom should be completed, and a party could be held after that time. Mr. Sprague asked if the printing of the new By-laws and House Rules was completed, and was told that they would be ready for mailing the following week.

The President announced that he wished to appoint a nominating committee for the purpose of selecting candidates to replace the outgoing directors, and submitted the names of Mr. Henry Bayer, Mr. Frank Hanna, and J. Wesley Lehr. Mr Walter Bartlett voted that the nominations be closed, it was seconded by Mr. Beasley, and carried. Mr. Sprague asked that the Secretary so notify this committee and see that ballots are printed before the annual meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Stuart W Campbell
Secretary

The annual membership meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 14, 1956. There were 44 members present.

The President, Mr. Floyd M. Sprague presided. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Stanley T. Birdsall, the Treasurer reported that the total net revenue for the year was $67,899.23, the net operating income $4,014.15, which amount was credited to Major Improvements. The financial condition as of April 30, 1956 showed current assets of $17,853.08, fixed assets of $33,845.65, total assets $51,698.70, lessecurrent liabilities and unearned dues of $7,413.31, making a total of $44,285.39.

Mr. Hytton, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the major improvements to the Club had consisted of the following: (1) Exterior repairs and painting at a cost of $1165.81; (2) Redecorating the ladies card room and the Dutch room, $1626.56; (3) A new side walk on 7th St. $585.00; (4) Purchase of the chandelier in the ball room $306.00; (5) Extensive alterations to the kitchen, at a cost so far of $2180.44 with an estimated balance yet to be paid of $3750.00. This work also included auxiliary heaters to heat the ballroom.

The cafe sales for the year were slightly higher than the previous year, the bar sales slightly lower, the profit on each remaining about the same.

In the absence of Mr. Beasley, Mr. Walter Hillyard reported for the Entertainment Committee. The regular Club parties for the year were financially successful. A closed party is to be held this Friday, with a seven piece orchestra and singer. Lefty will serve a roast beef buffet dinner. Mr. Hillyard urged all to attend.

Mr. Frank Hanna, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported a gain of two regular members and one non-resident member. The membership rolls currently show 101 regular members, 5 intermediate, 5 junior, 1 sustaining, and 30 non-resident members, a total of 146 members.

There was no report from the Historical Committee.

The President then asked the members if there were any new business or questions. Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Jr. brought to the attention of those present that the New Years Eve party had been entirely too crowded and asked that some provision be made to controll the number of guests. A general discussion followed. Mr. W. C. Bartlett, Sr. said that it was a problem to be solved by the new board and that it had already been under discussion at the regular meetings.

The ballots were collected and counted. The results of the election to the Directorate were as follows: Messrs, Roy Bretz, Robert Hillyard, J. J. Lehr, Jarrot McCord, and Milton Tootle, Jr.

The President, Mr. Sprague, thanked the members for their support and cooperation during the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Sprague
President

Stuart W. Campbell
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house on May 14,1956, immediately following the annual meeting.

The following Directors were present: Messrs. Floyd M. Sprague, W. C. Bartlett, S. W. Birdsall, J. A. Mytton, Byrne Logan, Roy Bretz, J. . Lehr, Jarrot McCord, Beverley Fitts, Robert Millyard, and S. W. Campbell.

Absent: Dr. John Forgrave, Conger Beasley, and Milton Tootle, Jr.

Mr. Floyd Sprague, the retiring President opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on Apr. 9, 1956 were read and approved. Mr. Sprague then turned the meeting over to the new Board to vote on officers for the ensuing year.

On motions duly made and seconded the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President	J. A. Mytton
Vice-pres.	Roy Bretz
Secretary	S. W. Birdsall
Treasurer	Beverley Fitts

All officers were elected unanimously.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

President

Secretary

The regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on June 11, 1956.

The following Directors were present: J. A. Mytton, Roy Bretz, Beverley Pitts, Robert Hillyard, Dr. John Forgrave, W. C. Bartlett, Byrne Logan, Conger Beasley, Jarrot McCord, S. W. Birdsall.

Absent: S. W. Campbell, Milton Tootle, Jr., J. W. Lehr.

The President, J. A. Mytton presided at the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 14th were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Beverley Pitts reported as of this date the Club had cash on hand in the amount of $6,532.00 and that for the month of May there had been a gain of $122.51 in the operations of the Club.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Roy Bretz presented a detailed report of the use of the Club's facilities over a period of years which indicated present activities being very favorably sustained. Mr. Bretz commented on the very efficient manner under which the past Chairman of the House Committee, J. A. Mytton had maintained Club services and conducted various improvement and modernization projects, to which the entire Board concurred.

A report of the Membership Committee by Byrne Logan, Chairman, stated no definite action to be taken on change in membership at this meeting.

There being no report from the Entertainment Committee and there bring no further business to come before the Board, upon motion of Conger Beasley, the meeting adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on July 9, 1956.

The following Directors were present: A. J. Mytton, Robert Hillyard, Stewart Campbell, Jarrot McCord, Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Milton Tootle Jr., Wec Lehr and Stanley Birdsall.

Absent: Byrn Logan, Beverly Pitts, Roy Bretz, Dr. John Forgrave.

A.J. Mytton called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes read and approved.

Walter Bartlett reported for Treasurer Beverly Pitts, stating that the Club's operation for the month of June showed a loss of $245.38 even though the club served more members than it did during the same month the preceeding year. The loss in sales volume might be due to the low calory intake, Mr. Bartlett stated.

The House Committee had nothing of importance to bring before the meeting, however there was a general discussion on the probability of the need for making another study of food costs.

S. W. Campbell reporting for the Entertainment Committee presented for discussion plans for the Annual Picnic and also discussed plans for the first Fall Party.

Robert Hillyard reporting for the Membership Committee stated there was a vacancy in the Club's active membership and presented the name of J. M. Weakley. Upon taking a ballot upon the application Mr. Weakley was unaminously accepted by the Board members present. Also the application of Gene Thompson of Maryville, Mo. for non-resident membership was presented and upon a poll of the Directors, his application was likewise unaminously accepted.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, same was adjourned.

A. J. Mytton
President

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on August 13, 1956.

The following members of the Board were present: A.J. Mytton, S. W. Birdsall, Roy Bretz, Wec Lehr Milton Tootle, Walter Bartlett, Byrne Logan, Jarrot McCord.

Absent: S. W. Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Robt Hillyard Dr. John Forgrave and Conger Beasley

The President, Allan Mytton presided at the Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on July 9, were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Walter Bartlett presented the monthly report and in addition to a general discussion, he pointed out that the Club's operations for the month of July enabled the Club to add $427.60 to the improvement account and the cash balance at the close of the month was $6,985.oo

The Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Bretz reported profit of $349.00 from Cafe operations for the Month. A study of certain food costs indicated that it was necessary to make some changes in prices on our menu.

Mr. Tootle reported for the Entertainment Committee and advised that the Fall Picnic was seheduled for September 15th and that all plans were in process of completion.

Byrne Logan reported for the Membership Committee and advised the Board that the membership as of this date was as follows: 102 Regular, 5 Intermediate, 5 Junior, 15 Sustaining and 22 Non-Resident members. In view of the lack of sufficient Members of the Board being present to act upon names of possible new members none were considered at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Meeting adjourned.

A. J. Mytton
President.

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Director of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on September 9, 1956.

Directors present were J. A. Mytton, Roy Bretz, Robert Hillyard, Dr. John Forgrave, Byrne Logan, Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Jarot McCord, S. W. Birdsall.

Absent: S. W. Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Milton Tootle, Wec Lehr.

The President, J. A. Mytton, presided at the meeting. The mintues of the last meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pitts, the treasurer's report was read by S. W. Birdsall who pointed out that while the operating gain for the month was $174.88 which was credited to the Improvement account, operational gain was slightly less than for the same period of last year.

Chairman of the House Committee, Roy Eretz gave a complete report on Club activities using House facilities and pointed out that our Cafe sales dropped some 95 below September of 1955 which and after an analysis of food costs placed before the Board the possibility of revision of menu prices. However upon motion of Mr. Logan, seconded by Mr. Bartlett it was unanimously decided to hold Cafe prices at present level for further consideration.

After a discussion of the improvements to the Club over the past year on motion of Robt Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Beasley and approved, it was decided to increase the coverage on the building $15,000 and $10,000 on the contents.

For the Entertainment Committee, Mr. McCord reported that all plans were completed for the Annual Picnic to be held at the Hunt Club on September 15th.

The President and the Board discussed various ideas for expandingthe use of the Ball Room but no definite action was taken at this meeting. However, the President appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Bretz, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Beasley to make further study of ideas presented at the meeting.

There beingno further business to come before the meeting, meeting was adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President

S. W. Birdsall
Secreretary.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on October 8, 1956.

Directors present: J A. Mytton Roy Bretz, ~~Robxxx Hillyard~~, Dr John Forgrave, Wec Lehr, Byrne Logan, Watler Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Beverly Pitts, Milton Tootle, Jarrot McCord, S. W. Birdsall.

Absent: S. W Campbell, Robert Hillyard

The President, J. A. Mytton presided at the meeting. The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts reported that in addition to $100.oo added to the improvement account the gain for the month of September was $382.80 and that the cash balance was $6795.49.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Roy Bretz revenue from use of House facilities was being carefull analyzed to determine whether menu prices should be revised, however at the suggestion of the Board it was agreed to continue without change for the time being. Mr. Bretz also reported that the Insurance on the Club building had been increased to $15,000 and the contents increased to $10,000

The report for the Entertainment Committee was made by Mr. Tootle who stated that as of this date no definite date had been decided upon for a Fall Party.

Chairman

Mr. Byrne Logan/gave the Membership Committe report in which he stated the present Membership consisted of 102 Regular, 5 Intermediate, 15 Sustaining and 22 Non-Resident members which included two new regular members. E. Y. Lingle and Garland Wilson and one non-resident. Templeton Brown.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting. meeting was adjourned,

J. A. Mytton
President

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House November 12, 1956.

Members present: J. A. Mytton, Roy Bretz, Robt. Hillyard, Wec Lehr, Byrn Logan, Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Milton Tootle, S. W. Birdsall.

Absent: Stewart Campbell, Jarrot McCord, Beverly Pitts, Dr. John Forgrave.

The President called the meeting to order and the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read the report which shows a gain for the month of October of $335.48 after setting up $800.oo to the improvement account as against an operating loss of $83.59 for the corresponding month 1955. Cash balance on hand totaled $7204.oo

The Chairman of the House Committee, Roy Bretz reported a sizable gain in the Club dining room services, pointing our that there were 840 dinners served during the month against 530 in October 1955 and that an operating profit of $231.oo was attained. Mr. Bretz also reported that plans for expanding the use of the Ball Room were progressing and that details would be presented for Board consideration in the near future.

Milton Tootle reported for the Entertainment Committee and stated that plans were completed for the Christmas and New Years parties. Upon unanimous approval of the Board the charges for the two parties for this seasons would be as follows:

Christmas party--Club Member Couple $8.00
Member Guests 3.50 a guest.

New Years Party--Club Member Couple $12.oo
Member Guests 6.oo a guest.

A discussion of possible new members followed, however Byrn Logan, Chariman of Membership Committee reported there would be no action taken on the names under consideration at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary.

J. A. Mytton
President.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Clubhouse on December 10, 1956.

Members present: J. A. Mytton, Roy Bretz, Beverly Pitts, Robert Hillyard, Wec Lehr, Walter Bartlett, Byrne Logan, Jarrot McCord, Stewart Campbell, and S. W. Birdsall.

Members absent: Conger Beasley, Dr. John Forgrave, Milton Tootle.

The President, J. A. Mytton, called the meeting to order after which the Minutes of the preceeding meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, after a general discussion of the financial status of the Club as of November 30th, reported that the Cash on Hand amounted to $6950.79.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Roy Bretz, reported that income from sales showed a loss of $310.85 over November of 1955, and that, due to unexpected repairs on the furnace amounting to $142.24, the net loss for November 1956 amounted to $111.29.

The report of the Entertainment Committee was made by Chairman Stewart Campbell, who stated that the arrangements were completed for the Holiday parties, and there was nothing further to report at this time.

Byrne Logan, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the names of Francis Smith and Benton Calkins for acceptance to the Board, and after a ballot was duly taken on each, both were elected as Resident Members. Mr. Logan stated that there were no other names to be presented at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, the Meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary

J. A. Mytton
President

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House January 14 1957

Members present: J. A. Mytton Roy Bretz, Weck Lehr, Dr. John Forgrave, Walter Bartlett, Milton Tootle, Jarrot McCord and S. W. Campbell

Absent: S Birdsall, Robt. Hillyard Conger Beasley, Beverly Pitts Byrn Logan

The President, J. A. Mytton presided and in the absence of the Secretary, S. W. Campbell acted as Secretary.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the Secretary read a letter of thanks from Opal Self for her share in the employees Christmas Fund

In the absence of the Treasurer Milton gave the treasurers report which showed a gain for the month of $304.85 and cash in the bank of $4953.68.

Mr. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee read a detailed report of the comparative expenses for the years 1955 and 1956. During this report, it was pointed out by several of the directors that the food had been inferior at the holiday parties, and there was a sizeable profit made at the parties. it was suggested that possibly spending more on the dinners would be advisable. A general discussion followed and it was decided that the chef should have help in planning these menus.

A report from the committee investigating a change in the ballroom to make it serve as a cocktail lounge disclosed that there had been a meeting with Mrs Butler and that she would in the near future make recommendations for further consideration

The Entertainment Committee proposed having a party during the month of February

The President suggested that the charge to a sustaining member should be the same rate as for a guest for the assessed parties. A vote was taken and carried.

The President proposed that Mr. Philip Bartlett be paid $5 more per month for his services as auditor of the Club This action was approved by the Board

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President

Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House February 11, 1957

Members present : Roy Bretz, Dr. John Forgrave, Wec Lehr, Milton Tootle W. C. Bartlett, Stewart Campbell, Byrne Logan, Jarrot McCord and Stan Birdsall.

Those absent were Allan Mytton, Conger Beasley, Robt. Hillyard and Beverly Pitts.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Bretz presided and called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting. which were approved as read.

Milton Tootle, assisted by Walter Bartlett gave the Treasurers Report in the absence of Mr. Pitts, and reported a gain of $388 for the past month, being $112 more than for same period, 1956. After a general discussion of Club finances, the report was accepted as read.

Mr. Bretz gave the report of the House Committee and reported an increase in Cafe and other Club facilities over January 1956. While increases in food prices have been carefully noted, profits on sales have maintained a satisfactory ratio to costs and no recommendation was made to change menu prices at this time.

A general discussion was headed by S. W. Campbell, chairman of the Entertainment Committee relative to spring activities at the Club.

Byrne Logan, Chairman of Membership Committee stated that there were no prospective members to act upon at this meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President

S. W. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Monday, March 11, 1957

Members of the Board present were: Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Stewart Campbell, Stan Birdsall, Byrne Logan, Wec Lehr, Allan Mytton, Beverly Pitts:

Absent: Robert Hillyard, Jarrot McCord, Milton Tootle, Roy Bretz, Dr John Forgrave.

Meeting called to order by the President, J. A. Mytton and the Minutes of the preceeding meeting was read by the Secretary, Stan Birdsall, and approved as read.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, reported on the financial status of the Club, stating that the operating gain for the previous month amounted to $159.20 and that the Club had cash on hand in the amount of $9736.93. After a general discussion of the report same was approved.

In the absence of the Chairman of the House Committee, Stan Birdsall reported for Roy Bretz that the membership use of club facilities was continuing on a very favorable basis, as evidenced by the gain previously reported by the Treasurer.

Stewart Campbell presented the report of the Entertainment Committee and stated plans were in the making for a Club Party to be the week-end following Easter, which was accepted with favor as a Club activity.

The Chairman of Membership Committee, Byrne Logan, reported there were no applications to act upon at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President.

S. M. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, Monday, April 8, 1957.

Members present: Allan Mytton, Milton Tootle Jr., Conger Beasley, Byrne Logan, Walter Bartlett, Dr. John Forgrave, J. Wec Lehr.

Members absent: Stewart Campbell, Stan Birdsall, Beverly Pitts, Roy Bretz, Jarrot McCord and Robert Hillyard.

The meeting was called to order by the president, J. A. Mytton and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Milton Tootle, reported on the financial status of the Club. The operating gain for the month of March amounted to $90.42 with a cash balance on hand of $9,639.25. After a general discussion, the report was approved.

The report of the House Committee was read by Dr. John Forgrave.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee to submit nominations to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year. This Committee was composed of Conger Beasley, Chairman, Henry Bayer and Stan Birdsall. The retiring Directors were announced as Allan Mytton, Byrne Logan, Dr. John Forgrave and Stewart Campbell.

In the absence of the Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Bretz, the president reported the need of new equipment in the kitchen. He stated that the fryer and the dishwasher were in very bad shape and that there was a need for a charcoal broiler. On motion by Walter Bartlett, seconded by Byrne Logan, the House Committee was authorized to purchase these three items of equipment at a cost not to exceed $2000.00. The motion carried.

Milton Tootle Jr. made the report for the entertainment Committee and stated that an orchestra had been engaged for a party on May 4, 1957. Special attention was to be given to the food served at this party.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Acting Secretary

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on April 22, 1957 at the call of the President.

Directors present were: Walter Bartlett, Stan Birdsall, Roy Bretz, Dr. John Forgrave, Robert Hillyard, Wec Lehr, Byrne Logan, Allan Mytton, Beverly Pitts and Milton Tootle.

The meeting was called to order by the President, J. A. Mytton and the Minutes of the previous meeting of April 8th were read and approved.

The purpose of the Meeting was to consider taking action on recommendations of Chairman Roy Bretz of the Committee appointed to study the expansion of use and activities of the Ball Room. The Committee had made a thorough investigation of various types of furnishings which would be most adaptable for use for mixed or large functions and its final decission was to propose the purchase of 12 pedestal style tables and 42 arm type dining chairs of very durable construction which would make the equipment usable in other areas of the Club. The cost of the Chairs were quoted for a total of $1638 and the tables $624. After a general discussion, upon motion of Byrne Logan, seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried, the Committee was authorized to make the committment within an allowable budget of $2500.

Mr. Bretz then reported on the progress of securing the equipment authorized for the kitchen and stated that it had been impossible to include the charcoal broiler and remain within the allocated sum of $2000 set up by the board in the April 8, 1957 meeting. After a general discussion Mr. Bartlett moved to ammend his motion which originally authorized the purchases up to $2000 to read an amount not to exceed $2400. The motion was seconded by Dr. Forgrave and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. A. Mytton
President

S. M. Birdsall
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on June 10, 1957.

The following Directors were present: W.C. Bartlett, Stanley Birdsall, Roy Bretz, J. M. Ford, Robert Hillyard, Jarrot McCord, E. C. Maxwell, Beverly Pitts, John Smith and Dr. Gregg Thompson.

Absent: Conger Beasley, J. Wec Lehr and Milton Tootle, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Birdsall, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Pitts, which report showed a loss of $199.23 for the month of May, 1957 as compared to a gain of $122.51 for the same month a year ago.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the loss for the month was due to the loss of $121.70 on the Spring Party and to $279.50 being spent on repairs to the Club equipment.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted the resignation of Henry Bundschu as a Non-Resident member, which was accepted with regret. Mr. Hillyard also presented the name of Robert Wagstaff of Kansas City to be voted on as a Non-Resident member. A favorable vote was taken and his name will be posted on the bulletin for the required 10 days.

No report was made by the Entertainment Committee.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
President

John T. Smith
Secretary

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE BENTON CLUB.

MAY 13, 1957

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday evening, May 13, 1957 following a buffet dinner in the Ball Room. There were 46 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, J. A. Mytton and called for the reading of the Minutes of the last membership meeting. The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, then reported in detail the financial status of the Club as of the close of the fiscal year, pointing out that there was a gain in all Club sales, such as Cafe, Cigars, Bar and Club parties $9,068; Club dues income $28,580; Room rent $1,076 and Miscellaneous income $1,039 for a total income of $39,763. Total expenses for the year were $33,518, leaving an operating gain of $6,245. Applying against this gain, the amount set up for major improvements of $6,008, left a net gain of $236 for the year. Total cash on hand as of April 30, 1957 was $10,051.68 and the total assets of the Club $50,765 with the Surplus account amounting to $44,491. The Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Roy Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee gave a complete report on the accomplishments of the Committee, pointing out the equipment replacements in the kitchen, tables and chairs for use in large parties held in Ball Room, repairs to the Boiler and bringing the Insurance on Building and Contents up to replacement value on a 5 year policy. It was further pointed out that although food costs had risen during the year no changes had been made.

Stewart Campbell, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported all functions during the past year were successful from a financial standpoint except the last Spring party which did not have a sufficiently large attendance to cover costs of the party.

Chairman of the Membership Committee, Byrne Logan, reported there were a total of 155 members, comprising 106 Regular, 4 Intermediate, 5 Junior, 16 Sustaining and 23 Non-resident.

The President then gave a brief summary of the years activities and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the Board and Members in making possible for him a most gratifying experience in serving as President of the Club the past year.

Elliot Marshall proposed a Resolution of thanks to the Board of Directors for their commendable work in behalf of the Club. Resolution carried by acclaimation.

The President then asked the Members if there was any new business to come before the meeting and as there were no suggestions, he then stated the next order of business was the election of 4 Directors to succeed the like number of retiring Board Members and when ballots were collected he appointed Robt. Clayton, Paul Forgrave and Charles Douglas as tellers to canvas the ballots. The report of the tellers announced the election of Jake M. Ford, Ernest C. Maxwell, John T. Smith, and Dr. F. G. Thompson

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

S. M. Kindall
Secretary

J. A. Mytton
President.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on may 13, 1957, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

The following Directors were present: J. A. Mytton, Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Stan Birdsall, Wec Lehr, Roy Bretz, Jarrot McCord, Beverly Pitts, Ernest Maxwell, John Smith, ~~Robt Hillyard~~, ~~Gregg Thompson~~.

Absent: Jake Ford, Milton Tootle Jr., Robt Hillyard, Gregg Thompson

The retiring President Allan Mytton opened the meeting and called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors which were approved as read. Mr. Mytton then turned the meeting over to Stan Birdsall as temporary Chairman for the purpose of electing Officers.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following Officers were placed in nomination:

President	S. W. Birdsall
Vice.Pres.	Conger Beasley
Treasurer	Beverly Pitts
Secretary	John Smith.

There being no other names proposed, all officers were elected unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary

S W Birdsall
President.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Clubhouse on July 8th, 1957.

The following directors were present: W. C. Bartlett, S. W. Birdsall, Conger Beasley, Jake Ford, Robert Hillyard, Wec Lehr, Earnest Maxwell, and Beverly Pitts and Milton Tootle. Those absent were Roy Bretz, Jarrot McCord, John Smith and Dr. Gregg Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by the President, S. W. Birdsall, and in the absence of Secretary John Smith, Conger Beasley acted as Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

Mr. Pitts, Treasurer, reported a gain for the month of June in the amount of $96.71 and cash on hand and in the bank totaled $6102.51. There followed a general discussion of the finances of the Club.

In the absence of the Chairman of the House Committee, this Committee's report was presented by Wec Lehr who pointed out that considering the fact that the Club did not serve night meals for one week in June, June 1957 lacked only a total of 48 meals as compared with the same month of 1956.

There was no report by the Entertainment Committee.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name of Mr. Robert Wagstaff of Kansas City, Missouri as a non-resident applicant for membership. Upon action of the Board, Mr. Wagstaff was unanimously accepted.

There followed a general discussion on the procedure of the selection of new members and it was the consensus of opinion of the Board that this procedure should be revised and directions written into the Minutes so that the same policy would be followed until amended. No motion to this effect was proposed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Earnest Brett. S. W. Birdsall

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on August 12, 1957.

The following Directors were present: W.C. Bartlett, Roy Bretz, J.M. Ford, Robert Hillyard, J. Wec. Lehr, E.C. Maxwell, John Smith, Dr. Gregg Thompson and Milton Tootle, Jr.

Absent: Conger Beasley, Stanley Birdsall, Jarrot McCord and Beverly Pitt

In the absence of the President, Mr. Bretz presided and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

Mr. Bartlett reported for the Treasurer, Mr. Pitts, stating that the Club's operation for July showed a loss of $26.01 and cash on hand and in the bank totaled $5,982.68.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the Club served 11 fewer noon meals and 55 fewer evening meals than the year previous. He also advised the Board that the new cocktail loungue would be completed sometime in October.

Mr. Smith reported for the Entertainment Committee and advised that the Fall Picnic was being scheduled for the third week in September and that plans were in process of completion.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

President

DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House September 9, 1957.

The following Directors were present: S. W. Birdsall, Roy Bretz, Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, Jake Ford, Robert Hillyard, Wec Lehr, and Jarrot McCord.

Absent: E. C. Maxwell, Beverly Pitts, John Smith, Greg Thompson, Milton Tootle.

The meeting was called to order by the President, S. W. Birdsall and called for the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, Conger Beasley acted as such and upon the reading of the minutes same were approved as read.

Mr. Pitts presented the Treasurers Report and after a general discussion of the financial condition of the Club the report was approved.

The Report of the House Committee was made by the Chairman, Roy Bretz at which time it was pointed out that due to continual advances in food and help costs it was evident that some steps be taken to meet this situation. After a thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the President meet with the House Committee to study the past eight months income from club sales and services and report their findings for consideration of further action at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Bretz reported that remodling plans of the Ball Room were progressing satisfactorily.

In the absence of the Chairmen of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Bretz reported that plans for the Fall Picnic were completed for September 21st to be held at the Gun Club, however in the event of inclement weather the picnic would be held at the Benton Club. The Charges for this party to be $4.00 per plate.

Mr. Bretz further reported that an Orchestra for the New Year's Party had been hired under a contract price of $400 for 4 hours.

The Membership Committee had no report to make.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, same was adjourned.

Conger Beasley
Acting Secretary

S. W. Birdsall
President

OCTOBER 15th 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House October 15th, 1957..

The following Directors were present: Walter Bartlett, Conger Beasley, S. W. Birdsall, Roy Bretz, Robert Hillyard, Wec Lehr, E. C. Maxwell, Harrot McCord, John T. Smith, Dr. Gregg Thompson and Milton Tootle, Jr..

Absent: J. M. Ford and Beverly Pitts.

The Meeting was called to order by the ~~Present~~ President, S. W. Birdsall, and the Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tootle reported for the Treasurer, Mr. Pitts, stating that the Club's operation for September showed a gain of $376 99 with the cash on hand and in the Bank totaling $5,937 58...

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that salary costs had risen $557.00 this year compared to the same period last year, while general expenses had risen $260.00. He suggested that a 10% charge be placed on all food and bar sales while doing away with the $.05 charge now added to each food and bar ticket. After a thorough discussion, it was moved by Mr. Lehr, seconded by Mr. Beasley, that a 10% charge be placed on all bar and cafe tickets.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was decided to table Mr. Lehr's motion until a study had been made of the balance sheet for the last three or four years..

Mr. Birdsall appointed Mr. Tootle to make the above study and present his report at the November Meeting..

The Entertainment Committee reported that the picnic showed a profit of $335.65...

There being no report from the Membership Committee, and no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
President.

John T. Smith
Secretary.

November 11, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House November 11, 1957.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Bretz, Hillyard, Maxwell, Pitts and Thompson.

Absent : Messrs. Ford, Lehr, McCord, Smith and Tootle.

S. W. Birdsall, President, called the meeting to order and in the absence of the Secretary, appointed Conger Beasley to act as such. The Secretary then read the Minutesof the last meeting which were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts presented the Treasurers Report and after a lengthy discussion the President suggested that the Treasurer confer with the Auditor with respect to the manner in which the Improvement Account has been carried on the monthly reports and be prepared to present any changes in the accounting method at the December Meeting to clarify the reporting of this item. The operations of the Club for the month showed a gain of $382.97 and cash on hand or in the bank amounted to $4,202.82. The Report was approved by the Board.

House Committee Chairman, Roy Bretz reported since the opening of new dining facilities there had been a noticeable gain in participation by the members.
On motion by Robt. Hillyard, seconded by Ernest Maxwell, effective December 1st, 1957 the 2% sales tax would be added on all sales tickets and the 5 cent ticket charge would remain effective as in the past. Motion Carried.
It having been determined that in order to properly serve the members dining in the Cafe Lounge, additional chairs were needed and the Chairman was authorized to purchase 24 additional chairs to match the original equipment.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee had no report to make.

The Entertainment Committee reported that the orchestra had been hired for both the Chirstmas and New Years Parties. As no orchestra was available for a special formal opening party for the Cafe Lounge at this time, it was decided to defer any special activity for this purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Conger Beasley
Acting Secretary

S. W. Birdsall
President

December 9, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, December 9, 1957.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Bretz, Ford, Hillyard, Lehr, Maxwell, Pitts, Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: McCord

S. W. Birdsall, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, presented the Treasurer's report and explained the changes in the accounting method. The operations of the Club showed a loss of $26.18 and cash on hand or in the bank amounted to $3,952.37. The report was approved by the Board.

House Committee Chairman, Roy Bretz, reported that 476 meals had been served in the Cafe Lounge. This accounted for the cafe showing a profit of $482.55. Mr. Bretz also stated that for 11 months this year the salaries were up $1,275.19 as compared to the same 11 months of 1956.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the name of W.A. Beasley to be voted on as a Junior Member. A favorable vote was taken and his name will be posted on the bulletin for the required 10 days. Mr. Hillyard also submitted the resignation of W. N. Bartlett as a Non-Resident Member, which was accepted with regret.

The Entertainment Committee presented the plans and charges for the Christmas and New Year Eve Parties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
President

John T. Pitts
Secretary

January 13, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, January 13, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Beasley, Birdsall, Bretz, Ford, Hillyard, Lehr, Maxwell, Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: McCord and Pitts.

The President, S.W. Birdsall, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Ford presented the Treasurer's report which report showed cash on hand or in the bank in the amount of $1,030.27. The operations of the Club showed a profit for the month of December of $497.15. After a discussion of the new accounting methods, the report was approved by the Board.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the Rose Room had served 834 meals since its opening October 26. The gross from these meals amounted to $2065.00 while the bar sales grossed $569.00. The profit from the operation of this room amounted to $1194.00.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, submitted the resignation of W. Toben as a regular member, which was accepted with regret. Mr. Hillyard also presented the name of W.A. Beasley as an applicant for Junior Membership. Upon action of the Board, Mr. Beasley was accepted.

The Entertainment Committee reported that Dutch Youngs' Orchestra had been engaged for Christmas 1958 and an attempt was being made to obtain the same orchestra for New Years Eve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

S.W. Birdsall
President

John R. Lovett
Secretary

February 10, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, February 10, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs. Birdsall, Bretz, Ford, Hillyard, Lehr, Maxwell, Pitts, and Thompson

S. W. Birdsall, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, presented the Treasurer's report, the report was approved by the Board.

House Committee Chairman, Roy Bretz, reported that 94 fewer meals were served in January of this year than in January 1957. He also reported that for the year 1957 salary expense had increased $1,554.40 and general expense had increased $175.00. In analyzing the New Years party he reported that the increased cost of the orchestra and favors plus the smaller attendance reduced the net profit on this party.

The question of Saturday night reservations and service was discussed. It was decided that the House Committee send a letter to the membership explaining the situation and suggesting that reservations be made in advance if possible.

Mr. Beverly Pitts presented a newspaper article reporting the publishing of two books about Thomas Hart Benton. Upon motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Hillyard and carried, the Library Committee is to obtain the two books.

The resignation of Mr. Alva P. Clayton was submitted. His resignation was accepted with regret, effective February 28, 1958.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
President

J. H. Lehr
Acting Secretary

April 14, 1958

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House, April 14, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Birdsall, Bretz, Ford, Lehr, Pitts Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs. Beasley, Hillyard, McCord and Maxwell.

The President, S. W. Birdsall, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts presented the Treasurer's report, which report showed cash on hand or in the bank in the amount of $5,210.26. The operations of the Club showed a profit of $58.01 for the month of March.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that there were 136 more lunch meals and 34 more nightmeals served in March of this year than in March of the previous year. The Rose Room served a total of 384 night meals on the three Club nights during March and the room showed a gross profit of $627.65 for the month. Mr. Bretz also pointed out that salaries had risen considerably during the past year which made the operation of the club at a profit more difficult.

In the absence of Mr. Hillyard, Mr. Pitts submitted the resignation of C. R. Lontz as a non-resident member, which was accepted with regret. Mrs. Lucas was accepted as a sustaining member and the Secretary was instructed to notify her.

It was moved by W. C. Bartlett and seconded by Dr. F. G. Thompson that the dues of W. A. Beasley be remitted while he remained on active duty. Motion passed.

There was no report from the Entertainment Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

S. W. Birdsall
President

John T. Pitts
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

May 12, 1958

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 12, 1958.

S. W. Birdsall, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last membership meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Beverly Pitts, submitted a profit and loss statement for the fiscal year, showing total income of $41,268 and total expenses of $38,169. The report also showed that $7,539 had been spent on major improvements to the Club. A balance sheet as of April 30, 1958 showing a surplus of $40,052 was also submitted by Mr. Pitts. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Roy Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the Club had served 8,485 lunches and 5,105 evening meals. He also stated that expenses had risen $4,651 and of this amount $3,247 was in salary increases. Mr. Bretz reported that the cost of the Rose Room had been $5,600 and that the Room had been well used by the Club members.

Conger Beasley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that only three Club parties had been held, each of which proved to be a financial success, due to the fact that all members were charged whether they attended or not. The total net profit for the three parties amounted to $1,239.

Milton Tootle, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that there were now 152 members, made up of the following classifications; 105 Regular, 3 Intermediate, 6 Junior, 17 Sustaining and 21 Non-Resident.

H. Y. Lemon, Chairman of the Historical Committee, reported progress.

The President then gave a brief summary of the years activities and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the Board and Members.

The President then asked if there was any new business to come before the meeting and as there were no suggestions, he then stated the next order of business was the election of four (4) Directors. When the ballots were collected he appointed Robert Clayton, H. Y. Lemon and Elliot Marshall as tellers to canvas the ballots. The report of the tellers announced the election of H. F. Bayer, D. H. Morton, J. A. Mytton and C. K. Richmond.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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President

John T. Smith
Secretary

May 12, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on May 12, 1958, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Birdsall, Bretz, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: Messrs: Ford, Hillyard, Lehr, McCord and Richmond.

The retiring President, Stanley Birdsall, opened the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read. Mr. Birdsall then turned the meeting over to Dr. F. G. Thompson as temporary chairman for the purpose of electing officers.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following Officers were placed in nomination:

President: Dr. F. G. Thompson
Vice-President: E. C. Maxwell
Treasurer: Milton Tootle, Jr.
Secretary: John T. Smith

There being no other names proposed, all officers were unanimously elected.

Mr. Tootle suggested that the new House Committee investigate the desirability and also the cost of using white tablecloths in the Rose Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

F. Gregg Thompson
President

John T. Smith
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on June 9, 1958.

The following Directors were present: E. C. Maxwell, J. W. Lehr, H. F. Bayer, Robert Hillyard, J. M. Ford, C. K. Richmond, David Morton, Roy Bretz,and J. A. Mytton.

Absent: Dr. F. G. Thompson, Jarrot McCord, John Smith, Milton Tootle, Jr.

The Vice-President, E. C. Maxwell, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the meeting held May 12, 1958 were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the financial report was given by Mr. Ford, which report showed a loss of $281.25 for the month of May, as compared to a loss of $199.23 for the same period a year ago. A general comparison of the financial statement was presented.

Mr. Lehr, reporting for the House Committee, brought up the matter of two delinquent accounts. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Treasurer contact the two named accounts to learn whether or not the situations could be rectified; if not, then the Secretary was to follow proper procedure.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, had no report.

The Entertainment Committee had no report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Maxwell
Vice President

A. G. Mytton
Secretary

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the club house at noon, June 24, 1958.

The following members were present: Dr. F. G. Thompson, E. C. Maxwell, Roy Bretz, H. F. Bayer, Robert Hillyard, J. W. Lehr, David Morton, Milton Tootle, Jr., C. K. Richmond, J. A. Mytton.

Absent: John Smith, J. M. Ford, Jarrot McCord.

The President, Dr. F. G. Thompson, presided at the meeting. He submitted letters of resignation from Jarrot McCord and William H. Bell. These resignations were regretfully accepted. Upon motion by Ernest Maxwell, seconded by David Morton, the Secretary was directed to have final statements rendered to the above members for the amount they owe the Club to February 1, 1958, which includes dues, all house accounts and penalties and that dues after February 1, 1958 be abated. The motion carried.

The President stated that a Director should be voted upon by the Board of Directors to replace Jarrot McCord due to his resignation from membership. The name of Corbin T. Richmond, Sr. was submitted as a Director. On motion, seconded and carried, Mr. Richmond was elected a Director to fill the unexpired term.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the Club was greatly in need of replacements of chinawear and silver, and that it would take several months to obtain these articles. Upon motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Hillyard, and carried, the House Committee was authorized to purchase these items at a cost not to exceed $1,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Greg Thompson
President

Secretary

July 14, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, July 14, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs. Bayer, Bretz, Hillyard, Lehr, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, C.K. Richmond, C.T. Richmond, Smith and Thompson.

Absent: Ford and Tootle.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Mr. Tootle, Mr. Mytton presented the Treasurer's report, which report showed cash on hand or in the bank in the amount of $5,747.40. The operations of the Club showed a profit of $267.10 for June.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that the Club had served 103 more meals in June '58 than in June of the previous year. He also pointed out that the Club had received $48 less income from rooms and $52 less in earned dues. Salaries for the month had increased only $12 from the previous year.

The Entertainment Committee reported that plans were being made for the Annual Picnic which would be held early in September.

Mr. Hillyard, Chairman of the Membership Committee, had no names to submit for membership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. Gregg Thompson
President

Secretary

August 11, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, August 11, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Ford, Hillyard, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, C.K. Richmond, C.T. Richmond, Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: Bretz and Lehr.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tootle presented the Treasurer's report, showing cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $5128. The Club showed an operating loss of $476 for the month of July.

Mr. Mytton, reporting for the House Committee, reported that there had been 90 less dinners and 31 less luncheons served during July '58 than in July '57. The House Committee recommended that the salary of William Wilkinson be increased $5 per week beginning September 1. This recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Food supplied by Clearfield

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Tootle, reported that the Annual Picnic would be held at the Gun Club September 13, ~~the food being supplied by the Benton Club~~. In case of rain it would be held at the Club House.

Mr. Hillyard, reporting for the Membership Committee, read a letter for C. C. Barnes asking that his membership status be changed from an active to a non-resident. Upon a motion by Mr. Tootle and seconded by Mr. C.T. Richmond this change was approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. Gregg Thompson Jr.
President

John J. Smith
Secretary

September 8, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club of St. Joseph, Missouri, was held September 8, 1958.

Present were: Messrs. Thompson, Bretz, C. T. Richmond, Hillyard, Bayer, Mytton, Lehr, Tootle, C. K. Richmond, Ford.

Absent: Messrs. Smith, Maxwell, Morton.

President Thompson called the meeting to order and presided.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tootle presented the treasurer's report which shows cash on hand and in the bank of $5,165.51. The Club showed an operating loss of $889.44 for the month of August.

Mr. Bretz presented the house committee report which showed that the number of meals served in August was down 17½% from August of 1957. He mentioned that food costs were up about 2% but that arrangements had been made with Beaty Store No. 39 for a 10% discount on the Club's monthly bill.

The opening of the Rose Room was suggested for October 11 or 18, depending on the weather.

The question of new chairs for the old dining room was discussed and referred back to the house committee for further study. It was recommended to the house committee that white tablecloths be used on tables in the Rose Room at all times.

Mr. Hillyard presented the membership committee report. He proposed for membership Mr. Ben Vineyard. Mr. Tootle moved and Mr. Bretz seconded that Mr. Vineyard's membership be voted upon. The vote was favorable.

He next presented the name of William Schreiber for membership. Charles Richmond moved and Mr. Tootle seconded that Mr. Schreiber's membership be voted upon. The vote was favorable.

Mr. Tootle presented the entertainment committee report, announcing that food for the picnic would be supplied by Clarkie's. He reported that no band had been obtained as yet for New Year's Eve. There was considerable discussion covering the possibility of having four parties a year, including the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. Mr. Mytton moved and Mr. Bretz seconded that the entertainment committee be directed to plan for four parties in 1959.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

E. Gregg Thompson
President

Acting Secretary

October 13, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, October 13, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs. Bayer, Bretz, Lehr, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, C. T. Richmond and Smith.

Absent: Ford, Hillyard, C. K. Richmond, Thompson and Tootle.

In the absence of Dr. Thompson, Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Mytton presented the Treasurer's report, showing cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $5,320. The Club showed an operating profit of $394 for the month of September. Mr. Mytton pointed out that of this profit $391 had been made by the picnic.

Mr. Bretz presented the House Committee report, stating that 1216 meals were served in September. He also pointed out that salaries were up $204 for the month and that maintenance was up $174. Mr. Bretz reported that the new silver had been purchased and that the Club was indebted to Mr. Maxwell as he gave it to the Club at cost, saving the Club $205. The House Committee had a bid of $150 to trim the trees around the Club and wanted an opinion of the Board. Mr. Mytton moved and Mr. Richmond seconded that the Committee have this work done at the $150 bid. Motion passed.

Mr. Mytton moved, Mr. Bayer seconded that the House Committee buy the new television set for the Club at a cost of $299. Motion carried. Mr. Mytton moved, Mr. Smith seconded that the House Committee sell or trade-in the bumper pool table and purchase a new one. Motion carried.

Mr. Bretz reported that the employees wanted to have either Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years off. He commented that the number of Thanksgiving meals served over the past few years had seldom exceeded 10.

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Bayer seconded that the Club be closed Thanksgiving. Motion carried.

The Entertainment Committee reported that an orchestra had been obtained for New Year's Eve. Music would be from 10 to 2 for a charge of $325. Overtime would be $30 per hour. There was no report from the Membership Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

E. C. Maxwell
Vice-President

John T. Bretz
Secretary

November 10, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, November 10, 1958.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Bretz, Lehr, Maxwell, Mytton, C. T. Richmond, Ford and Thompson.

Absent: Hillyard, Morton, C. K. Richmond, Smith and Tootle.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $4371. The Club showed an operating profit of $5.41 for the month of October.

Mr. Bretz presented the House Committee report, stating that, while expenses had been cut by $129, the profit from the restaurant and bar had been $429 less than during October 1957. $1089 was spent by the Committee for the new equipment which had been authorized by the Board.

The Entertainment Committee recommended that the charges for the Christmas and New Year's parties be the same as last year. This suggestion was approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

December 8, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, December 8, 1958.

Directors Present: Messrs: Bayer, Bretz, Hillyard, Maxwell, Morton, C. T. Richmond, Smith, Thompson and Tootle.

Absent: Ford, Lehr, Mytton and C. K. Richmond.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tootle presented the Treasurer's report which showed cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $4723. The Club showed an operating loss of $287 for the month.

Mr. Bretz presented the House Committee report stating that salaries were $8 less than in November 1957. He also pointed out that the profits from the bar and restaurant were off for the month.

Mr. Tootle, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said that all arrangements had been completed for the holiday activities.

Mr. Hillyard reported for the Membership Committee and there followed a discussion of possible new members.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

January 12, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, January 12, 1959.

Directors Present: Messrs. Bayer, Bretz, Ford, Lehr, Maxwell, Mytton, C. K. Richmond, C. T. Richmond, Smith, Tootle and Thompson.

Absent: Hillyard and Morton.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President then called for any old business. Upon motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Tootle, and unanimously carried, the Board established a Honorary Life Membership, and any regular member shall be eligible to such membership at the discretion of the Board. Any regular member so elected shall not be counted in determining the limit of regular members. The Honorary Life Membership carries with it all privileges of the Club, but such members shall not pay dues or assessments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. R. R. Calkins and Mr. W. M. Wyeth were unanimously elected to Honorary Life Membership.

Upon motion by Mr. Tootle, seconded by Mr. Bretz and carried, the salary of Opal Self was raised $2.50 a week.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Bretz, presented the report for December 1958. He stated that 214 more evening meals and 62 more lunches were served this year than last. The attendance at the Christmas Party was fewer by 30 and the New Years fewer by 8 with the Christmas Party showing a profit of $517. The Egg Nog Party was attended by 46. The Christmas donations amounted to $1282 which was 7% less than the previous year. Mr. Bretz also reported that the ice box coil had to be replaced at a cost of $62 plus freight and installation. The House Committee recommended that a new booster water tank be bought and this was approved by the Board.

Mr. Tootle reporting for the Membership Committee presented one name for discussion and a preliminary vote.

Mr. Tootle reporting for the Entertainment Committee, recommended that orchestras for the Christmas and New Years Parties be engaged as early in the year as possible. This met with the full approval of the Board and this committee was instructed to contract orchestras as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

February 16, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, February 16, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Bretz, Ford, Lehr, Maxwell, Morton, C. K. Richmond, C. T. Richmond, Smith and Tootle.

Absent: Hillyard, Mytton and Thompson.

In the absence of Dr. Thompson, Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tootle presented the Treasurer's report, showing cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $3417. The Club showed an operating profit of $286 for January.

Mr. Bretz presented the House Committee report, stating that during January '59 the Club had served 143 more luncheons than in January 1958. He also reported that over-all expenses were up $512 while the profit in the cafe was $310 less than in the previous year.

Mr. Tootle reporting for the Entertainment Committee suggested a Spring dance be held. This suggestion met with the approval of the Board.

Mr. Tootle reported for the Membership Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of Article V, Section 2 of the By Laws and Rule III of the House Rules to each member with their next monthly statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

March 11, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House March 11, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Ford, Lehr, Morton, C.K. Richmond, C.T. Richmond and Tootle

Absent: Bretz, Hillyard, Maxwell, Mytton, Smith and Thompson.

In the absence of Dr. Thompson, Mr. Tootle called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $4930 and a net loss of $190 for February 1959.

The House Committee reported that 50 fewer luncheons and 118 fewer evening meals had been served during February 59 than in February 58.

The Entertainment Committee reported that plans had been completed for the Spring dance to be held April 4th with Dutch Young's Orchestra. Music from 9 - 1 with a Buffet Supper to be served from 8 - 9:30. Both bars to be open. The plans were approved by the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Tootle, seconded by Mr. Ford and carried, the American National Bank was authorized to hold a bank party in the Rose Room before the basketball game Friday, April 3, provided that the upstairs bar and dining room be kept available for the membership.

There was a discussion of the authority of the House Committee to waive guest rules for such functions as teas, parties, etc. and it was suggested that this problem be discussed further and that the ruling be made clear.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

April 13, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, April 13, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Bretz, Ford, Hillyard, Maxwell, Morton, Smith and Thompson.

Absent: Lehr, C. K. Richmond, C. T. Richmond and Tootle.

The President, Dr. Thompson, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Ford presented the Treasurer's report which showed cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $4823. The Club showed a loss for the month of $231.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that there had been 104 more evening meals served in March 1959 than in March 1958, while the number of lunches served during that same period had been 104 fewer than a year ago. He also pointed out that the expenses for March 1959 were $160 less than in March 1958, however, the profits on the bar and cafe had been $289 less.

Mr. Morton, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said that the party of April 4 had been a success, losing only $24. It was pointed out that this loss was caused by the overtime paid to the bartenders. The Board offered its congratulations to the Entertainment Committee on the success of the party.

Mr. Hillyard, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented two names for Non-Resident Memberships and one name for Resident Membership. A preliminary vote was taken and the names were to be posted on the bulletin board for the required period.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee to submit nominations to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year. This Committee was composed of Roy Bretz, John McCaskey, C. T. Richmond and Francis Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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President

John T. Ford
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Secretary

May 11, 1959

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 11, 1959 at the call of the President.

Directors present: Messrs: Bayer, Bretz, Lehr, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, C. T. Richmond, Smith and Thompson.

Absent: Ford, Hillyard, C. K. Richmond and Tootle.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Thompson, and on motion duly made, seconded and carried the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Membership Committee presented the names of Dr. Gregg Thompson III and John Thompson for acceptance to Non-Resident memberships and after a ballot was duly taken on each, both were elected.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

Secretary

May 11, 1959

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 11, 1959.

Dr. F.G. Thompson, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last membership meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Tootle, Mr. Bretz submitted a profit and loss statement for the fiscal year showing a loss for that period of $1,693. He also submitted a balance sheet showing cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $4,476.94 and a surplus of $38,359.02.

Roy Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that the Club had served 9,510 lunches and 4,901 evening meals. He also stated that expenses had risen $2,188 while income to the Club was off $2,600. Mr. Bretz reported that $1,089 had been spent for new equipment. He recommended to the new Board that the Club obtain a number of new members to help the Club operate without a loss.

Mr. Morton, reported for the Entertainment Committee, reported that there had been 4 parties last year with the profit from these parties being $1,439 which was $200 more than the year before. In view of this, Mr. Morton recommended that more parties be held.

John Smith, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that there were now 148 members, made up of the following classifications: 101 Regular, 6 Intermediate, 2 Juniors, 17 Sustaining and 22 Non-Resident.

H. Y. Lemon, Chairman of the Historical Committee, reported continued remarkable progress and stated that a final report should be had in about five years.

The President expressed his appreciation to the Club Members and the Board for their cooperation during the past year and also called the attention of the Membership to the excellent work done by Mr. Bretz, Chairman of the House Committee.

Dr. Thompson then asked if there was any new business to come before the meeting and as there were no suggestions, he then stated the next order of business was the election of five (5) Directors. When the ballots were collected he appointed Robert Clayton, Dr. Paul Forgrave and H. Y. Lemon as tellers to canvas the ballots. The report of the tellers announced the election of W. C. Bartlett, Jr., Christopher Harris, Haskell Hillyard, E.Y. Lingle and Francis Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary

May 11, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on May 11, 1959, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

Present were: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Harris, Lingle, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Smith and Thompson.

Absent: Ford, Haskell Hillyard, C. K. Richmond, Francis Smith.

The retiring President, Dr. Thompson, opened the meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following officers were placed in nomination:

President: David Morton
Vice-President: J. M. Ford
Treasurer: C. K. Richmond
Secretary: W. C. Bartlett, Jr.

There being no other names proposed, all officers were unanimously elected.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

David Morton
President

W. C. Bartlett Jr
Secretary

June 8, 1959.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House June 8, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Ford, Harris, Hillyard, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Richmond, F. Smith, J. Smith, Thompson.

Absent: Lingle.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank in the amount of $4,607.44. The Club loss for the month amounted to $380.94. Mr. Ford raised his annual question as to the valuation of the Club's fixed assets. There were no comments.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated there had been a gain of seven noon meals and a loss of eighty-six evening meals for the month of May, 1959 as compared to a year ago, and that the loss for the month was due to increases in salaries, house maintenance, insurance, etc. To offset the increased expenses, Mr. Bretz suggested that a 10% service charge be added to all signed tickets for bood and beverages. A general discussion concerning this and also the possibility of a minimum charge per month per member followed. At the suggestion of Mr. Ford, the foregoing was referred to the Executive and House Committees for discussion, with recommendations to be presented at the next regular meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried that evening meals at the Club be discontinued from July 20th to August 5th, during the chef's vacation.

The Entertainment Committee suggested that two parties per year be held in addition to the three assessed parties. September 12th was tentitively set as the date of the annual picnic at the Gun Club. Mr. Hillyard indicated that the Country Club would be interested in catering the party.

The Membership Committee had no new members to propose. The House Committee indicated that at least ten new members would be desirable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

H. L. Bartlett Jr
Secretary

July 13, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House July 13, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Harris, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Richmond, F. Smith, Lingle.

Absent: Bayer, Ford, Hillyard, J. Smith, Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank in the amount of $4,077. The Club loss for the month was $12.65/

Mr. Eretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated there had been a gain of 24 evening and a loss of 24 noonday meals for the month of June as compared to a year ago. A general discussion brought out the suggestion that at the August meeting there be a review of the nighttime diningroom closing hours and overtime charges to members.

Following a joint recommendation by the Executive and House Committees on ways and means of overcoming rising costs and paying for needed maintenance, Mr. Maxwell made the following motion: "Moved, That the dues for all members, including Federal Tax, be increased effective August 1, 1959, as follows: Regular members - $3.00 per month; Intermediate and Sustaining members - $1.50 per month; Junior members - $1.20 per month, and that $100.00 per month from the resultant collections be placed in a special fund to be expended by the House Committee for purposes of House maintenance, and that expenditure of this fund for any other purpose shall require a two-third vote of approval by the Board." The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and carried. Notice of the increase in dues was to be sent to all members before the regular August billings.

Mr. Richmond presented the report of the Entertainment Committee and announced that the annual picnic was to be held September 12th and would be catered by Clarkies. The stag party recently held was a success and it was sugested that another be held this Fall. Arrangements for the music for the Christmas party have been completed and efforts are being made to secure a band for New Years.

The Membership Committee submitted the resignation of Mrs. Vella G. Schmidt as a Sustaining member and same was accepted with regret. The Directors were urged to have a list of prospective new members to present for discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

M. L. Barnes Jr.
Secretary

August 10, 1959

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House August 10, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Ford, Harris, Lingle, Maxwell, Morton, Richmond, F. Smith, J. Smith, Thompson.

Absent: Hillyard, Mytton.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank to be $4,616.65. The Club loss for the month was $409.19.

Mr. Bretz reporting for the House Committee stated there had been a loss of 57 noon meals and 7 evening meals as compared to a year ago. However, it was pointed out that the kitchen had been closed from July 20th, and that July and August are generally poor months attendance-wise. A discussion of late charges and evening meal hours followed, and the President requested the House Committee to review and update the rules and charges and to so inform the members-at-large.

Mr. Richmond presented the report of the Entertainment Committee and announced plans for a dinner dance to be held October 24, 1959.

Mr. Maxwell, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented four names for membership. After a vote was taken, two were found acceptable and their names were to be posted on the bulletin board for the required ten days, with the final vote to be held at the next meeting. A suggestion was made that prospective new members who might not be well known to the members in general, be invited by the sponsoring member to come to the Club, possibly on a Club night.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

W. E. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary

September 14, 1959.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House September 14, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Ford, Hillyard, Lingle, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Richmond.

Absent: Harris, F. Smith, J. Smith, Thompson.

The Meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank to be $3,482.11. There was a loss for the month of $200.69.

Mr. Bretz, reporting for the House Committee, stated that in spite of the loss for the month of August, business had picked up in the cafe and bar. Necessary repairs to the front porch and ice box were made. A discussion of the uses of the Rose Room followed and the President then appointed a committee to determine such use for the coming season. On motion by Mr. Mytton, duly seconded and carried, it was directed that the House Committee study and set up a schedule of closing days for the Club.

Mr. Richmond presented the report of the Entertainment Committee and stated that the annual picnic appeared to have been a financial success but that total attendance was down from past years. An orchestra for the New Years Eve dance has been secured. It was decided that the formal opening of the Rose Room would take place in conjunction with the dinner dance to be held October 24th.

Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mr. Maxwell submitted the resignation of Mr. H.P. Tucker as a Regular Member, which was accepted but held in abeyance until Mr. Tucker could be contacted for a discussion. The names of Mr. T.R. Wall, III and Mr. William C. Hanes, having been duly posted, were presented to the Board and passed. The secretary was instructed to write Mrs. George R. Eckel explaining her status as a Sustaining Member. The names of two candidates for membership were submitted, and after a vote was taken, one was found to be acceptable and his name was to be posted on the bulliten board for the proscribed length of time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David L. Morton
President

H. K. Bartlett Jr
Secretary

October 12, 1959.

The reguler monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House October 12, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Beyer, Harris, Hillyard, Lingle, Maxwell, Morton, Nytton, F. Smith, Thompson.

Absent: Bartlett, Ford, Richmond, J. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a bank balance of $5,440.77. The Club loss for the month was $14.62.

Mr. Prets, reporting for the House Committee stated there had been a nice increase in both luncheon and night meals. House and equipment repairs amounted to $443.57. Prior to the monthly meeting a special meeting was held by the House Committee and it was recommended to the Board that the diningroom be closed for meals on Monday evenings beginning October 26th. Dinner hours for the remainder of the week were suggested as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - serve until 8:30; Thursday and Sunday - serve until 9:30; Saturday - serve until 10:00. Also, due to it being the chefs day off, no special parties were to be served on Tuesdays. The foregoing was accepted by the Board and Mr. Francis Smith was asked to draft a letter to the general membership setting forth the plan.

The Entertainment Committee reported that all was in readiness for the opening of the Fall Season with a buffet dinner dance to be held October 24th.

Mr. Maxwell, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented four names for discussion and preliminary vote of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Acting Secretary

November 11, 1959.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House November 11, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Beyer, Bartlett, Harris, Hillyard, Lingle, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, F. Smith, J. Smith, Richmond, Thompson.

Absent: Ford.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, being locked in someone's vault.

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of $3,096. The Club loss for the month was $114 and was partly due to House expenses of $273.69.

The report of the House Committee showed a good increase in the number of noon and evening meals served. A discussion concerning rearrangement of the Rose Room followed. Mr. Bretz stated that he had prices on new cocktail tables for this room and felt they should be ordered. It was suggested that it might be well to shop around for these items. The President appointed Messers Harris, Richmond and F. Smith to study the matter of rearrangement.

The Entertainment Committee reported that the Fall party was a decided success both fun-wise and financially.

Mr. Maxwell, reporting for the Membership Committee submitted the names of five prospective members for final vote. Three were found to be acceptable. The names of two additional prospects were submitted for preliminary consideration, and being approved, their names were to be posted for the required time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

H. K. Dantzler Jr.
Secretary

December 9, 1959.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House December 9, 1959.

Directors present: Messrs. Bayer, Bartlett, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, F. Smith, J. Smith, Richmond, Ford.
Absent: Harris, Hillyard, Lingle, Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing a bank balance of $3,430.53. The gain for the month amounted to $232.49.

The resignation of Mr. R.C. Bretz from Chairmanship of the House Committee was announced and regretfully accepted. It was unanimously voted to sincerely thank Mr. Bretz for all his services to the Club. The President thereupon appointed Mr. Harris Chairman of the House Committee. A general discussion followed and it was suggested that the method of separation of house maintenance and house repairs be discussed with Mr. P.C.K. Bartlett, the bookkeeper. A question as to the disposition of the $100.00 monthly fund recently voted for house maintenance was also to be talked over with Mr. Bartlett. The possibility of establishing annual budgets for the House and Entertainment Committees was brought up and Mr. Richmond and Mr. Harris were asked to go into the matter with Mr. Bartlett.

The Entertainment Committee reported that Club House decorations for the Holidays had been arranged thru Schmaltz Florists. Menus had been planned and letters announcing the Holiday parties were to be mailed shortly.

Mr. Maxwell, reporting for the Membership Committee, presented two names for final vote and both were passed. One name was presented for initial vote and failed to pass.

It was moved by Mr. Francis Smith, seconded and passed that a consultation be arranged with Mr. Albert Hillix, Kansas City Tax attorney, to discuss the Club's present tax problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

P.C.K. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary

January 13, 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on January 13, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, F. Smith, Richmond, Harris, Lingle, Thompson.
Absent: Ford, Hillyard, J. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing a bank balance of $1,808.92. The gain for the month amounted to $112.18.

Mr. Harris presented the report of the House Committee. In order to avoid confusion in the future, it was moved, seconded and passed that the House Committee have discretion to inform the membership-at-large as to the availability of the Club for private parties and the rules covering local non-member guests, and that members contact Opal Self concerning their plans for private parties. The Directors authorized a maximum expenditure of $300 for decorating the cocktail lounge in the Rose Room. The Committee was also authorized to sell the squash lockers to the St. Joseph Country Club for $20.

Reporting for the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Richmond stated plans were in the mill for a dinner dance during the month of February. It was suggested that a live lobster dinner might be popular.

Mr. Maxwell proposed one name for regular membership and he was passed on the initial vote. The name was to be posted for the required time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Harold Morton
President

H. L. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary

February 17, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on February 17, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bayer, Ford, Harris, Maxwell, Morton, Mytton, Smith J. and Smith F.

Absent: Bartlett, Hillyard, Lingle, Richmond and Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed an operating profit of $416.28 for the month of January, with cash on hand and in the bank in the amount of $3240.14.

Mr. Morton reported on the results of the informal conference between the Internal Revenue Service and the representative for the Club, Mr. William R. Morris, a member of the firm of Hillex, Hall, Hasburgh, Brown and Hoffhaus. It was the opinion of Mr. Morris that the Club should accept the offer as stated in his letter to Mr. Morton.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this offer be accepted and the Club pay the additional Federal Excise Tax now owing.

The President asked Mr. Harris to look into the complete insurance program of the Club and present it at the next meeting.

Mr. Maxwell, reporting for the Membership Committee, submitted the name of Mrs. M. Karl Goetz as a sustaining member. Mrs. Goetz was accepted and the Secretary instructed to notify her. Mr. Maxwell also presented three names for regular membership. All three passed the initial vote and their names posted.

Mr. Harris reported for the House Committee stating that the tables for the cocktail lounge of the Rose Room had been delivered. He also reported that the Valentine Party had been a success.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Morton
President

Secretary

March 11, 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House March 11, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Ford, Lingle, Morton, Myxton, Richmond, F. Smith, Thompson.

Absent: Harris, Hillyard, Maxwell, J. Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed an operating ptofit of $152.70 for the month of February. Cash in the bank amounted to $4,837.40.

Following the House Committee report, there was a general discussion of the Club's insurance program and it was decided that an up to date appraisal of the Club was needed for insurance purposes. A conferance was to be held with Mr. Lehr and Mr. Marshall for discussion of this matter. It was suggested that the possibility of financing all insurance premiums should be looked into and a report made at the next meeting.

The Membership Committee presented the names of three prospective members for final vote. These three were passed. Three names were presented for initial vote; two were approved and their names were to be posted on the bulleten board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Morton
President

Secretary

April 13, 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House, April 13, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Ford, Harris, Maxwell, Morton, Richmond, F. Smith, J. Smith, Thompson.

Absent: Hillyard, Lingle, Mytton.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a loss of $1,656.92 for the month of March which was largely due to the necessity of paying prior years Excise Tax. Cash in the bank amounted to $3,155.80.

Following the House Committee Report, the insurance problem was again discussed and the Secretary was asked to confer with Mr. Elliot Marshall about having one of his insurance Companies make an up-to-date appraisal of the Club property and contents.

The Entertainment Committee revealed plans for a dinner dance to be held April 23rd.

The Membership Committee presented the names of two men for final vote and they were not accepted.

The Annual Membership meeting was to be held May 9, 1960 and the President appointed Mr. John Smith, Mr. Christopher Harris and Mr. Robert Clayton a nominating committee to draw up a slate for new Directors to replace those whose terms are to expire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President.

M. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary.

May 9, 1960.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Monday, May 9, 1960.

Mr. David Morton, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last membership meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles Richmond, the Treasurer, was absent and his report was presented by Mr. Morton. The profit and loss statement showed a deficit of $1,684.85 for the last fiscal year. This was due to the Club having to pay prior years Excise Tax. Approximately $3,000 was spent on House maintenance, repairs and replacements. Cafe income was up from the previous year as were overall expenses.

Mr. Christopher Harris, Chairman of the House Committee gave a summary of House operations and urged the general membership to make an effort to increase their use of the Club facilities.

Mr. W.C. Bartlett, Jr., reporting for the Entertainment Committee, stated that the Club had made a profit of some $1,200 on parties over the past year. He urged all members to offer suggestions to the upcoming Committee on ways to improve social functions and increase attendance.

Mr. Maxwell, reporting for the Membership Committee, gave the following summary of Club membership: 100 Regular; 6 Intermediate; 1 Junior; 17 Sustaining; 23 Non-Resident. He mentioned that it has become obvious that new members are needed, particularly younger ones and an effort to obtain new members should certainly be made..

Since no members of the Historical COMMITTEE were present, no report was made.

The President expressed his appreciation to the Club members and the Board of Directors for their fine cooperation during the past year.

Mr Morton then asked for a discussion of new business, and as there were no suggestions, he called up the next order of business, which was the election of four (4) Directors. Mr. Robert Clayton, Mr. Melvin Binswanger and Mr. Henry Bayer, Jr. were appointed tellers to canvass the ballots. Their report announced the election of Messrs. Charles Douglas, Elliot Marshall, Wallace Orr and O.W. Watkins, Jr.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President

W.C. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary

May 9, 1960.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on May 9, 1960, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Hillyard, Lingle, Marshall, Smith, Watkins. MORTON, MYTTON,

Absent: Orr, Richmond.

The retiring President, Mr. Morton, opened the meeting, and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following names were placed in nomination for office:

President:	Francis Smith
Vice-President:	Christopher Harris
Treasurer:	Charles Richmond
Secretary:	Walter Bartlett, Jr.

There being no other names proposed, all officers were unanimously elected.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Francis Smith
President

W. L. Bartlett, Jr.
Secretary

June 13, 1960.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House June 13, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Marshall, Morton, Orr, Richmond, Smith, Watkins.

Absent: Hillyard, Lingle, Mytton.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Smith, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a gain of $41.07 for the month of May. Cash in the bank amounted to $3,387.45.

Mr. Harris, reporting for the House Committee, said arrangements had been made to hire a cook as a fill-in during the chef's vacation. The Club's insurance coverage was again discussed and Mr. Marshall was asked to prepare a report for the July meeting. It was found that the ballroom piano was beyond repair and an effort was to be made to secure a good used one.

A general discussion of the entertainment program for the year followed. It was decided to try a system of table reservations at some of the parties. In addition to the traditional parties, it was suggested that a masquerade ball be held, possibly on December 12th next.

The Membership Committee had no new names of candidates for membership to present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Francis Smith
President

H. M. Bartlett
Secretary

July 11, 1960

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House July 11, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Lingle, Marshall, Morton, Mytton, Richmond, Smith.

Absent: Hillyard, Orr, Watkins.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a gain of $284.88 for the month of June. Cash in the bank amounted to $3,639.53.

Mr. Harris, reporting for the House Committee, said that a new stove costing $510 was an absolute necessity and had been ordered. Repairs to the upstairs bedroom costing about $200 were approved. The President, Mr. Smith, was to appoint a committee to look into the tax situation as regards maintenance and major repairs. Mr. Marshall gave a report on a new insurance program based on replacement cost. Since under such a program it would be necessary to have a competent appraisal, it was moved, seconded and passed that estimates of the cost of such an appraisal be obtained. Mr. Marshall was then asked to present a written report on the proposed insurance program to each director before the August meeting.

The Entertainment Committee announced that the Country Club Skeet Field had been reserved September 4th for the annual picnic.

Mr. Bayer, of the Membership Committee, presented the name of one candidate for Non-Resident Membership. A tally showed him to be acceptable on the preliminary vote and the name was to be posted in the customary manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Francis Smith
President

H. C. Morton Jr.
Secretary

August 8, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club on the regular monthly meeting date and after routine notice to all of the members of the Board.

The following directors were present: Bayer, Mytton, Marshall, Harris, Douglas, Lingle, Watkins, Morton, Smith.

The Secretary was out of the city and in his absence, the President read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Harris, Chairman of the House Committee, reported for both the treasurer and for the House Committee.

Mr. Harris stated that although there were more meals served than during the comparable period, yet the cafe profit had dropped.

Mr. Harris further advised that this month, in addition to routine repairs, the sum of $100.00 was set aside for major repairs or improvements.

In connection with the selection of Sunday, September 4, for the annual picnic at the Country Club, Mr. Harris mentioned that undoubtedly the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee had taken into consideration whether or not transportation of equipment and adequate staff for service would be available on Sunday. Mr. Harris also advised that the lobster supper was apparently a very great success, but that due to the different arrangements for disposing of all the lobsters, due to the late delivery of some of the supplies, an accurate financial report was not available.

Mr. Marshall was called upon for a report on the status of the insurance program for the club. He stated that he had just received that day a report from Mr. Lehr as to Mr. Lehr's appraisal of the Club as to replacement value, which is to be filed with the records of the Secretary, estimated replacement value at approximately $231,000.00. Mr. Marshall stated that this compared with a similar statement made by a professional insurance appraiser at $212,000.00. He stated that probably Mr. Lehr was more familiar with the Club, in view of his association with it as a member. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Harris commented that apparently to comply with the suggestions of the insurance report and to procure insurance on a ninety per cent basis, it would cost about $65.00 a month more than we are presently paying for coverage on the building. In view of the lateness of the report received by Mr. Marshal and in view of the fact that Mr. Marshall had not had an opportunity to submit these figures to insurance companies and to procure some commitment, it was moved by Mr. Lingle and seconded by Mr. Bayer that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee of the Club with authority to act. During the discussion it was indicated that no concrete step could be taken by the Board of Directors until Mr. Marshall had procured some commitment from insurance companies and yet it was felt by the members of the Board that it was too serious a matter to delay until the next regular meeting and the movers of the motion intended that if the program reported by Mr. Marshall could be financed at approximately the additional expense suggested by Mr. Harris and Mr. Marshall, that the Executive Committee should be authorized to go ahead and bind the Board in this respect.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Morton raised the question of repairs and improvements and whether or not we could continue to take care of them out of our membership dues and suggested we should explore further the status of rulings and regulations of the Internal Revenue Department and to determine exactly what repairs might be taken care of by assessments which would not be subject to Federal Tax. Mr. Morton and Mr. Richmond were appointed members of a special committee to explore this problem and to report to the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Beyer reported for the Membership Committee and suggested that one member was before the Board for final voting and suggested that there be a final balloting on the proposed member. As a result of the balloting, Mr. James Bruce was elected to membership and Mr. Beyer was instructed to so advise him. Another individual was submitted for non-resident membership and the first balloting was had upon this prospective member, which was favorable, and the Secretary was instructed to post the name of the prospect in the usual manner. There was a general discussion of membership policy and some proposals were made for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Acting Secretary

September 12, 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club house September 12, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Marshall, Mytton, Richmond, Smith, Watkins.

Absent: Hillyard, Lingle, Orr.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank to be $3,519.57. The loss for the month amounted to $372.73.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the House Committee reported that it was necessary to purchase a used piano to replace the present instrument which was beyond repair. The new stove was in operation and repairs to the upstairs bedroom had been completed. No bills for these last two items had been rendered. Mr. Marshall reported on the new insurance program and stated arrangements had been made to place a total of $210,000 of Replacement Cost Insurance. The premiums on the new coverage were to cost the Club approximately $65.00 per month over and above the present cost. It was moved by Mr. Bayer, seconded by Mr. Mytton and approved that the program outlined by Mr. Marshall be accepted.

Mr. Bartlett reported for the Entertainment Committee and stated the annual picnic had been most successful attendance-wise, but that no figures were as yet available concerning its financial success. He stated contracts for music for the Christmas Tea Dance and the New Years Eve party had been signed.

Mr. Bayer submitted the name of one non-resident applicant for final vote and he was accepted. Dr. F. Gregg Thompson, III and Mr. John Thompson, having moved to St. Joseph, had their membership status changed from non-resident to resident and were to be billed for the appropriate initiation fees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

James Smith
President

W. Bartlett Jr.
Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BENTON CLUB

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held November 30, 1960.

The following members were present: Harris, Morton, Smith, Bartlett and Richmond.

Smith, who presided as chairman, advised the members of the Board that Mr. Henry Bayer, chairman of the Membership Committee, had requested action on the following matter:

Mr. Bayer advised that Mr. Robert Wall, a long-time member of the Benton Club stated he desired to apply for admission to the Club of his son, Thomas Wall, and that he particularly would like to give his son this membership as a Christmas gift this year if that were possible under the rules.

Mr. Bayer advised him that the matter would be taken up with the Executive Committee, as there was only one formal meeting of the Board of Directors planned for between now and Christmas, 1960; this meeting to be held, if held at the usual time, on December 12.

Mr. Bayer advised Mr. Wall, the father, that although the by-laws only required:

(a). Ten days posting in the club room.

(b). A meeting of the Board of Directors subsequent to ten days posting at which the Board of Directors would ballot upon the applicant.

that by custom the Board had been holding two meetings on the matter and had balloted on the prospective member before the name was posted and then held the formal balloting after the name was posted for ten days.

Mr. Bayer stated, however, that in view of the fact that it involved the son of a member that he would ask the Executive Committee to consider the matter to see if an exception might be made to "custom" and not to the by-laws, in view of the son of a member being involved and some particular reason for speedy action.

There was a full discussion of the matter by the Executive Committee and Section 9 of Article I of the by-laws was discussed. It was clearly provided by Section 9 that the only requirements in an application for membership are:

(1). Proposal by a member and seconded by two other regular members.

(2). Posting of the prospective member's name for ten days in a conspicuous place in the clubhouse.

(3). Balloting by the Board of Directors in which an affirmative vote of not less than eight votes is required and two negative votes may reject.

It was clearly seen, therefore, that the by-laws were not involved in this matter but only the custom of holding a meeting before the posting of the applicant.

The thought was expressed at the meeting that this was a good custom and should be continued as a regular rule but that in the case of a son of a member in good standing and some particular reason why the first meeting might be dispensed with, that the Executive Committee might take action prior to the posting of the name in the clubhouse and then the regular consideration by the Board of Directors could follow the posting.

It was emphasized that if the Executive Committee took this action in the Wall case, the precedent would only apply in the case of a son of a member and some particular reason why the Executive Committee should act in the first meeting instead of the Board of Directors.

In the discussion it was brought out that very rarely is the son of a member not received into membership and that in this exception, for some good reason, the Executive Committee might well take the initiative in the first meeting and have the Board of Directors do their balloting after the posting.

Accordingly, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Executive Committee authorizes that the name of Thomas Wall be placed upon the bulletin board of the Club as an applicant for membership and that if he receive a favorable balloting by the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting of the Board, that

he be accepted into membership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Francis Smith

November 14, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House November 14, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Morton, Mytton, Orr, Richmond, Smith, Watkins.

Absent: Harris, Hillyard, Lingle, Marshall.

The Meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank in the amount of $2,742.22. The loss for the month was $248.69.

In the absence of Mr. Harris, Mr. Smith reported for the House Committee and stated that all repairs to the kitchen and the upstairs bedroom had been completed. The new insurance program was again discussed and explained and Mr. Smith announced that the Executive Committee had met October 27th and approved the program in its final form, and the minutes of this meeting were to be placed in the minute book. Mr. Marshall was to be asked to explain at the next meeting the reason for an increase in the Club insurance rates.

Mr. Bartlett, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, said he felt the Election Watch party had been a success. It was stated that Mr. Bob Wall had kindly taken the trouble to order the New Years eve favors while recently in New York and they were to be delivered by the Middle of December. It was the concensus of the Board that the House and Entertainment committees determine the format, times and prices for the holiday parties and whether or not the New Years Eve party was to be an open or closed affair. An attempt was to be made to secure music for an informal dance on December 9th.

Mr. Bayer submitted the name of one applicant for final vote for acceptance as a non-resident member. He was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President.

Secretary.

December 13, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House December 13, 1960.

Directors
~~Members~~ present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Hillyard, Marshall, Mytton, Orr, Richmond, Smith, Watkins.

Absent: Lingle, Morton.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The minutes of a special meeting of the Executive Committee held November 30, 1960 were read and approved and are attached hereto.

Mr. Richmond presented the Treasurer's Report showing cash in the bank in the amount of $2,733.27. The gain for the month was $137.35.

Mr. Harris presented a routine report for the House Committee.

The Entertainment Committee had nothing of interest to report.

Mr. Bayer presented the name of Mr. Thomas R. Wall, III, for junior membership, and on final vote he was accepted.

On motion duly made and approved, it was decided to hold the next regular meeting on the third Monday of January in order that all figures covering the Christmas and New Years activities would be available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary

October 10, 1960.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House October 10, 1960.

Directors present: Messrs. Bartlett, Bayer, Douglas, Harris, Lingle, Marshall, Mytton, Orr, Watkins.

Absent: Hillyard, Morton, Richmond, Smith.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Harris and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed cash in the bank to be $3,509.60. The loss for the month amounted to $129.34. This loss could largely be contributed to the recent purchase of the new stove and a piano.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the House Committee, outlined the committee activities for the past month. Ageneral discussion concerning the increase of meal prices followed. Mr. Harris said the chef was in the process of coming up with a revised estimate of actual food costs and services and a report of these findings would be presented at the next regular meeting. The feasibility of increased prices was then to be determined.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported the Annual Picnic had been a comparative financial success. While the attendance was the highest of record, the cost of food and service also increased. Plans for an October dance were abandoned when it was found to be impossible to secure the services of a band at a price we could afford to pay. All arrangements for the Election party to be held November 8th had been completed and an announcement was to be mailed to the members.

Mr. Bayer presented the name of one candidate for non-resident membership and on the preliminary vote he was found to be acceptable, and the name was to be posted in the customary manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Vice-President

Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Benton Club met on Thursday, October 27 at twelve o'clock noon at the call of the President to discuss the insurance program of the Benton Club. The following members were present: C. K. Redmond, Treasurer, Walter C. Bartlett, Jr., Secretary, Chris Harris, Vice-President, D.H. Morton, Elliott Marshall, at the request of the President, and Francis Smith, President.

The Chair referred to the recent action of the Board of Directors of the club authorizing and directing that a new insurance program for the club be put into effect immediately, increasing the insurance carried on the club to $ 210,000 with certain clauses which would in effect enable us to fully replace the club if it were burned down or destroyed by some other hazard covered by the insurance policy.

Mr. Marshall, member of the Board of Directors who has been handling the club's insurance needs, advised that the amount of insurance would require an additional premium liability and it would cost the club $75 a mo. or more than our present insurance expense.

Mr. Marshall further reported that in order to put this program into effect all of our present insurance would have to be cancelled and a new insurance program started as of current date and that in order to procure the type of program which he

recommended and the Board endorsed we would have to procure our insurance on a five year basis and pay the initial five years in advance.

Mr. Marshall advised that the total premiums for the five years of insurance would be $5,485.00 and that we would be entitled to $2076.68 as a refund on our cancelled policies, leaving a net obligation of $3408.32 due by the club upon the five years premium under our new insurance program.

He explained that a proportionate part of the insurance would expire each year so that only approximately one-fifth of the premiums after this time would be due and payable by the club during any calendar year.

The Chair advised that the auditor of the club had informed him that it would be unwise by the club to attempt to pay the net amount owing of $3408.32 in one cash payment as it would seriously affect the cash balance and possession of the club, and it was our auditor's recommendation that we borrow the amount of this cash payment in the amount of $ which we are obliged to make at this time.

Mr. Marshall advised that he had been able to negotiate with the American National Bank to borrow this sum at the rate of 5% annually upon the unpaid balance.

In view of that fact that it was necessary to act upon

this matter before the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, it was moved by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Harris that the President and other officers of the club be authorized to execute a promissory note to the American National Bank in the amount of $ 3400 for a period of 4 years at the rate of 5% per annum on the unpaid balance for the purpose of financing this insurance premium.

Upon being put to a vote the motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Frances Smith
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Secretary

The undersigned members of the Executive Committee agree that the above and foregoing constitutes the minutes and actual proceedings of the Executive Committee held on October 27, 1960.

David V. Norton

Christopher Harris

Frances Smith

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB -- ANNUAL MEETING
May 13, 1968

The Annual Meeting of the Benton Club took place in the club rooms on Monday, May 13, 1968 with 50 of the club's members present.

At 8:00 p.m. President Wright declared a quorum present and asked that the minutes of the 1967 Annual Meeting be read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Wright read the report of the treasurer because of Mr. Milton Tootle's absence. The report was approved as read.

Mr. Haskell Hillyard moved that the $5.00 monthly assessment be continued until the Annual Meeting of 1969. Mr. Floyd Sprague seconded this motion and it was passed by the assembly unanimously.

Mr. Elliott Marshall, co-chairman of the House Committee gave the report on the progress of the committee in the refurbishing of the club rooms. Mr. Marshall reported that an auxilary locker room was being built across the North end of the Dutch Treat Room and that the men's bar was to be renovated.

Mr. Jack Tootle, co-chairman with Mr. Marshall in running the club house, told of the changes in the operation of the kitchen and that the House Committee was most pleased with the patronage of the Club. The reports of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Tootle were approved unanimously.

Mr. James Weakley, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported on the various activities of the Club for 1967 and 1968. Mr. Weakley reported that the Club was being used more than in times past and that his committee was always open to suggestions on furthering social activities of the Club. The report of Mr. Weakley was accepted unanimously.

Dr. W. H. Ames gave the report of the Membership Committee. Dr. Ames reported a total of 158 members as follows: 101 regular, 5 intermediate, 3 junior, 18 sustaining, and 31 non-resident. The Membership Committee was commended by President Wright and Dr. Ames' report was unanimously accepted.

Under old business the question of the renovating of the men's bar was brought by co-chairman Tootle.

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Mr. Farleigh Enright asked for and received permission of the Chair to speak on this subject. Mr. Enright very graciously asked to be allowed to donate the cost of a special door to be installed in the men's bar. His offer was accepted by the membership with a standing ovation.

Mr. John Wyeth asked to be heard. President Wright granted his request and Mr. Wyeth withdrew his offer of long standing to purchase a steel beam to be used in the remodeling of the men's bar. His request was sadly accepted by the membership.

Under new business, Dr. Ames asked for and received permission of President Wright to discuss the results of a membership survey conducted by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting. This survey was to find out the feeling of the membership as to the inviting to the Club of non-member resident guests. Dr. Ames reported the results of the poll as follows: 28 voted to allow non-member resident guests with no restrictions, 27 voted yes, but with various restrictions, 24 voted a flat no.

This poll was reviewed by a committee chaired by Dr. Ames and aided by Mr. James Weakley and Mr. Jack Tootle.

Mr. Jack Tootle suggested that the by-laws be changed to allow in-town guests every week-night the Club is open, except Sunday.

Dr. Ames moved that Mr. Tootle's suggestion of allowing resident non-member guests to the Club any night but Sunday be adopted by the Club. This motion and subsequent approval or disapproval of the members present was to be a guide line to the Board to act on during the coming year. Mr. Farleigh Enright seconded this motion. In discussion, Mr. Charles Douglas asked the motion be amended to limit this to one year. Dr. Ames had no objection and a vote was taken. 28 voted for and 20 members present abstained from voting and 2 voted against.

Dr. McDonald moved that the Club hire a permanent professional club manager. This motion was seconded by Dr. Thompson. Mr. Tootle and President Wright advised the members present of the approximate cost of such a move. President Wright asked for the vote. 2 voted for and 48 against.

Mr. James Bruce, Chief Teller assisted by Dr. Gregg Thompson and Mr. E. Maxwell reported the following results of the election of the new board members. The following were elected to the board: Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Beverly Pitts, Mr. Harold W. Merrill, Mr. Ned D. Biles, and Mr. Wallace Orr.

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Mr. John McCaskey advised the members he was donating a picture of the Club. Mr. Farleigh Enright asked to be allowed to defray all the expenses of framing and hanging. Mr. McCaskey and Mr. Enright were both given a standing vote of thanks.

Mr. David Bradley criticized the out-going Board for not taking in more members.

President Wright expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board and members for their cooperation the past two years.

On motion of Jack Tootle and seconded by Henry Bradley, it was moved that it be specified in the minutes that the members present deeply appreciated Mr. Wright's two terms as president, and the guidance, time, and effort he had given to the Club.

Those present gave President Wright a standing ovation.

No further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III
Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES - BENTON CLUB MEETING, May 13, 1968

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club for 1968-69 was held immediately following the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 13, 1968.

The directors elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

President	Mr. Jack Tootle
Vice President	Mr. James Esson
Treasurer	Mr. Beverly Pitts
Secretary	Mr. John H. Roth III

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Roth III
Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
June 10, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met Monday, June 10, 1968 at 6:30 p.m. at the Club House with the following directors present: Harold W. Merrill, Wallace Orr, Wesley Lehr, Ned Biles, James Weakley, William Wyeth, Elliott Marshall, Jack Tootle, Beverly Pitts, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Weakley and seconded by Mr. Merrill, it was moved that in-town guests could be invited to the Club House any night except Sunday. After discussion and at the suggestion of Mr. Pitts, the motion was ammended to read that it be moved to amend the by-laws for one year to confirm with the suggestion of members as voiced at the Annual Meeting. Vote was called and the motion failed to pass.

On motion of Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Biles, it was moved that the President appoint a committee to check into all the aspects of club guests as presently outlined in the constitution and By-Laws. The committee to consist of board members only and to report back to the Board at the next regular meeting. Vote called for and motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Weakley, it was moved that in the future, any excess funds be invested in treasury bills of short term and these bills to be held as a reserve for major repairs of Club House. Vote called and motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Merrill, it was moved that the question of wages be left to the House Committee. Vote called, motion passed.

President Tootle appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee
Jack Tootle -- Chairman
J. E. Esson -- Vice President
B. L. Pitts -- Treasurer
J. H. Roth III -- Secretary
Elliott Marshall -- Asst. Vice President

Entertainment Committee
Jim Weakley -- Chairman
John H. Roth III
W. H. Merrill

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Membership Committee
Dr. W. H. Ames -- Chairman
William Wyeth
J. E. Esson

House Committee
Elliott Marshall -- Chairman
Jack Tootle
John Thompson
Ned Biles
J. W. Lehr

Historical Committee
John McCaskey -- Chairman
(Other members to be named by Mr. McCaskey)

President Tootle instructed the secretary to write Mr. Enright to express the Board's thanks and the thanks of the club members for the generous gift to the Club.

The Board heartedly endorsed Mr. Orr's idea of reviving the Cocktail Hour as it used to exist. The Board decided that the Club would furnish the hor-d'oeuvres.

The Board thanked Mr. Tootle for the wonderful London broil dinner which he hosted.

The Board regretfully excepted the resignation of Mr. George Roth as a regular member of the Club.

The July meeting will be hosted by Mr. Lehr.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Roth III
Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
July 15, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club, St. Joseph, Missouri met Monday, July 15, 1968 at the Club House with the following directors present: Harold Wm. Merrill, Elliott Marshall, Wallace Orr, W. M. Wyeth III, Dr. W. H. Ames, Jack Tootle, Beverly Pitts, Ned D. Biles, James Weakley, James Esson, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts gave the treasurer's report, and, after discussion it was accepted by the Board.

There was no report given on the Membership Committee.

Mr. Elliott Marshall reported for the House Committee and advised the directors of the progress being made in the remodeling of the Dutch Treat Room. Mr. Marshall also called to the attention of the directors, the fact that the chandelier in the Ball Room had been cleaned.

Mr. Jim Weakley reported for the Entertainment Committee that because of a better turn out, the Annual Labor Day Picnic would be held at the Club House on Sunday, September 1st.

Mr. Pitts asked that any of the directors who had advance knowledge of any social affair involving club members should advise Opal. This would allow the Club to prepare for the possibility of handling extra guests.

Mr. Tootle advised the Board of the committee meeting regarding in-town guests. Mr. Pitts reported that decisions made in this respect would be far reaching and because of this and being of such an involved nature, Mr. Pitts suggested that resolutions regarding this matter be submitted at a future meeting.

Under new business, Mr. Pitts discussed the possibility of inviting a prospective new member to the Club for lunch, prior to his name being brought up at a director's meeting. This was discussed pro and con, no decision reached.

On motion of Mr. Marshall and seconded by Dr. Ames, the Board approved the treasurer's use of a rubber stamp to sign checks of the Club in the payment of bills, salaries, etc.

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The Board expressed the thanks to their absentee host, Mr. J. W. Lehr, for the excellent dinner of lobster and steak which was enjoyed by all.

On motion of Dr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Pitts, the Board decided to dispence with the August meeting.

Mr. James Esson will be the host to the September meeting.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III, Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
September 18, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met Wednesday, September 18, 1968 in the Club Rooms with the following directors present; Harold Merrill, Dr. W. H. Ames, John Thompson, Jack Tootle, J. W. Lehr, Beverly Pitts, William Wyeth, James Esson, Ned Biles, Jim Weakley, Elliott Marshall, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts gave the treasurers report and it was accepted as read. Mr. Pitts asked for and received permission of the Board to discuss the possibility of getting a clearer and more consise report from Mr. White.

Dr. Ames discussed the membership committee activities. Mr. James Dale was proposed for a junior membership and passed the first ballott.

On motion of Dr. Ames and seconded by John Thompson, the Board approved of having Opal include a card with her billing, asking for names of prospective members.

Mr. Weakley reported that the picnic was not as well attended as the 1967 affair. He also advised that the ladies Bridge Tournament had been scheduled. Mr. Weakley has arranged for the music for the Christmas and New Years parties. Mr. Weakley also reported that he was working on plans for a Benton Club Stag Party to be held in either October or November.

On motion of Dr. Ames, seconded by John Thompson, the Board approved of opening the Club to intown guests the night of October 15, 1968 to coincide with the Art Show.

Mr. Marshall reported for the House Committee and advised that work was going full steam ahead in the finishing of the Dutch Treat Room.

Mr. Tootle advised that the Club had been asked to advise the city of their feelings in the vacating of the alley back of Dr.'s Potter and Forgraves offices. On motion of Mr. Biles and seconded by James Weakley, the Board asked that the good doctors be consulted.

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President Tootle advised the Board that Jerry Hillyard had written a letter of resignation and it was accepted.

The Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Esson for a very fine dinner and cocktail hour.

The next meeting of the Board will be held in the Club Rooms on Wednesday, October 16, 1968 with Dr. Ames acting as host.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
October 16, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club of St. Joseph met in the club house October 16, 1968 with the following directors present: Jack Tootle Wallace Orr, Dr. W. H. Ames, Ned Biles, Beverly Pitts, Elliott Marshall, John Thompson and John H. Roth III.

The reading of the minutes of the September meeting was suspended.

On motion of Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Thompson, the Board authorized the treasurer to purchase $4,000.00 in treasury bills in $1,000.00 denominations.

The treasurer's report was read, discussed, and accepted by the Board. Mr. Orr suggested that in addition to the monthly figures, cumulative totals for the year be shown.

Dr. Ames reported for the Membership Committee and stated that the Membership had responded to the request for membership suggestions which were enclosed in the monthly statement by returning eight cards.

Mr. James Dale passed the final vote of the Board for Junior Membership.

Mr. Marshall reported for the House Committee and stated that the decoration and completion of the Dutch Treat Room were proceeding with full speed.

Mr. Pitts reported that the committee appointed by President Tootle consisting of Beverly Pitts, Jim Weakley, John Roth and Jack Tootle had held its meeting and was ready to present the various recommended changes to the by-laws and house rules to the Board for discussion. Mr. Pitts presented the changes and discussion was held until 11:15 p.m., at which time it was decided by the weary members present to with hold action until the next meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Club will be ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday, November 13, 1968 with John Roth acting as host.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
November 13, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club of St. Joseph met in the club house November 13, 1968 with the following directors present: Jim Weakley, Ned Biles, Jack Tootle, Elliott Marshall, Wallace Orr, John Thompson, Beverly Pitts, Dr. W. H. Ames, J. W. Lehr, Bill Merrill, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts discussed the treasurer's report and advised the Board that the treasury bills authorized at the last meeting, had not been purchased because it is not known the exact amount required to pay for the renovation now going on.

Dr. Ames gave the Membership Report and submitted for the committee the following names for preliminary vote before the Board:

C. D. Hamilton
Casey Meyers
Dr. James Marston
Dr. Donald Stallard
Rod Fletcher
Don Spaulding
Clarence VanderMolin
Lynn Balleau
Dr. Charles Willman

The following passed the preliminary vote of the Board:

C. D. Hamilton
Clarence VanderMolin
Lynn Balleau -- Junior Membership

Mr. Weakley reported for the Entertainment Committee and advised the Board of the success of the Stag Party and the next parties will be the usual Christmas Tea Dance and the New Years Eve Party, both of which are accessed parties.

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On motion of Dr. Ames and seconded Harold Merrill, the Board approved the following: Resident guests of members to the New Year's Eve party be limited to 4, no limit being placed on out of town guests.

A lengthy discussion of the proposed changes in the By-Laws and House Rules was conducted by Beverly Pitts and any action on the part of the Board was postponed until the December meeting, which was set for December 11, 1968, with Mr. Elliott Marshall serving as host.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
December 11, 1968

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club of St. Joseph met in the Club Rooms December 11, 1968 with the following directors present: Elliott Marshall, Bill Merrill, Wallace Orr, Weck Lehr, Ned Biles, Beverly Pitts, Bill Wyeth, Jack Tootle, John Thompson, Jim Weakley and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and discussed at great length. Upon motion of Wallace Orr and seconded by Bill Merrill, it was suggested that the Finance Committee check with Mr. White about the various expenses listed.

Mr. Wyeth, reporting for the Membership Committee proposed that the Board vote on the three men who had passed at the previous meeting.

Regular member	Clarence VonderMolin	o.k.
Regular member	Charles Dixson Hamilton	o.k.
Junior Member	Lynn K. Balleau	o.k.

Mr. Wyeth presented the name of Dan Duncan for preliminary posting, vote taken, passed, o.k. to post.

Mr. Weakley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee stated that the music had been arranged for Christmas night until 11:00 p.m.. New Year's Eve Bill Geha's Orchestra. Dinner will be served and breakfast served after midnight. Christmas Egg Nog Party 11 to 2 will not be held this year; however, cocktails will be served on Christmas Eve afternoon from 2 until 6 p.m..

Christmas Tea Dance will be held as usual. Member and lady $12.00. Son or daughter $5.00 each. Guest $ 7.50

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance -- Member & Lady $18.00. Local Guest or out of town guest $8.00 per person. Son or daughter $7.00. No limit on guests. Club will close Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.. Club will be closed New Year's Day.

Mr. Marshall, giving the report of the House Committee, advised the Board that with the hanging of the draperies in the Dutch Treat Room, the renovation of this room would be complete. Steel lockers for booze will have to go. The floor of the main office and the main hallway will be carpeted after the holidays. The ladies card room and the Ball Room have been redecorated. Mr. Wyeth moved, Mr. Weakley seconded, the Board approved the report of the House Committee.

The Board approved the postponment of further discussion on the By-Laws & House Rules until the January meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Marshall for the excellent dinner which he provided.

The January meeting will be held, Wednesday, January 22, 1969 with Mr. W. M. Wyeth hosting.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III, Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
January 22, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club of St. Joseph, Mo. met in the Club Rooms January 22, 1969 with the following directors present: Beverly Pitts, Jim Weakley, James Esson, Wallace Orr, William Wyeth, John Thompson, Elliott Marshall, Ned Biles, William Ames, Jack Tootle, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts gave the treasurer's report, Mr. Wyeth, Mr. Orr and Mr. Thompson questioned Mr. White's entries regarding taxes and insurance. Mr. Pitts advised the Board he would check with Mr. White.

Dr. Ames reported for the Membership Committee that Dan Duncan had been posted for the proper time and the final vote was due. Dan Duncan passed.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Biles, the Board asked that the Membership Committee contact John Smith, William Strop and James Lehr and get a list of prospective members in the Junior and Intermediate membership catagory.

Mr. Weakley in reporting for the Entertainment Committee noted the lack of attendance for both the Christmas and New Year's parties. For the future, the committee is working on a Valentine Party for February. They are also trying to line up a Lobster Party for the latter part of February or the first of March.

Mr. Marshall reported that the refurbishing of the Dutch Treat Room was complete. The Board congratulated the committee for a job well done .

Mr. Marshall asked for and received permission of the Board to camouflage the roof of the Club House to get away from viewing the pipes, etc, which are now exposed.

On motion of Mr. Wyeth, seconded by Mr. Pitts, the possible costs of installing the cresting on the roof and reporting the estimate to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Roth, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, the Board approved the rental of the liquor lockers be increased to $5.00 per year.

Mr. Pitts reviewed the progress made by his committee on working out the By-Laws and House Rules.

On motion of Dr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Junior and Intermediate members will have the same privileges as the regular members. Show of hands and motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Wyeth, the Board directed that Section 2, Part B, paragraph 2, not be changed. Show of hands, motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Orr, seconded by Mr. Esson, the proposed Section 2 B , paragraph 4 be deleted. Motion passed 5 to 3 on a show of hands, 3 abstained.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Weakley, the Board approved the 1969 By-Laws to be accepted with the deletions and additions as presented to the Board at this meeting.

The Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Wyeth for a delightful fish dinner.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 1969 with Mr. Wallace Orr hosting the meeting.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/ir

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
February 12, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met in the Club Rooms on February 12, 1969 with a 100% attendance. The Directors present were Dr. W. H. Ames, James Weakley, John Thompson, Beverly Pitts, Wallace Orr, Elliott Marshall, William Wyeth, Ned Biles, J. W. Lehr, James Esson, Jack Tootle, Bill Merrill, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts reported that he had contacted Mr. White and he is satisfied with Mr. White's handling of the entries of insurance and taxes. Mr. Pitts reviewed the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the Board asked that the present Christmas Fund be distributed as it now stands. The motion passed 12 to 1.

There were several suggestions and much discussion regarding the Christmas Fund and on motion of Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Esson, the Board voted to table the discussion until October or November of 1969.

Dr. Ames gave the Membership Committee report and stated that he had contracted 3 Junior Members who were considering resigning and Dr. Ames suggested that Jim Lehr contact the list after the names had been presented to the Board.

Mr. Orr moved that a submission of names be given to the Board to be either approved or denied. Mr. Merrill seconded and the motion passed

Tom Logan passed the preliminary vote of the Board for a regular membership in the Club.

Mason Shoup and Donald Merrill passed the preliminary vote for non-resident memberships.

Mr. Weakley reported that the lobsters were ordered for the lobster dinner. The dinner would cost approximately $5.25. Mr. Weakley reported that the committee was trying to plan a dance for April. It was suggested that the Carl Johnson Combo of Topeka be checked for availability.

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Mr. Marshall reported for the House Committee that the entrance and office floor had been retiled. He also would like to have cresting added to the roof and estimates the cost to run between $750.00 and $1,000.00. Dr. Ames suggested that the South Porch be eliminated. Mr. Marshall will take this under consideration.

Mr. Weakley moved that any suggestions for changes be submitted to Mr. Marshall's committee to check on the feasability. Mr. Merrill seconded and the Board so voted.

Mr. Jack Tootle reported that the original arrangements with Ruth Hooper is no longer feasable and he asked that the Board consider raising her salary to properly compensate her.

On motion of Mr. Roth, seconded by Dr. Ames, the Board was asked to raise Ruth Hooper's salary to $600.00 per month. The motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Esson, the Board asked that the members who are interested in fixing up the second floor to allow refurbishing of rooms for resident purposes meet with the House Committee and discuss, and they, in turn, will present their ideas to the directors for consideration. Motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Merrill, the Board voted to delete House Rule IV in its entirety.

On motion of Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Roth, the Board authorized an increase of non-resident members from 25 to 50.

The Board voted to accept the House Rules as ammended.

The Board gave a standing vote of thanks to Mr. Orr for the marvelous dinner and for the 100% attendance which he was no doubt responsible for.

The next scheduled meeting of the Benton Club will be held in the Club Rooms on March 12, 1969. Director Merrill will host.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III, Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
March 12, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met Wednesday, March 12, 1969 at the Club House with the following directors present: Beverly Pitts, Elliott Marshall, James Esson, Dr. W. H. Ames, Wallace Orr, Ned Biles, Jim Weakley, J. W. Lehr, William Merrill, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with the following exception. It was pointed out that the secretary reporting that the House Rules being accepted as read was in error.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, treasurer of the Club, moved that the excess of $5,000.00 be invested in a Government Bond to yield the Club approximately $300.00. This motion was ammended on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Wm. Merrill. The Board voted 8 to 1 to purchase Treasury Bills rather than Government Bonds.

The secretary read the note of Mrs. Hooper thanking the Board and members for her share of the Christmas Bonus, also the note of appreciation from Mrs. Opal Self.

Mr. Thomas Logan passed the final vote for regular membership in the Club.

Mr. Mason Shoup and Mr. Don Merrill passed the vote of the Board for non-resident memberships in the Club.

Dr. Ames, reporting for the Membership Committee, stated that Jim Lehr, John Smith, and Bill Strop had presented rather a lengthy list of names for membership in the Club. The names presented to the Board are as follows:

Robert L. Saunders	William E. Garvey	Roger M. Crouch
Bartlett Ford	Bill R. Lowe	Donald R. Eggebecht
Jerry E.K. Reeves	William N. Hillyard	Douglas Esson

The above names were passed on the preliminary vote. These names will be posted in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Ames, the Board voted to accept the proposed increase in salaries of the employees of the Club for the coming year.

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On motion of Mr. Merrill, seconded by Mr. Pitts, the Board voted to accept the proposed new House Rules as submitted; however, Section V as proposed was deleted in its entireity.

Mr. Weakley reported that the Lobster Party attendance was 72 and that the party was well received.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be April 16, 1969 with Mr. Jack Tootle hosting.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
April 16, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met Wednesday, April 16, 1969 at the Club House with the following directors present: James Esson, Jim Weakley, Dr. W. H. Ames, Wallace Orr, Beverly Pitts, Jack Tootle, John Thompson, Ned Biles, Elliott Marshall, J. W. Lehr, and John H. Roth III.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. Pitts, based on the figures for the month of February. The Treasurer reported that the Club had purchased a $5,000.00 Treasury Bill with a yield of 6.11%.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Dr. Ames, the Board recommended that an extension of the $5.00 assessment be continued for an additional year. Mr. Pitts was directed by the Board to ask the General Membership for its approval at the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, May 12, 1969.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Mr. Marshall gave the House Committee report and recommended to the Board that a careful look be given to the area of the Club facing the alley in the rear. He also asked that consideration be given to taking care of the front of the Club.

Dr. Ames voiced the sentiments of the entire Board in commending Mr. Marshall for his work in refurbishing the Club during his tenure of office.

Dr. Ames recommended to the Board that some thought be given to using the Schroeder Request in one place for a specific purpose.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Esson, the Board approved that the general membership and the incoming Board be advised that the Bequest of Mrs. George J. Schroeder be used for a specific purpose as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder.

Mr. Weakley reported that arrangements had been made for a dinner dance for Saturday night, April 26th, featuring fried chicken and catfish.

Dr. Ames advised the Board that at the last meeting the young men who were passed for membership were to be voted on at this meeting.

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William N. Hillyard	William Garvey
Roger Crouch	Robert Saunders
Donald Eggerbrecht	Bartlett Ford
William Lowe	Jerry E. K. Reeves

These eight young men passed satisfactorily and Dr. Ames will handle a notification through members John Smith, James Lehr, and William Strop.

For Regular Membership on the preliminary voting, Frazer Ford was passed. Dr. Ernest Weinand, Dr. James Marston, and Dr. Don Stallard were passed. These gentlemen's names will be posted in the usual manner.

President Tootle congratulated Dr. Ames on a job well done.

President Tootle appraised the Board of the motion passed at the meeting of the Board on January 22, 1969 in which Junior and Intermediate members were to be allowed the same privileges as regular members.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Biles, the Board passed the motion that, the motion passed by the Board on January 22, 1969 giving the Junior and Intermediate members the same privileges as regular members was recended. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Biles, the Board approved that Intermediate members were to be given the right to vote and serve the same as Regular members with the exception that dues and assessments for Intermediate members be the same as set up for that membership category. Motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Pitts and seconded by Dr. Ames, the Board approved the motion that Sustaining members be given the same right to apply for non-resident membership as the other membership catagories. The Board approved this motion.

President Tootle thanked the Board for its co-operation this past year and the Board extended its thanks to President Tootle for his very able tenure and conduct of the office of President of the Club for 1968-69. President Tootle was instructed by the Board to select a nominating committee to prepare a ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 12, 1969, a ballot of eight names so that four new directors can be elected.

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April 16, 1969

President Tootle appointed John Thompson, Elliott Marshall, and Dr. H.K. Wallace to this committee.

There being no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
May 12, 1969
ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Benton Club of St. Joseph, Missouri was held in the Club Rooms on May 12, 1969 with 48 members present.

In the absence of Mr. Jack Tootle, the president, Mr. Elliott Marshall conducted the meeting.

Mr. Marshall declared a quorum present and asked the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on May 13, 1968. The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Beverly Pitts gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as read.

Dr. W. H. Ames gave a comprehensive report on the activities of the Membership Committee and urged that thought be given to getting new members in the Junior and Intermediate catagory as well as regular members.

Mr. Elliott Marshall gave the House Committee Report and pointed out the accomplishments of the past year. Mens Bar and the Dutch Treat Room were remodeled and refurbished, a new floor covering for the office and entranceway was also completed. The Ball Room was newly painted, roof repairs and a new ceiling in the Ladies Card Room. In closing, Mr. Marshall, whose term on the Board expires, urged the new Board to consider landscaping, redecorating the Men's Card Room, new furniture for the office and Men's Card Room, and checking on repairs to both front and rear of the Club.

Mr. James Weakley gave the report of the Entertainment Committee and pointed out that the planned parties were poorly attended. Mr. Weakley urged that the members use the Club facilities more and felt that the Fall season would be as successful as in the past.

Mr. John McCaskey gave the report of the Historical Committee and advised those present that the Club survived one more year and was still located at 7th and Faraon Street. Mr. McCaskey was given a standing ovation for his deligent effort in behalf of the Historical Committee.

Mr. Pitts reported that the committee which he had chaired for the revision of the By-Laws and House Rules had met many times and the new Rules and By-Laws had been mailed to each member. Mr. Pitts urged that the Membership review them.

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I am VERY SORRY THAT I COULD NOT BE HERE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THIS PAST YEAR IN PERSON. WE HAVE HAD A GOOD YEAR AND THIS BOARD HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

SPECIAL RECOGNIZATION IS DUE MR. MARSHALL AND HIS HOUSE COMMITTEE, MR. BILES, MR. LEHR AND MR. THOMPSON FOR THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS, BOTH IN SIGHT AND OUT OF SIGHT THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

DR. AMES, WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, MR. ESSON AND MR. BILL WYETH HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB.

AS IS HIS WAY MR. WEAKLEY HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE REGULAR PARTIES, AND MORE OUTSTANDING SPECIAL DINNERS AND DANCES THAN WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. HE HAS BEEN HELPED IN THIS BY MR. ROTH AND MR. MERRILL.

MR. PITTS AND HIS BY LAWS COMMITTEE OF MR. ROTH AND MR. WEAKLEY, HAVE WORKED LONG AND DILIGENTLY TO DO THE REVISION OF THE BY LAWS, AND HOUSE RULES.

EVERY CLUB IS ONLY GOOD WHEN IT IS USED BY THE MEMBERS, YOUR BOARD ~~HAS GREAT STRIDES IN PROVIDING~~
HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN PROVIDING THE REASONS FOR USE AND IT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT BETTER PARTICIPATION BY ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THIS YEAR.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS PAST YEAR.

Letter of Pres Jack Tuttle read at the annual meeting May 12, 1969

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Mr. Pitts suggested that the legacy of Mrs. George Schroeder be used to start a memorial to the memory of George and Mrs. Schroeder. Mr. William Morton so advised the members and there were no strings attached to the legacy. Mr. Melvin Binswanger suggested that any money left to the Club by a member should have recognition for his gift in his name only and not have the legacy placed in a general memorial fund. On a show of hands, those present agreed with messers Pitts, Morton, and Binswanger.

Mr. Elliott Marshall praised Mr. Jack Tootle on his accomplishments as president and asked that the secretary read a letter from Mr. Tootle in which he thanked the members and the Board for its cooperation of the past year.

Mr. Jim Weakley moved that the $5.00 assessment be continued until the next Annual Meeting. Mr. Harold Merrill seconded the motion. Vote was called for and the motion passed.

Mr. Edwin B. Wright asked that those present extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Tootle and his Board of Directors for the guidance and profits shown in the Club's operation of the past year.

Mr. Marshall named Mr. Wright, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Orr as tellers to count the ballots in the election of four new directors for the coming year.

The voting resulted in the following being elected to serve on the Board for the next three years.

1. Mr. John McCaskey
2. Mr. W. P. Mytton
3. Mr. Walter Crandall
4. Mr. C. K. Richmond

No further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Roth III

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
May 12, 1969

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1969-1970

The new Board of Directors of the Benton Club for 1969-70 met in the Men's Card Room immediately following the Annual Meeting with the following directors present: Wallace Orr, Harold W. Merrill, Walter Crandall, Beverly Pitts, Ned Biles, James Weakley, and John H. Roth III.

There being only seven directors present the election of officers for the coming year was postponed until the June meeting.

The June meeting of the Board will be held in the Club House on June 11, 1969 with Mr. Ned Biles serving as host.

No further business to appear before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Roth III, Secretary

JHR/jr

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
JUNE 11, 1969

The Board of Directors of The Benton Club met Wednesday , June 11, 1969 at the Club House with the following Directors present: Beverly Pitts, John Thompson, Ned Biles, John Roth III, W. P. Mytton, Walter Crandall, C. K. Richmond, James Weakley, William Merrill and William Wyeth.

The reading of the minutes of the May meeting was suspended.

On motion of Mr. Wyeth , seconded by Mr. Merrill the Directors elected the following officers to serve fo the ensuing year.

PRESIDENT	Mr. John H. Roth III
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mr. Ned Biles
TREASURER	Mr. Beverly Pitts
SECRETARY	Mr. John Thompson

Mr. Pitts gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

Mr. Roth reported a request from Mr. James Josendale requesting a change in membership from res dent member to non-resident member. A vote was taken and passed with the change to non-resident member to become effective June 1, 1969.

Mr. Roth reported a request from Mr. Clark Hampton for consideration of a leave of absence or resignation effective June, 1. After due consideration Mr. Roth was appointed to contact Mr. Hampton for reconsideration and is to report same at the July meeting.

Mr. Roth gave the membership report and submitted for the committee the following names for final vote before the Board:

Robert Stauber
Boots Ford
Dr. Donald Stallard
Dr. Ernest Weinand
Dr. James Marston

The following passed:

Robert Stauber

Mr. Ned Biles will not fy Mr. Stauber.

The following names were submitted for preliminary vote before the BOARD:

Raymond Sisson
Ralph Hackett

They were not passed.

The July meeting will be held Wednesday July 9, 1969 with John Thompson hosting.

There being no further business to come before the BOARD, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson, Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
July 9, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club met Wednesday, July 9, 1969 at the Club House with the following Directors present: Beverly Pitts, John Thompson, Ned Biles, John Roth III, W. P. Mytton, Walter Crandall, William Merrill, William Wyeth and John McCaskey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was deferred until the August meeting as the operating statements were not available in time for the June meeting.

Mr. Biles reported for the House Committee noting that a new television had been provided for the Dutch Room. There was extended discussion regarding the size of steaks served in the Club and Mr. Biles was to investigate the matter and report to the Directors. Mr. Biles was also to investigate the service situation regarding enough help on hand to provide proper service at all times.

Mr. Weakley reported for the Entertainment Committee. One indoor casual night before Labor Day is planned by the committee.

Mr. Orr reported no action by the membership committee.

Mr. McCaskey, reporting for the Historical Committee noted that another month had passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson, Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
September 10, 1969

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Club was held at the club house on Wednesday, September 10, 1969. Those present were:

John Roth III, J. W. Lehr, William Merrill, James Weakley, John McCaskey, Charles Richmond, William Mytton and Beverly Pitts.

Beverly Pitts hosted a delicious dinner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with , as was the treasurer's report, since there were no balance sheets to discuss. President Roth did discuss some current bills involving insurance on the building and house improvements.

Mr. Pitts pointed out that the individual members had been billed sales tax on their statements. He recommended that this practice be discontinued, since the Club was already paying sales tax on its purchases. It was agreed that the practice of billing individual members for sales tax be discontinued.

In reporting for the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Weakley commented on the successful Labor Day picnic and the popularity of the Lou Marek Trio which played. He advised that this same combo had been signed up to play for the Christmas tea dance, He announced that the bridge tournament for the women would be started on September 11, and a stag party was being planned for sometime this fall, the date to be announced later. He further reported that the committee had been discussing the idea of changing the format of the New Year's Eve party, and although there was nothing definite to report, the Board expressed willingness to go along with the committee on any plans they made.

After the report of the Membership Committee , it was announced that Bill Merrill would be host for the next meeting, October 14.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson

John C. Thompson, Secretary

.....Excerpt from the Benton Club Board of Directors minutes of Tuesday, October 14, 1969.

On a motion by Beverly Pitts, seconded by John McCaskey and passed by the Board of Directors it was resolved that:

> The Schroeder legacy be invested in Government Bonds at the best yield obtainable.
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> Further, that the funds so invested be known as "the Schroeder Memorial Fund"
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> Further, that the said fund be kept intact at the discreation of the Board of Directors until they determine to expend it on a specific improvement to the Club.

John C. Thompson
Secretary

Copy to Beverly Pitts
October 21, 1969

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
October 14, 1969

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on October 14, 1969 , with the following Directors present:

John Roth III, Beverly Pitts, William Merrill, Walter Crandall
Ned Biles, John Thompson, William Mytton, James Weakley, J. W. Lehr
Wallace Orr, William Wyeth III, and John McCaskey

The Treasurer's report for September 30, was presented and accepted by the Board.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Schroeder legacy. On a motion by Beverly Pitts , seconded by John McCaskey and passed by the Board it was resolved that:

> The Schroeder legacy be invested in Government Bonds at the best yield obtainable.
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> Further, that the funds so invested be known as the Schroeder Memorial Fund.
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> Further, that the said fund be kept intact at the discreation of the Board of Directors until they determine to expend it on a specific improvement to the Club.

Ned Biles reporting for the House Committee stated that he had in hand an estimate of between $2,000 to $2,500 for repairs to the electrical wiring, in order for the Club to remain an insurable risk. The Board instructed Mr, Biles to obtain further written estimates of the work necessary to meet insurance requirements and present same at the next meeting.

John Roth was also to obtain a current resume of the insurance coverage presently in force.

Jim Weakley reporting for the Entertainment Committee noted that the Bridge Tournament was under way. Upcoming events include a stag on November 5 with a film by the Missouri Conservation Commission, and The Larry Bowman Trio scheduled for the Friday after Thanksgiving.

John McCaskey reporting for the Historical Committee noted that only three College chairs remain to be completed.

The membership committee submitted the name of Mr. Ted Wilson for final consideration by the Board. Mr. Wilson passed. Mr. James Ringer was submitted for preliminary vote for membership. Mr. Ringer passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted ,

John C. Thompson, Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
November 12, 1969

The regular meeting of The Board of Directors of The Benton Club was held at the Club House on November 12, 1969 with the following Directors present:

John Roth III, Beverly Pitts, William Merrill, Walter Crandall, Ned Biles, John Thompson, William Mytton, James Weakley, J. W. Lehr, Wallace Orr, and William Wyeth III.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report for October 31 was presented and accepted by the Board. The Treasurer also reported that the Schroeder Legacy funds had been invested in a U. S. Government bond maturing in 19776.

Wallace Orr, reporting for the membership committee presented Mr. James Ringer for final vote for membership. Mr. Ringer passed.

The House committee presented a proposal for wage increases for the staff. On a motion by Mr. Merrill , seconded by Mr. Weakley it was moved that the staff wages be increased in accordance with the recommendations of the House Committee, with a six months review to be made and reported by the House Committee after said increases go into effect.

Ther being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C, Thompson, Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
December 10, 1969

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on December 10, 1969 with the following Directors present:

John Roth III, J. W. Lehr, William Mytton, William Wyeth III, William Merrill, Beverly Pitts, W alter Crandall, James Weakley, and John Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The House Committee recommended that a Christmas bonus be paid. On a motion by Mr. Lehr , seconded by Mr. Pitts it was moved that the Christmas bonus be paid prior to December 25, with any remainder from the members pledges to be distributed on February 1. The House Committee also reported that the diaphragm valve on the boiler was not adequate for proper safety. On a motion by Mr. Lehr , seconded by Mr. Crandall and passed the House Committee was directed to take the necessary steps to rectify the problem.

The Entertainment Committee reported that the Christmas Tea Dance and the New Years eve party will be open parties.

The membership committee submitted Mr. Frazier Ford for preliminary vote before the Board. Mr. Ford passed and will be posted in the usual manner.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C .Thompson, Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
JANUARY 14, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on January 14, 1970 with the following Directors present:

John Roth III, James Weakley, William Merrill, Beverly Pitts, Charles Richmond, William Mytton, Ned Biles, Walter Crandall, Wallace Orr and John Thompson .

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The House Committee reported that the remainder of the Christmas Bonus will be paid on February 1. Two wiring estimates have been obtainèd in connection with meeting proper insurance requirements. Nauman Electric estimated between $2,000 to $2,500 and Korns between $3,000 to $3,500. Mr. Crandall offered to have the Wire Rope Corporation Chief Electrician inspect the premises in order to judge the bids . On a motion by Mr. Pitts seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed the Board accepted the offer made by Mr. Crandall.

After considerable discussion as to the general condition of the Club President Roth appointed Mr. Crandall Chairman of a committe to investigate and formulate long range renovation plans for the Club. Mr. Biles and Mr. Thompson were named to the Committee.

Mr. Pitts reported that a Treasurers report was not available for the January meeting.

Mr. Weakley reported that the Entertainment Committee was gratified at the Holiday party attendance. 1969 attendance was nearly triple that of the prior year. A motion to set a single charge for assessed parties was tabled.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted ,

John C. Thompson, Secretary

THE BENTON CLUB

MINUTES -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 11, 1970

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on Wednesday, February 11, 1970. The following directors were present: John H. Roth III, Wallace Orr, John McCaskey, Walter Crandall, Ned D. Biles, William Wyeth, and William Merrill.

The secretary being absent, Mr. Merrill was named acting secretary by President Roth.

The treasurer was absent and the report of the auditors was checked and then discussed by the Board.

President Roth advised the Board that the House Committee planned to refurbish the men's room and the ladies powder room. This was given approval by the Board.

Mr. Robert Hillyard's request for a non-resident membership was discussed and the Board ruled that as long as Mr. Hillyard maintained his legal residence in St. Joseph, Mo., he would have to be considered a resident member.

The Board decided to close the ball room and use the small bar and the newly decorated Dutch Treat Room. The meals will be served in the upper dining rooms.

Mr. Weakley, chairman of the Entertainment Committee advised the Board through President Roth that the parties held thus far, other than those assessed, had been rather poorly attended. He said something was planned between now and the Annual Meeting.

The Board expressed it's appreciation for the very fine dinner and drinks provided by host Walter Crandall.

Mr. John McCaskey graciously asked to host the March meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 1970.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB MEETING
MARCH 11, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on March 11, 1970 with the following Directors present:

James Weakley, John McCaskey, J. W. Lehr, Charles Richmond
William Merrill, Wallace Orr, William Wyeth III, John Roth III
John Thompson, and William Mytton

Mr. Pitts stated that a treasurers report would be available at the April meeting covering the period thru March 31.

Mr. Wyeth reporting for the House Committee noted that work for improvements to the Ladies Lounge will commence shortly.

Mr. Pitts reported that there have been several complaints about the closing of the Ballroom in the evening in favor of the upper Bar. It was moved and seconded that the Board ratify the previous decision on the subject. The motion carried.

Mr. Robert Hillyard has submitted his resignation from the Benton Club to become effective February 28. The Board accepted said resignation.

There was discussion concerning the continuance of the $5.00 assessment for the furnace. The assessment will be presented to the membership at the Annual meeting for continuance or termination.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson, Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Meeting
April 13, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on April 13, 1970 with the following Directors present:

John Roth III, J. W. Lehr, James Weakley, Ned Biles, John McCaskey, William Merrill, Charles Richmond, Beverly Pitts, John Thompson and William Mytton.

There was no treasurers report for the period ended March 31.

On a motion by the Treasurer, duly seconded and passed the Treasurer was empowered to obtain a safe deposit box for the safekeeping of such records of the Club as can be found that relate to the History of the Club

The House committee reported that the refurbishing of the ladies restroom was under way and will be finished shortly. Additional projects to be undertaken will be the carpeting of the Directors room and the lounges. A letter was presented from Rudy Nauman Electric that the defects in the wiring of the Club House have been corrected as of March 30, 1970. The Letter is attached as a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson

John C. Thompson, Secretary

RUDY NAUMAN ELECTRIC CO.
INDUSTRIAL OR HOME WIRING -:- SMALL APPLIANCES REPAIRED
2638 LAFAYETTE ST. -:- PHONE BR 9-1884
ST. JOSEPH, MO. 64507

3/30/70

Mr. Frank Scharf
No. Inspection Bureau
900 No. Belt Hwy.
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir:

We have corrected all defects in the wiring at the Benton Club, 7th & ~~Faxon~~, St. Joseph, Mo. The wiring is now in first class condition and ready for your inspection.

Sincerely,

W. R. Nauman

W. R. Nauman
Rudy Nauman Elec. Co.

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BALANCE SHEET

April 30, 1970.

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Petty Cash		100.00	
Bank Balance		9,739.68	
Treasury Note		4,840.63	
Accounts Receivable -	Dues	981.87	
" "	House	3,663.01	
Inventory:	Cafe	1,011.29	
	Cigars	36.82	
	Bar	65.50	
	House	100.59	
Cash Advanced		11.05	20,550.44

Fixed Assets:

Land & Buildings	20,874.76	
Furniture & Fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95

Deferred Charges:

Prepaid Taxes	446.86	
Christmas Fund	.74	447.60
*Schroeder Memorial Fund		5,019.43
Total Assets:		58,443.42

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	4,136.49	
Social Security Tax	149.19	
Withholding Tax (Federal)	247.66	
" " (State)	32.75	4,566.09
Chairs		187.26
Unearned Dues:		1,302.63
Surplus - April 1970		52,387.44
Total Liabilities:		58,443.42

* Schroeder Memorial Fund:

Government Bond Cost - -	$4,892.50
Cash - -	126.93
	$5,019.43

PROFIT AND LOSS

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1970

INCOME:

Sales - Cafe	25,614.68	
Cost of Sales	13,010.69	12,603.99
Sales - Cigars	150.31	
Cost of Sales	90.45	59.86
Sales - Bar	4,026.25	
Cost of Sales	1,227.82	2,798.43
Club Parties - Gain		2,208.19
Investment Income		290.32
Earned Dues		38,360.00
Penalties		404.94
Sales Tax collected		275.97
Service Charges		4,320.08
Locker Rent		501.79
	Total Income:	61,823.48

EXPENSE:

Salaries	38,688.27	
Light & Power	2,051.87	
Water & Sewer Charges	269.14	
Laundry	1,808.09	
House Maintenance	2,560.01	
Music	330.00	
Telephone	793.56	
Fuel	1,218.56	
Insurance	2,244.00	
Taxes	2,412.00	
Postage	215.60	
Printing	606.79	
News & Magazines	348.89	
Sales Tax	395.48	
Cablevision	14.40	
Bank Charges	12.25	
Repairs	845.48	
Adv.	10.35	
Trash	120.98	
Total Expense:		54,945.72
Gain for the year		6,877.76
		61,823.48

Minutes
Benton Club Annual Meeting
May 11, 1970

The Annual Meeting of The Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 11, 1970 with 40 members present

The meeting was called to order by President John Roth III. The minutes of the prior annual meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Beverly Pitts gave the Treasurer's report listing assets of $ 20,000 and Liabilities of $ 4,500. The report was accepted as read. It was moved and seconded that the $5 assessment for dues in addition to the regular dues be maintained for the coming year. Motion passed.

Mr. Ned Biles reporting for the House Committee pointed out that the refurbishing and air conditioning which had been accomplished during the prior year.

Mr. Jim Weakley reporting for the Entertainment Committee noted that said Committee persevered in the face of a difficult situation. The assessed parties were favorably attended and a profit was shown on all parties.

Mr. Wallace Orr reporting for the Membership Committee noted the following statistics for the prior year:

3 Deaths
1 Non-Resident new member
2 Resident new members
1 Transfer to Non-resident
2 Intermediate new members
2 Junior new members
2 Resignations

The Club as of May 11, 1971 shows 96 Regular, 8 Intermediate, 4 Junior, 19 Sustaining and 34 Non-Resident members.

Mr. John McCaskey reporting for the Historical Committee was given a standing ovation for his observation tha another year had passed.

There was no old business.

Under new business Mr. Pitts moved that the ballroom be open at all times. After considerable discussion an amended motion was presented by Mr. Weakley that both the upper bar and the ballroom be open on a trial basis for 6 months at the discreation of the House Committee. Motion passed.

Mr. Roth thanked all who assisted him in his duties as President th e past year. Mr. Roth was given a unanimous vote ofor a job well done.

The election tellers Mr. Marshall, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Wyeth reported the results of the election of 4 members to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term. They are:

Mr. Stuart Campbell
Mr. Robert Douglas
Mr. Haskell Hillyard
Mr. Jack Tootle

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John C, Thompson
Secretary

MINUTES-BENTON CLUB MEETING, MAY 11, 1970

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club for 1970-71 was held immediately following the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 11, 1970.

The Directors elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

President	Ned Biles
Vice President	Wallace Orr
Treasurer	Beverly Pitts
Secretary	John Thompson

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson
Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Clubhouse on June 1o, 1970 , with the following Directors present:

Beverly Pitts, William Merrill, Stuart Campbell, Robert Douglas, Charles Richmond, Jack Tootle, Ned Biles , Walter Crandall and John Thompson

Mr. Pitts presented the Treasurers report. There wasno discussion and the report was accepted.

The House Committee reported that the roof was in need of repair. Mr. Tootle was to investigate and report his findings. Considerable discussion ensued on the subject of the approval of repair and maintenance items. It was moved and seconded that:

All major repairs or improvements contemplated for the Club House be submitted to The Board of Directors for approval prior to commencement of any such work.

The motion passed.

The Committees for the coming year wereappointed by Mr. Biles as follows:

House---- Tootle, Orr, Richmond, Biles
Entertainment-- Hillyard , Douglas
Membership-- Mytton, Bob Sanders, Merrill, Thompson
Historical-- McCaskey
Finance-- Pitts

The suggestion was made that a finance Committee be appointed and charged with formulating an annual operating plan ,plus long range plans.

There being no further business to come before the Board , the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson
Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 1970

The regularmeeting of The Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on July 8, 1970.with the following Directors present:

Ned Biles, William Mytton, Jack Tootle, Stuart Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Wallace Orr, Robert Douglas, Walter Crandall, William Merrill, John Thompson

Jack Tootle reporting for the house committee reported that an assisstant cook has been hired and is performing satisfactorily. Ned Biles proposed the following improvements in line with the present renovation proceedings:

1. Facing Board,moulding, flooring replacement on the fromt porch $ 585.00
2. Guttering replacement $ 265.00
3. New Porch roof $ 690.00
4. Pointing the brickwork on back and North side $ 200.00
5. Painting the exterior trim $ 230.00
6. Replace the venetions in the entrance and thecard room $ 185.00

Mr. Pitts moved and Mr. Merrill seconded that the above proposed work be done. The motion passed.

A bonus to Opel Self in the amount of $500.00 for continuous and loyal service to the Club was proposed by the House Committee. The motion passed unanimously. The bonus was ordered paid at once. It was noted that Opel had completed 25 years service to the Club.

Mr. Pitts presented the Treasurers report. It was moved and seconded that the report be filed. The motion carried.

The annual picnic has been scheduled for September 6 at the Club House.

There will be no August Board of Directors meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John C. Thompson
Secretary

July 22, 1970

RECONCILEMENT OF SCHROEDER MEMORIAL FUND

Shortly after the 7th of October, 1969, the Benton Club received from the Co-Executors of the Estate of Henrietta M. Schroeder a special bequest of $5,000.00.

From the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club of Tuesday, October 14, 1969, there is a record that the legacy be invested in Government Bonds at the best yield obtainable; further, that the funds so invested be known as the Schroeder Memorial Fund; and again further, that the Fund be kept intact at the discretion of the Board of Directors until they determine to expend it for a specific improvement to the Club.

On October 23 the Club purchased a 6-1/2% Treasury Note of Series B-1976, due May 15, 1976, for the amount of $4,892.50. This note is in the First National Bank of Chicago, and the American National Bank has issued Custody Receipt No. 9179 to the order of the Benton Club dated October 31, 1969.

The cost of the note as set out above was $4,892.50, plus accrued interest of $143.07, making a total of $5,035.57 for which the Club issued their check payable to the order of the American National Bank. As the fund had only $5,000.00, the Club itself paid the $35.57 to make up the difference. On November 15, the interest on the note was due for the amount of $162.50, and this was credited to the Benton Club on November 19. Out of the $162.50 received, the $35.57 was returned to the Club; ~~and~~ also the portion of the accrued interest that the Fund had advanced and which amounted to $107.50 was returned to the Fund along with $19.43, which represented the interest received by the Fund from the date of the note's purchase, October 23, 1969, to November 15, 1969. This then left in the Fund the cost of the note, $4,892.50; the $107.50, which makes the total of the $5,000.00 bequest; and the $19.43 representing the earning on the note from October 23 to November 15, making the total Fund $5,019.43.

On May 15, 1970, the six months' interest on the note was credited to the account of the Club for the credit of the Fund; and this amounted to $162.50, making the new total of $5,181.93, which agrees with the statement as furnished to the Club dated May 31, 1970.

B. L. P.

BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1970

CURRENT ASSETS:		
Petty cash	$ 100.00	
Bank	6,628.39	
Treasury Note	4,840.63	
Accounts receivable - Dues	454.50	
House	3,506.44	
Inventory - Cafe	938.56	
Cigars	31.17	
Bar	100.36	
House	171.09	
Cash advances	11.05	
Total current assets		$16,782.19
FIXED ASSETS:		
Land and buildings	$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:		
Schroeder Memorial Fund		5,181.93
		$54,390.07
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	$ 7,015.38	
Accrued payroll taxes	1,077.02	
Unearned dues	741.00	
Total current liabilities		$ 8,833.40
OTHER LIABILITIES:		
Christmas Fund	$ 5.26	
"Chairs"	187.26	192.52
SURPLUS		45,364.15
		$54,390.07

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1970

INCOME:			
Sales, Cafe		$1,969.78	
Inventory	$ 867.09		
Purchases	1,005.32		
Inventory	(978.56)	893.85	$1,035.93
Sales, Cigars		$ 20.68	
Inventory	$ 32.45		
Purchases	17.57		
Inventory	(31.17)	18.85	.83
Sales, Bar		$ 315.30	
Inventory	$ 41.25		
Purchases	37.53		
Inventory	(100.36)	(21.58)	336.88
Earned dues			3,230.30
Penalties			35.26
Service charge			338.49
Gross Income			$4,986.69
EXPENSES:			
Salaries		$3,897.28	
Insurance		204.00	
Postage		12.00	
Fuel		65.10	
Electricity		335.07	
Telephone		76.33	
House maintenance		233.66	
Subscriptions		20.30	
Property taxes		201.00	
Sales tax		31.42	
Payroll taxes		478.37	
Laundry		151.77	
Want ad		3.68	5,710.02
Net Income (loss)			$ (723.33)

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on September 9 with the following Directors present:

Charles Richmond, John McCaskey, Haskell Hillyard, Harold W. Merrill, Robert Douglas, Walter Crandall, William Mytton, John Thompson

The Entertainment Committee reported a fine turn-out for the annual picnic at the Club House.

No treasurers report for July or August was available.

Following discussion on the subject of an operating budget it was moved and seconded that:

> The Board hereby establishes a standing committee, composed of Board Members, not to exceed five or to be less than three, to be known as the Budget Committee. The function of this committee is to present to the Board for its consideration, the Operating Budget and the Capital Expenditures Budget for the ensuing Board year , by March 1, of each year ,

The motion passed.

The Membership Committee reported the resignation of Dr. Paul A. Knepper effective August 31, 1970. The Board accepted same with regret.

A motion was made by Mr. Hillyard, seconded by Mr. Douglas that a notice be sent to members concerning Club rules as of January 1, concerning guest priveleges for men and women, including the womens Bridge Tournament. The motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Thompson
Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 1970

Those Attending:

Harold W. Merrill
Haskell Hillyard
Ned Biles
Wallace Orr
Beverly Pitts
William Mytton

A Quorum was not present and therefore no business was transacted

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on November 11, 1970 with the following Directors present :

Ned Biles, Wallace Orr, Walter Crandall, Charles Richmond, Harold W. Merrill, Haskell Hillyard, John Thompson

Mr. Pitts being absent no treasurer's report was available.

The Club has been notified that Mr. Melvin Binswanger left the Benton Club $5,000 under his will with no strings attached. The Board voted unanimously to accept the bequest as stated.

The House Committee reported that improper venting of the kitchen exhaust must be corrected. It was moved and seconded that the House Committee is empowered to select the best of at least three bids in order to meet the requirements of the insurance Company and thereby obtain the most favorable insurance rates for the Club. Motion passed.

The House Committee was also directed to dispose of the safe and effect what settlement can be arranged with the insurance Companyfor damages incurred in the recent burglary.

The Board voted approval of the installation of all weather carpeting to be provided by Mrs. Askins for the East entrance.

The membership committee reported the resignations of Mr. Roger Crouch and Dr. Paul Knepper. Mr. William Benton was presented for Out-of-town Membership . Mr. Benton was passed and ordered posted. .

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

John C. Thompson

Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 1970

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors meeting was held at the Club House on December 9, 1970 with the following Directors present :

Wallace Orr, Jack Tootle, Stuart Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Harold Merrill, Haskell Hilyard, Charles Richmond, William Mytton, Robert Douglas, Ned Biles, John Thompson and Walter Crandall.

Mr. Charles Dixson Hamilton submitted his resignation effective December 2, 1970. The resignation was accepted by the Board.

The House Committee reported that the all weather carpeting for the East entrance has been installed. The Secretary was directed to thank Mrs, Askins for this improvement to the Club.

Mr. Caryl Potter LLL and Mr. William Benton were passed for membership.

There being no further business to bome before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

John L. Thompson
Secretary

HUGH A. SPRAGUE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
BUCHANAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI 64501

December 23, 1970

Benton Club
402 North 7th Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Gentlemen:

Effective the first week in January, 1971, my family will reside in Jefferson City, Missouri for an indeterminate period of time.

I request that my membership be changed from resident to non-resident status effective January, 1971.

Please advise what amount of dues and assessments will be owing for the entire year 1971 under a non-resident status in my membership category.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh A. Sprague

Hugh A. Sprague
1215 North 22d Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64506

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 1971

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on January 13, 1971 with the following Directors present :

William Mytton, Harold Merrill, Jack Tootle, Charles Richmond, Ned Biles, John Thompson, Walter Crandall and Bob Douglas.

Hugh A. Sprague has requested a change in status to non-resident membership effective January 1, 1971. A motion was made and seconded and duly passed authorizing the requested change.

The treasurer's report for the month of December was presented and was approved. The tangible personal property tax assessments were presented to the Board. The assessments were ordered filed at $750 for both City and County. After discussion concerning the cut-off for Statement preparation a motion was made and seconded that the 25th of each month be established as a cut-off date. Motion passed.

On amotion by, Mr Mytton ,seconded by Mr. Merrill The Secretary is to include in the minutes, retro-active to December 9, 1970, the names of those individuals who are passed for posting for membership. Motion passed.

The following were presented for final vote for membership.

Mr. James Kemper
Mr. Ralph Hackett
Mr. Eugene Sanders

The above were passed for membership

The following were presented for membership :

Mr. Brown Harris III
Mr. Dick Dickens Jr.
Mr. Ray Sisson

The above were ordered posted for membership

There being no further business to come before the meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors
February 17, 1971

The regular meeting of the Benton Club Board of Directors was held at the Club House on February 17, 1971 with the following Directors present:

John Thompson,Ned Biles, Walter Crandall,Stuart Campbell
William Mytton,John McCaskey and Beverly Pitts.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Pitts. He noted that the 25th of the month cut-off had been observed for this statement. Thereport was accepted. The bookeeping fee by Sanders and Sanders will be $65 per month for the months beginning April 26, 1971.

It was moved and seconded that the House Committee will approve any open parties and all guests at open partiesmust be sponsered by a member and must have a reservation. The House Committee is to prepare a letter to this effect for mailing to all members.

There was discussion concerning the by-laws concerning member and non-member use of the club. The rules Committee was directed to investigate any clarifications needed.

The Membership Committee submitted the following names for preliminary acceptance.

Mr. Jim Austin
Mr. Henry Lammers
Mr. Barr Potter

The above were passed and ordered posted.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

John C. Thompson

John C, Thompson
Secretary

Minutes
Benton Club Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 1971

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on March 8, 1971 with the following Directors present:

Ned Biles, Stuart Campbell, Beverly Pitts, Wallace Orr, Charles Richmond, Walter Crandall, Harold Merrill and John Thompson

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Pitts. It was ordered approved as read.

The membership Committee presented for final vote the following named individuals:

Mr. Brown Harris **II**
Mr. Richard Dickens
Mr. Ray Sisson
Mr. Henry Lammers
Mr. Jim Austin
Mr. Barr Potter

The above named were passed for membership.

Mr.. Richmond , Mr. Crandall and Mr.Thompson were appointed as a Committee to clarify the By-Laws on the subject of guest privileges.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

John C. Thompson
Secretary

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 14, 1971

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on April 14, 1971 with the following Directors present.

Charles Douglas, Charles Richmond, Ned Biles, Walter Crandall, Harold Merrill, William Mytton, Wallace Orr, Beverly Pitts, Stuart Campbell and John McCaskey.

The reading of the prior meeting minutes was waived.

The Treasurer gave an oral report that the $1,100 loss in March was off-set by a $1,400 gain in February. The new cut-off date is responsible for the discrepancy from month to month. All bills are paid. The report was accepted.

President Biles reported that a new ice-box gas line has been installed. The Insurance Agent reports that as a result of all improvements, tha annual insurance premium should be reduced from $1,000 to $1,200. The House Committee will take care of the shrubs and plantings for the yard.

The By-Laws Committee reported with the following suggestions:

1. Non-resident members have same guest rights as resident members, subject to 2 time rule.

2. Sustaining members have guest privileges.

3. 2 Time guest rule be in addition to open parties.

Mr. Richmond moved that committee be commended for a splendid effort. Mr. McCaskey seconded.

The Budget Committee submitted the recommended budget for May, 1971 to April 30, 1972. Mr. Richmond moved that the budget be accepted. Mr. Merrill seconded. Motion Passed.

Tom Watkins was presented for Junior Membership, passed and ordered posted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



BENTON CLUB BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR MAY 1,1971 TO APRIL 30, 1972

	MONTH	YEAR
INCOME:		
Gross Profit- Cafe	1,250	15,000
Gross Profit-Parties	166	1,992
Dues	3,250	39,000
Locker Rent	48	576
Service Charges	407	4,884
Miscellaneous	50	600
	5,171	62,052
EXPENSE:		
Salaries	3,333	39,996 — (up $1500) ~ 5%±
Light & Power	175	2,100
Water & Sewer Serv.	23	276
Laundry	158	1,896
House Maintenance	233	2,796
Telephone	69	828
Fuel	108	1,296
Insurance	187	2,244
Taxes	202	2,424
Postage	19	228
Printing	50	600
News & Magazines	29	348
Sales Tax	38	456
Cable T. V.	1	12
Bank Charges	2	24
Repairs-Normal	83	996
Advertising	1	12
Trash Service	10	120
	4,721	56,652
Sub-Total	450	5,400
Property Improvements	416+	5,000 (from operating funds)
Net Gain		400

Submitted to board
14 April 1971

MINUTES
BENTON CLUB ANNUAL MEETING
May 10, 1971

The annual meeting of the Benton Club was held at the Club House on May 10, 1971 with 38 members present.

The minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Pitts, Treasurer, noted that current assets are $9,769. Income less expense for the year ended showed a gain of $2,578. Approximately $18,000 was expended on plant and equipment. The report was accepted as read.

The Binswanger Memorial Fund is to be created the same as the Schroeder Fund.

The membership committee reports as follows:

5 Resignations
7 Deaths
9 Members Added
5 Non-Resident Members Added

Present membership of the club is as follows:

36 Non-Resident
18 Sustaining
6 Junior
4 Intermediate
95 Regular

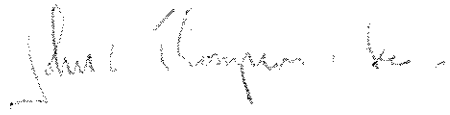
Mr. McCaskey noted that the Historical Committee had no report and declined his usual standing ovation.

The $5.00 assessment was passed by unanimous consent, for an additional period of one year.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors:

Dr. William Ames
Mr. Charles Douglas
Mr. James Weakley
Mr. Garland Wilson
Mr. Edwin Wright

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned.



THE BENTON CLUB

RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1971

Surplus, 4-30-70 (adjusted)			$52,753.00
Add -			
Net operating income		$ 2,579.00	
Binswanger bequest		5,000.00	7,579.00
			$60,332.00
Deduct -			
Excess Insurance and Taxes		$(1,508.00)	
Improvements	$(18,445.00)		
Assessment	5,670.00	(12,775.00)	(14,283.00)
Surplus, 4-30-71			$46,049.00

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BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
APRIL 30, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:		
Petty cash	$ 100.00	
Bank	4,206.29	
Accounts receivable - Dues	336.00	
House	3,642.75	
Inventory - Cafe	1,151.92	
Cigars	29.75	
Bar	126.33	
House	172.77	
Cash advances	1.50	
Total current assets		$ 9,769.29
FIXED ASSETS:		
Land and buildings	$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:		
Schroeder Memorial Fund		5,344.43
		$47,539.67
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued payroll taxes	$ 592.50	
Unearned dues	710.50	
Total current liabilities		$ 1,303.00
OTHER LIABILITIES:		
"Chairs"		187.26
SURPLUS		46,049.41
		$47,539.67

BENTON CLUB
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1971

INCOME:			
Sales, Cafe		$2,211.35	
Inventory	$1,060.81		
Purchases	1,094.02		
Inventory	(1,151.92)	1,002.91	$1,208.44
Sales, Cigars		$ 8.58	
Inventory	$ 15.22		
Purchases	4.42		
Inventory	(29.75)	(10.11)	18.69
Sales, Bar		$ 316.00	
Inventory	$ 138.91		
Purchases	123.03		
Inventory	(128.33)	133.61	182.39
Earned dues			2,902.70
Penalties			49.33
Service charge			345.11
Miscellaneous			27.41
Gross income			$4,734.07
EXPENSES:			
Salaries		$3,103.49	
Insurance		204.00	
Postage		12.00	
Fuel		122.28	
Electricity		186.64	
Telephone		71.49	
House maintenance		559.18	
Subscriptions		10.30	
Property taxes		201.00	
Sales tax		2.34	
Payroll taxes		307.52	
Laundry		155.04	
Miscellaneous		13.04	
Accounting		55.00	5,003.32
Net operating income (loss)			$ (269.25)
OTHER INCOME:			
Binswanger bequest			5,000.00
Net income			$4,730.75

BENTON CLUB
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1971

INCOME:			
Sales, Cafe		$24,839.04	
Inventory	$ 1,011.29		
Purchases	12,296.94		
Inventory	(1,151.92)	12,156.31	$12,678.73
Sales, Cigars		$ 144.89	
Inventory	$ 36.82		
Purchases	104.80		
Inventory	(29.75)	111.87	33.02
Sales, Bar		$ 3,813.75	
Inventory	$ 65.50		
Purchases	997.33		
Inventory	(128.33)	934.50	2,879.25
Earned dues			37,637.00
Penalties			370.42
Service charge			4,079.68
Miscellaneous			2,384.31
Investment income			294.01
Gross income			$60,356.42
EXPENSES:			
Salaries		$39,521.11	
Insurance		2,448.00	
Postage		146.88	
Printing		455.90	
Water		177.59	
Fuel		718.13	
Electricity		2,133.93	
Telephone		893.66	
House maintenance		2,134.37	
Subscriptions		276.11	
Property taxes		2,412.00	
Sales tax		411.97	
Payroll taxes		2,725.67	
Laundry		1,801.35	
Miscellaneous		965.47	
Accounting		575.00	57,777.14
Net operating income			$ 2,579.28
OTHER INCOME:			
Minswanger bequest			5,000.00
Net income			$ 7,579.28

BENTON CLUB MEMBERSHIP- - - May 1971.

NON-RESIDENT	36
SUSTAINING	18
JUNIOR	6
INTERMEDIATE	4
REGULAR	95
TOTAL:	159

RESIGNED:

Dr. P. A. Knepper	August - - - 1970
Andy Young (Non-Res.)	October - - 1970
Miss Mary Neipp	September - 1970
R. M. Crouch	October - - 1970
C. D. Hamilton	December - - 1970

DECEASED:

H. P. Dugdale	August-1970
M. E. Binswanger	September-1970
Mrs. W.W. Wheeler	February-1971
W. C. Cavins (Non-Res.)	February-1971
Dr. J. R. Forgrave	February-1971
M. D. Whimple	March-1971
Mason Shoup (Non-Res.)	April-1971

NEW MEMBERS:

REGULAR: Henry P. Lammers,Jr.
Gene Sanders

INTERMEDIATE: Raymond A. Sisson

JUNIOR: Barr Potter
C. A. Potter,III.

NON-RESIDENT: James W. Austin
Ralph Hackett
J. M. Kemper,Jr.
Brown Harris,III.
H. A. Sprague,III. (Transferred from Regular)

Binswanger Family Trust CAPACITY T/A TRUST NO. 770

e Benton Club of St. Joseph COURT NO.

DATE April 22, 1971

hed check is in payment of the following:

istribution per Article IV, paragraph B, Trust under Agreement
ith Melvin E. Binswanger

5,000.00

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AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOSEPH
TRUST DEPARTMENT

PLEASE DETACH THIS PORTION OF THE VOUCHER BEFORE PRESENTING THE CHECK FOR PAYMENT.
THE ADVICE MAY BE RETAINED AS A CONVENIENT RECORD.

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AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

DEPARTMENT

6th & Francis Sts., St. Joseph, Missouri 64502 / Area Code 816, Telephone 233-6141

April 22, 1971

Board of Directors
Benton Club
402 North 7th Street
St. Joseph, Missouri

Gentlemen:

We enclose our check for $5,000.00 payable to the Benton Club from the Binswanger Family Trust. Mr. Melvin E. Binswanger established this trust during his lifetime and directed that this distribution be made following his death.

Sincerely,

Thad Carver

Thad Carver
Trust Officer

TC/cg

Enc.

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 10, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met May 10, 1971, following the annual meeting of the club membership. New members of the Board of Directors were announced as follows:

W. H. Ames
C. W. Douglas
J. M. Weakley
Garland Wilson, Jr.
E. B. Wright

The above members were present, as were J. D. McCaskey and W. P. Mytton, which constituted a quorum. Those absent were Haskell Hillyard, W. F. Crandall, S. W. Campbell, Jack Tootle, R. E. Douglas, and C. K. Richmond.

Following a brief discussion J. D. McCaskey was elected President; Garland Wilson, Jr., Secretary; and W. P. Mytton, Treasurer for the coming year. The election of a vice president was delayed until the next meeting scheduled for June 9, 1971.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Douglas, that checks drawn on the Club's account would bear either Mr. Mytton's or Mr. McCaskey's signature; and that Mr. Mytton would make the necessary arrangements with the bank. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson invited the Board to be his dinner guests the evening of the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 6-9-71
Date

Garland Wilson Jr.
Secretary

BENTON CLUB BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR MAY 1,1971 TO APRIL 30, 1972

Approved June 9-1971

	MONTH	YEAR
NCOME:		
Gross Profit- Cafe	1,250	15,000
Gross Profit-Parties	166	1,992
Dues	3,250	39,000
Locker Rent	48	576
Service Charges	407	4,884
Miscellaneous	50	600
	5,171	62,052
XPENSE:		
Salaries	3,333	39,996
Light & Power	175	2,100
Water & Sewer Serv.	23	276
Laundry	158	1,896
House Maintenance	233	2,796
Telephone	69	828
Fuel	108	1,296
Insurance	187	2,244
Taxes	202	2,424
Postage	19	228
Printing	50	600
News & Magazines	29	348
Sales Tax	38	456
Cable T. V.	1	12
Bank Charges	2	24
Repairs-Normal	83	996
Advertising	1	12
Trash Service	10	120
	4,721	56,652
Sub-Total	450	5,400
Property Improvements	416+	5,000
Net Gain		400

BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
MAY 25, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:		
Petty cash	$ 100.00	
Bank	4,859.21	
Accounts receivable - Dues	603.00	
House	4,087.07	
Inventory - Cafe	1,105.04	
Cigars	30.30	
Bar	138.02	
House	178.12	
Cash advances	1.50	
Total current assets		$11,102.26
FIXED ASSETS:		
Land and buildings	$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:		
Schroeder Memorial Fund		5,506.93
		$49,035.14
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued payroll taxes	$ 648.70	
Unearned dues	576.50	
Total current liabilities		$ 1,225.20
SURPLUS:		
Unappropriated	$57,801.17	
Appropriated	(9,991.23)	47,809.94
		$49,035.14

Received + Filed.
6-9-71

BENTON CLUB
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1971

INCOME:			
Sales, Cafe		$2,483.96	
Inventory	$1,151.92		
Purchases	1,146.07		
Inventory	(1,105.04)	1,192.95	$1,291.01
Sales, Cigars		$ 8.18	
Inventory	$ 29.75		
Purchases	13.90		
Inventory	(30.30)	13.35	(5.17)
Sales, Bar		$ 325.90	
Inventory	$ 128.33		
Purchases	141.32		
Inventory	(138.02)	131.63	194.27
Earned dues			3,680.70
Penalties			47.99
Service charge			407.51
Miscellaneous			188.16
Investment income			162.50
Gross income			$5,966.97
EXPENSES:			
Salaries		$3,247.56	
Insurance		204.00	
Postage		26.60	
Printing		101.55	
Water		53.25	
Fuel		72.66	
Electricity		187.00	
Telephone		73.19	
House maintenance		203.04	
Subscriptions		20.30	
Property taxes		201.00	
Sales tax		36.65	
Payroll taxes		168.85	
Laundry		174.55	
Classified ad		.90	
Miscellaneous - Shrubbery		265.34	
Accounting		55.00	5,091.44
Net operating income			$ 875.53

BENTON CLUB
STATEMENT OF SURPLUS
MAY 1971

UNAPPROPRIATED:	
Beginning balance	$56,520.64
Insurance	204.00
Taxes	201.00
Net income (loss)	875.53
Ending balance	$57,801.17
APPROPRIATED:	
Beginning balance	$(10,471.23)
Assessment	480.00
Ending balance	$ (9,991.23)

BENTON CLUB
SCHEDULE OF REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS
CHARGED TO APPROPRIATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1971

Home Oil & Gas (air conditioner)	$ 3,051.31
Standard Electric	126.76
Biles Rush	591.31
Lehr Construction	2,329.22
Nauman Electric	290.60
Gas Co.	10.44
Johnny L. Hochenauer (Plumbing	1,540.46
A. C. Bentrup (painting)	1,482.04
Bob Davis Roofing	999.00
Lucille Boteler	89.09
Boston Window (blinds)	185.00
Kessy carpets	47.90
Quality Sheet Metal	1,576.24
Tillman Parker	4,581.50
Voss Bros. Wallpaper	14.30
Keller Sales (kitchen)	751.95
Viking Millwork	60.50
C. D. Smith (Refrigerator)	692.38
Gene Kush	25.00
	$18,445.00

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JOHN D. McCASKEY
2810 Ashland Ave. Telephone 232-8030
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI 64506

May 1971

Dear Fellow Director,

You will kindly excuse a Xeroxed letter — no secretary!

At the last regular meeting a committee appointed by the the then President and consisting of Walt Crandall, Chairman, Charles Richmond, John Thompson, and Stuart Campbell attempted to give a report on the By-Laws and House Rules, with particular reference to rights and privileges of various classes of members insofar as guests are concerned.

I write "attempted" advisedly. In a display of bad manners inconsistent with membership in this Club, the report was largely ignored, although it represented a lot of hard work. I have asked Walt to furnish you with copies of the report prior to our next meeting in order that you may study it, check it against existing By-Laws and House Rules, and come prepared to give it the attention it fully deserves.

Neither Crandall nor I insist on or resist change. However, there are some zones so "fuzzy" that understanding on the part of the membership and enforcement on the part of the Board is truly impossible. A summary of the problem might well be

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" what rules apply to which members at what time of which days?" Once the rules are established and understood, it is my hope that we will see that they are observed — firmly, fairly, and impartially.

I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

John McCaskey

The Benton Club
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Filed
6-9-71

June 3, 1971

Dear Fellow Director:

At the request of John McCaskey I am sending each of the members of the board a copy of his letter addressed to you, as well as the guest privileges currently existing in the By-laws and House Rules of The Benton Club. Along with that you will find suggested changes in the by-laws and house rules that were proposed by the committee of Charles Richmond, John Thompson, Stuart Campbell and me.

Additionally, I am enclosing a copy of the budget that was submitted and accepted by the past directors for the fiscal year May 1, 1971 to April 30, 1972. I believe it is in order that this be reviewed by the new board for approval.

Please bring these papers with you to the board meeting on the 9th.

Very truly yours,

W. F. Crandall

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DEFINITIONS

Resident - resides in the following Missouri counties, Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, De Kalb and Platte.

Non-resident - resides in other than resident counties.

GUEST PRIVILEGES

A) Resident -

1. Open parties
2. Private parties on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, except holidays, but such guests shall be restricted to the reserved area
3. Private parties on other days when all club members have been invited
4. Any occasion
    1. Unmarried male member's female guest
    2. Children of member on a student vacation
    3. Children of a member on leave from the armed services
    4. A son of a member under 21 whether married or not
    5. A daughter-in-law of a member whose husband is under 21
    6. Unmarried daughter of a member regardless of age

B) Non-resident -

1. Any time in the company of a member

Page 15, Article V, Section I, Paragraph B

Any regular, intermediate, junior, sustaining, or non-resident member may invite a non-resident guest to the club at any time.

Page 15, Article V, Section II, Paragraph A --- who may be invited to the clubhouse by a regular, intermediate, junior, sustaining, or non-resident member in accordance with the House Rules.

Page 19-20, House Rule VIII --- add Paragraph D

In addition to those provisions above, a resident or non-resident member may bring a resident guest to the clubhouse for any purpose, but no such resident guest may be afforded these guest privileges more than twice within a calendar year.

Suggested changes.

BENTON CLUB

TO ALL MEMBERS

The Board of Directors of the Benton Club has asked your Secretary to inform you of the following:

1. It is the declared policy of this Board that sustaining membership shall be limited to widows, daughters, and daughters-in-law of former members.

2. The By-Laws and House Rules regarding guests shall be strictly enforced and all members shall be so notified.

For your information the Club By-Laws and House Rules are interpreted as follows:

Definition:

Resident guest - Any one who resides in the following Missouri counties: Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb, and Platte, and is not a member of the Club.

Non-Resident guest - Any one who resides in other than resident counties, and is not a member of the Club.

Who may invite guests:

A. Non-resident guests may only be invited by any regular, intermediate, junior, or sustaining member.

B. Resident guests may only be invited by any regular, intermediate, or junior member in accordance with the By-Laws and House Rules.

Privileges of guests:

A. Resident guests may attend:

1. Any open party.
2. Any private parties on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, but will be restricted to the reserved area.
3. Any private parties on other days when all club members have been invited.
4. Any occasion if the guest falls in one of the following categories:

   a. Unmarried male member's female guest.
   b. Member's children on student vacation.
   c. Member's children on leave from Armed Services.
   d. A member's son under 21 whether married or not.
   e. A member's daughter-in-law whose husband is under 21.
   f. A member's unmarried daughter regardless of age.

B. Non-Resident guests may attend:

Any occasion in the company of a member.

June 18, 1971

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 9, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met June 9, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

C. W. Douglas	S. W. Campbell
J. M. Weakley	Jack Tootle
Garland Wilson, Jr.	R. E. Douglas
Haskell Hillyard	W. P. Mytton
W. F. Crandall	

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Garland Wilson, Jr. in the absence of the President. Mr. Wilson called for nominations for vice president of the Club. Mr. Crandall was nominated. It was moved that nominations be closed and that Mr. Crandall be declared elected by acclamation. Motion carried. The Chair was turned over to Mr. Crandall, who called for the reports of the Standing Committees.

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Mr. Mytton submitted a balance sheet and operating statement as of May 25, 1971. Following a brief discussion of the report it was moved by Mr. R. E. Douglas that the report be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weakley. Motion carried.

Mr. Crandall moved that future monthly operating statements would be so drawn as to show a comparison between actual receipts and expenditures and budgeted expenses and receipts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried.

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Mr. Mytton reported that T. D. Watkins had been posted for Junior membership the prescribed length of time and was eligible for final vote for membership. Following a canvas of the Board, Mr. Watkins was accepted and Mr. Mytton was instructed to so notify him.

Mr. Mytton further reported that Mr. Jack Clayton had been properly nominated for regular membership to the Club. Following a brief discussion it was decided by unanimous vote to post Mr. Clayton's name for membership as prescribed in the Club By-Laws.

Mr. R. E. Douglas moved that the Club membership be notified that the declared policy of thr Board would be to limit sustaining memberships to widows, daughters, and daughters-in-law of former members. The motion was seconded by Mr. C. W. Douglas and carried.

Mr. Mytton remarked that the names of the members of the Membership Committee for the coming year would be announced at the July meeting.

om. Mr. Crandall presented a budget for the ensuing year. Following discussion Mr. Wilson moved the budget be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hillyard and carried.

Mr. R. E. Douglas moved that the $5000 for capital improvements shown in the budget be set aside or accumulated in a separate bank account. Motion seconded by Mr. Tootle. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Weakley moved the motion be tabled. Mr. Weakley's motion was seconded by Mr. C. W. Douglas. Motion carried.

m. The Committee reported their interpretation of the Club's By-Laws and House Rules regarding guests using the Club's facilities, as well as their suggestions for changes. The report was discussed to some length. Mr. C. W. Douglas moved that since the present rules governing guests are sufficient they should be strictly enforced and the Secretary be instructed to advise the membership that a policy of stricter enforcement had been adopted. The motion further required the Secretary to acquaint the membership with the House Committee's interpretation of the By-Laws and House Rules governing guests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weakley. Motion carried.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Wilson for being their host for dinner and volunteered to serve as host to future board meetings as follows:

July, 1971 - C. W. Douglas
Sept., 1971 - Jack Tootle
Oct., 1971 - J. M. Weakley
Nov., 1971 - Haskell Hillyard
Dec., 1971 - S. W. Campbell
Apr., 1971 - R. E. Douglas
Feb. 1972 - W. P. Mayhew
March 1972 - W. P. Ames

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved 7-14-71
Date

Secretary

BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 25, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:			
Petty cash		$ 100.00	
Bank		5,851.38	
Accounts receivable - Dues		594.00	
House		4,253.31	
Inventory - Cafe		1,219.54	
Cigars		33.76	
Bar		126.71	
House		124.70	
Cash advances		1.50	
Total current assets			$12,304.90
FIXED ASSETS:			
Land and buildings		$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures		11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:			
Schroeder Memorial Fund			5,000.00
			$49,730.85
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accrued payroll taxes			$ 741.65
SURPLUS			48,989.20
			$49,730.85

BENTON CLUB
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1971

	June	To date	Tentative Annual Budget
INCOME:			
Gross profit - Cafe	$ 1,061.32	$ 2,352.43	$12,680.00
Cigar	(2.86)	(8.03)	30.00
Bar	80.74	272.01	2,880.00
Parties	-	-	1,800.00
Dues	3,356.70	7,496.90	37,000.00
Assessment	480.00	960.00	5,760.00
Penalties	50.95	98.94	370.00
Service charge	398.09	805.60	4,190.00
Lockers	2.50	2.50	580.00
Investment income	-	162.50	300.00
Miscellaneous	-	187.26	-
Gross income	$ 5,427.44	$12,330.11	$65,590.00
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 3,642.81	$ 6,890.37	$40,600.00
Lights	186.55	373.55	2,100.00
Water	-	53.25	180.00
Fuel	38.92	111.58	860.00
Telephone	70.50	143.69	890.00
Laundry	189.86	364.41	2,000.00
House maintenance	258.63	457.59	2,130.00
Insurance	380.00	760.00	4,560.00
Taxes - property	101.00	202.00	1,210.00
payroll	189.46	356.31	3,000.00
sales	38.25	74.90	410.00
Postage	8.18	34.78	200.00
Printing	-	101.55	460.00
Subscriptions	11.10	31.40	240.00
Bank charges, advertising, T.V., etc.	4.80	9.60	970.00
Accounting	65.00	120.00	780.00
Total expense	$ 5,185.06	$10,086.98	$60,590.00
Net operating income	$ 242.38	$ 2,243.13	$ 5,000.00
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	-	265.34	5,000.00
Net income	$ 242.38	$ 1,977.79	$ -

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 14, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met July 14, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

C. W. Douglas	J. D. McCaskey
J. M. Weakley	C. K. Richmond
Garland Wilson, Jr.	R. E. Douglas
Haskell Hillyard	W. P. Mytton
W. F. Crandall	W. H. Ames
Jack Tootle	

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. McCaskey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Crandall volunteered to act as host for the Director's meeting of February, 1972, which was gratefully accepted.

asurer's eport — Mr. Mytton submitted the monthly treasurer's report, noting changes that had been made in the annual budget.

get ommittee — Mr. R. E. Douglas moved that the Budget Committee meet with the Club's accountant and if a new budget should be needed it would be submitted at the next Board meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Hillyard. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved the treasurer's report be received and filed. Mr. Tootle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

se ommittee — Mr. Tootle, reporting for the House Committee, noted that the employees of the Club had received no wage adjustments since November, 1969, and requested permission to raise all wages 5% or 15¢ per hour as needed.

Dr. Ames moved that permission be granted. Motion seconded by C. W. Douglas. Motion carried.

R. E. Douglas moved that the annual budget be changed to reflect the wage increases; motion seconded by Mr. Richmond. Motion passed.

ership ommittee — Mr. Mytton, reporting for the Membership Committee, informed the Board that Mr. Jack Clayton was eligible for final vote for acceptance to membership in the Club. Mr. Clayton was accepted by unanimous vote. Mr. Mytton was instructed to inform Mr. Clayton of his election. Mr. Mytton reported the Membership Committee consisted of himself, Mr. Crandall, Mr. Richmond, Robert Sanders, and Dr. Acuff.

ertainment ommittee — Mr. Weakley, reporting for the Entertainment Committee, informed the Board that Louis Mareck's orchestra had been hired for the annual

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picnic to be held September 5, 1971. He further noted that the picnic was an open-assessed party and the charge would be $5 per person, or a $5 assessment for each member not attending.

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Mr. Weakley requested guidance as to who should be allowed to play in the ladies' bridge tournament. Mr. Crandall moved the the bridge tournament be conducted in compliance with the present club rules and by-laws governing guests. Motion was seconded by C. W. Douglas and passed.

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arty, Holidays)

Mr. Weakley further reported that the Entertainment Committee was planning a lobster party and a stag party for this Fall. The Committee also plans to hire Mareck for the Christmas Party and has been contacted by Cassie Martinez in regard to playing on Friday nights, or perhaps Thanksgiving weekend.

There being no further business, Mr. McCaskey thanked Mr. Douglas for acting as host to the Board and adjourned the meeting.

Approved: 9-8-71
Date

Garland Wilson
Secretary

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 8, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met September 8, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

W. H. Ames	W. P. Mytton
C. W. Douglas	C. K. Richmond
R. E. Douglas	Jack Tootle
Haskell Hillyard	J. M. Weakley
John McCaskey	

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. McCaskey. The minutes of the last meeting were read by J. M. Weakley in the absence of Garland Wilson, Jr., Secretary. The minutes were approved as corrected.

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W. P. Mytton distributed financial reports for July and August; he also reported for the Budget Committee. W. H. Ames moved that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by Jack Tootle. Robert Douglas moved to amend the motion to include that the statement show a comparison with the budget. The motion was passed as amended.

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The President announced that the Budget Committee would consist of the former committee with the exception of Mr. John Thompson, who is no longer a member of the Board. W. P. Mytton, as Treasurer, recommended that a $5000 U.S. Treasury note, carrying a 6¼% coupon, with a maturity date of February 15, 1978, be purchased with the $5000 now in the treasury. It was so moved by Robert Douglas and seconded by C. K. Richmond. Motion carried.

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Jack Tootle reported that decorative iron was being discussed for the front of the building.

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William Mytton reported that James Josendale has been returned to a resident, instead of a non-resident, member. Mr. Mytton further recommended that J. B. Harsh be removed from the rolls of the Club and the account be cleared of all charges other than service costs. It was so moved by Charles Douglas and seconded by Charles Richmond. Motion carried.

The name of Jack Killachey was proposed for membership. A poll of the members present approved the proposal on the first vote.

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James Weakley reported 187 people attended the Annual Club Picnic. His report indicated that 7 tables are entered in the Womens' Bridge Tournament. Mr. Weakley further reported the Entertainment Committee is

trying to work out a stag party and a lobster party for some future date. W. H. Ames volunteered to host the Board meeting of March, 1972.

On a motion by Mr. Weakley, the President thanked Mr. Jack Tootle for acting as host, and adjourned the meeting.

Approved: 10-12-71
Date

Garland Nelson Jr.
Secretary

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 12, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met October 12, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

W. H. Ames	W. P. Mytton
W. F. Crandall	C. K. Richmond
C. W. Douglas	J. M. Weakley
R. E. Douglas	Garland Wilson, Jr.
John McCaskey	

The meeting was called to order by President McCaskey. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Standing committees reported as follows:

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W. P. Mytton presented Jack Killachey's name for final vote for regular membership. Mr. Killachey accepted for membership. The Committee presented the names of the following for posting for regular membership:

1) Dr. Carl K. Ness, proposed by Lucien Ide and co-sponsored by John McDaniels and W. P. Mytton--accepted for posting.

2) Dudley Willis, proposed by Joe Garvey and co-sponsored by J. M. McCord and W. P. Mytton--accepted for posting.

The Committee presented the names of the following for posting for non-resident membership:

1) Dale Flowers, proposed by W. P. Mytton and co-sponsored by Gene Sanders and J. M. Weakley--accepted for posting.

2) Wm. B. Cormack, proposed by Stan Birdsall and cosponsored by Beverly Pitts and W. P. Mytton--accepted for posting.

C. W. Douglas noted that in accepting a non-resident member the Board would be accepting a regular member should the individual move to St. Joseph and desire to be a regular member.

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Gene Sanders was invited into the meeting to further explain the new budget that was submitted. Mr. Sanders explained that the accounting format had been changed to reflect the special assessment collected each month and the expenditures for capital improvements. The revised budget was accepted by the Board.

The monthly operating statement was presented in a new form showing a comparison of actual operations for the month against one-twelfth of the budget, as well as operations for year-to-date against the budget for a like period. Dr. Ames moved the statement be accepted as presented with the exception that a reserve of one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual budget for property improvements be set up as an operating

expense and be reflected in the operating income. Motion seconded by W. F. Crandall. Motion carried.

Mr. Mytton presented the Board with copies of a tabulation of all the insurance the Club has in force.

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The House Committee reported that Mrs. Hooper had purchased a new food grinder for $200.

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Mr. Weakley reported the price of lobsters had caused the Committee to drop the plans for a lobster party. Mr. Weakley also reported that plans for a stag party had not been developed as of date. Mr. Douglas suggested that perhaps a pheasant dinner might be possible.

President McCaskey expressed the appreciation of the Board to Mr. Sanders, Mr. Mytton, and Mr. Crandall for their work on the budget and operating statement, and to Mr. Weakley for being host to the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 11-10-71
Date

Gerland Wilson Jr.
Secretary

COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	PERIL	COVERAGE	EXPIRATION	PREMIUM	TERM	INSURANCE
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	37FS191054	F & EC	Building TV Antenna	9-11-73	1,201.00	3	30,000 100
Employers-Commercial Union Co.	E-K-10251-13	F & EC	Building	9-11-73	796.00	3	20,000
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co.	180HAO163	F & EC	Building Contents.	9-11-72	1,453.00	1	105,000 25,000
Great American Insurance Co.	5-16-41-03	F & EC	Building	9-11-74	142.00*	3	5,000
United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.	F A 71979	F & EC	Building	9-11-74	283.00*	3	10,000
Auto-Owners Insurance Co.	288187	F & EC	Building	9-11-74	425.00*	3	15,000
Home Insurance Co.	6 53 48 86	F & EC	Building	9-11-74	142.00*	3	5,000
Aetna Insurance Co.	39 23 48	F & EC	Building	9-11-74	142.00*	3	5,000
Queen Insurance Co.	QKF 74 74 10	F & EC	Building	9-11-72	626.00	3	15,000
North River Insurance Co.	69 84 23	F & EC	Building	9-11-72	834.00	3	20,000
Employers-Commercial Union Co.	E-K-0046-01	Burglary		1-28-74	66.00	1	1,250
Employers-Commercial Union Co.	EK G 05 63 83	Workmens Comp		8-21-72	382.00	1	
Employers-Commercial Union Co.	E-K-2261-17	Gen. Liab.	Bodily Injury Property Damage	8-21-72	599.00	1	50-100-100 5-25

(1) $230,000 building, $25,000 contents, $100 TV Antenna
(2) All policies handled by McGhee/Marshall Insurance Agency
(3) All policies $50 deductible
(4) All policies 90% co-insurance

(5) Workmens Comp policy premium adjusted annually per payroll (set by law)
(6) Gen. liab. policy includes premium of $18 for liquor liability in case of accident on way home.
(7) Received dividend of $53 on Auto-Owners policy
(8) *Premium Credits due to recent repairs not reflected (more to come)

St. Paul Fire & Marine	227.00	Comm. Union	191.00
North River	148.00	Queen	111.00
Hartford	288.00		965.00

BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 25, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:			
Petty cash		$ 100.00	
Bank		1,508.95	
Accounts receivable - Dues		419.70	
	House	5,233.86	
Inventory - Cafe		1,115.59	
	Cigars	18.99	
	Bar	175.51	
	House	245.41	
Total current assets			$ 8,818.01
FIXED ASSETS:			
Land and buildings		$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures		11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:			
Schroeder Memorial Fund		$ 5,000.00	
Binswanger Memorial Fund		5,000.00	10,000.00
			$51,243.96
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accrued payroll taxes			$ 744.97
SURPLUS			50,498.99
			$51,243.96

BENTON CLUB
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 25, 1971

	September	Budget 1 Mo.	To date	Budget 5 Months
INCOME:				
Gross profit - Cafe	$ 1,681.05	$ 1,057	$ 5,933.33	$ 5,285
Cigar	(9.68)	2	(13.97)	10
Bar	281.73	240	865.88	1,200
Parties	375.27	150	275.27	750
Dues	3,217.20	3,083	16,856.90	15,415
Assessment	495.00	480	2,435.00	2,400
Penalties	17.44	31	181.20	155
Service charge	422.98	349	1,963.76	1,745
Lockers	-	49	2.50	245
Investment income	(94.36)	25	68.14	125
Miscellaneous	-	-	187.26	-
Gross income	$ 6,386.63	$ 5,466	$28,755.27	$27,330
EXPENSES:				
Salaries	$ 3,469.82	$ 3,383	$17,381.89	$16,915
Lights	242.39	175	1,123.45	875
Water	-	15	126.36	75
Fuel	53.64	72	200.24	360
Telephone	-	74	285.34	370
Laundry	150.37	167	837.99	835
House maintenance	217.84	177	803.99	885
Insurance	380.00	380	1,900.00	1,900
Taxes - property	101.00	101	505.00	505
payroll	188.16	250	1,040.95	1,250
sales	81.27	34	202.64	170
Postage	-	17	90.78	85
Printing	(11.10)	38	160.41	190
Subscriptions	10.30	20	75.80	100
Cable T. V.	4.80	5	24.00	25
Accounting	65.00	65	315.00	325
Miscellaneous	4.36	1	7.54	5
Total expense	$ 4,957.85	$ 4,974	$25,081.38	$24,870
Net operating income	$ 1,428.78	$ 492	$ 3,673.89	$ 2,460
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	-	417	265.34	2,085
Net income	$ 1,428.78	$ 75	$ 3,408.55	$ 375

BENTON CLUB
COMPARISON OF BUDGETS
MAY 1, 1971 to APRIL 30, 1972

	Adopted	Tentative	Tentative Over (Under)
INCOME:			
Gross profit - Cafe	$15,000	$12,680	$ 590
Cigar		30	
Bar		2,880	
Parties	1,992	1,800	(192)
Dues	39,000	37,000	(2,000)
Assessment		5,760	5,760
Locker	576	580	4
Service charge	4,884	4,190	(694)
Miscellaneous	600	-	
Penalties	-	370	70
Investment income	-	300	
	$62,052	$65,590	$ 3,538
EXPENSE:			
Salaries	$39,996	$40,600	$ 604
Light and Power	2,100	2,100	-
Water and Sewer	276	180	(96)
Laundry	1,896	2,000	104
Repairs, normal	996	-	
House maintenance	2,796	2,130	(1,662)
Telephone	828	890	62
Fuel	1,296	860	(436)
Insurance	2,244	4,560	2,316
Taxes	2,424		
Taxes, property		1,210	1,786
Taxes, payroll		3,000	
Taxes, sales	456	410	(46)
Postage	228	200	(28)
Printing	600	460	(140)
News and magazines	348	240	(108)
Cable T. V.	12	58	46
Bank charges	24	-	(24)
Trash service	120	-	(120)
Advertising	12	-	(12)
Accounting	-	780	780
Miscellaneous	-	10	10
Total expense	$56,652	$59,688	$ 3,036
Operating income	$ 5,400	$ 5,902	$ 502
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	5,000	5,000	-
Net	$ 400	$ 902	$ 502

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 10, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met November 10, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

S. W. Campbell	W. P. Mytton
W. F. Crandall	C. K. Richmond
C. W. Douglas	James Weakley
Haskell Hillyard	Garland Wilson, Jr.
John McCaskey	

The meeting was called to order by President McCaskey and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Standing Committees reported as follows:

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W. P. Mytton as Chairman of Membership Committee announced that he had received resignations from Kenyon V. Painter, nonresident member, and Greg Thompson III, regular member. The Board accepted the resignations with regrets.

The following names were submitted for final vote for membership:

Dr. Carl K. Ness	Regular	Accepted
Dudley Willis	Regular	Accepted
Dale Flowers	Nonresident	Accepted
Wm. B. Cormack	Nonresident	Accepted

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mittee

W. P. Mytton submitted the financial statement for the month of October. Mr. Wilson moved the statement be accepted and filed. Mr. Mytton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

nittee

Mr. C. W. Douglas reporting for the House Committee recommended accepting the low bid of the Butchart Floral Company for decorating the Club at the Christmas Season. The bid being a sum of between $210 to $220. Mr. Weakley moved the Committee's recommendation be adopted. Motion seconded by C. K. Richmond and carried.

Mr. Douglas informed the Board he was making an investigation of the telephone system and charges.

Mr. Douglas further reported that he had secured the St. Joseph Fuel Oil Company to remove the two air conditioning units, clean and store them for the winter, and return them next spring. The cost would be between $60 and $100.

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mittee

Mr. Weakley reported there would be a dinner dance on Friday, November 26. The cost would be $6.50 a person.

Entertainment Committee, cont.

The stag party would not be possible before February or March. Mr. Douglas moved that the regular Christmas and New Year's party be held as usual and the Eggnog Party not be held as in the past, but eggnog and tom and jerry mixes be made available at the bar during the Christmas Season. Motion seconded by Mr. Mytton and passed.

There being no further business, Mr. McCaskey thanked Mr. Hillyard for acting as host and adjourned the meeting.

12/15/71
Date Approved

Garland Wilson Jr.
Secretary

THOMPSON, BRUMM & KNEPPER
CLINIC
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

John McCarty
resident - the Benton Clyz
Joseph, Mo.

Dear John,

Effective I am to
wish To resign from
the Benton Clyz. This
has been a difficult
decision for Jane and
me particularly since
the institution has been
an important part of
my family life for

almost 10 In—

Sincerely

Guy Thompson

KENYON V. PAINTER
P. O. Box 865
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

November 1, 1971

Benton Club
St. Joseph,
Missouri

Gentlemen:

Please accept my resignation from the Benton Club effective immediately.

If there are any outstanding charges against my account, please be sure to bill me so that I may pay them immediately.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Kenyon V. Painter

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BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
OCTOBER 25, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:		
Petty cash	$ 100.00	
Bank	2,015.07	
Accounts receivable - Dues	329.00	
House	3,629.71	
Inventory - Cafe	1,129.11	
Cigars	23.60	
Bar	147.57	
House	203.78	
Total current assets		$ 7,577.84
FIXED ASSETS:		
Land and buildings	$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:		
Schroeder Memorial Fund	$ 5,000.00	
Binswanger Memorial Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00
		$50,003.79
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued payroll taxes	$ 1,307.86	
Accumulated improvement funds	2,036.66	
Total current liabilities		$ 3,344.52
SURPLUS		46,659.27
		$50,003.79

BENTON CLUB
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 25, 1971

	October (Actual)	Budget 1 Mo.	To date (Actual)	Budget 6 Mo.
INCOME:				
Gross profit - Cafe	$ 777.89	$ 1,057	$ 6,711.22	$ 6,342
Cigar	12.05	2	(1.92)	12
Bar	20.46	240	886.34	1,440
Parties	(201.01)	150	74.26	900
Dues	3,100.10	3,083	19,957.00	18,498
Assessment	495.00	480	2,930.00	2,880
Penalties	25.44	31	206.64	186
Service charge	367.89	349	2,331.65	2,094
Lockers	-	49	2.50	294
Investment income	-	25	68.14	150
Miscellaneous	-	-	187.26	-
Gross income	$ 4,597.82	$ 5,466	$33,353.09	$32,796
EXPENSES:				
Salaries	$ 3,304.93	$ 3,383	$20,686.82	$20,298
Lights	265.17	175	1,388.62	1,050
Water	23.67	15	150.03	90
Fuel	31.75	72	231.99	432
Telephone	142.40	74	427.74	444
Laundry	224.42	167	1,062.41	1,002
House maintenance	231.73	177	1,035.72	1,062
Insurance	380.00	380	2,280.00	2,280
Taxes - property	101.00	101	606.00	606
payroll	273.23	250	1,314.18	1,500
sales	21.06	34	223.70	204
Postage	16.00	17	106.78	102
Printing	-	38	160.41	228
Subscriptions	13.00	20	88.80	120
Cable T. V.	4.80	5	28.80	30
Accounting	65.00	65	380.00	390
Miscellaneous	14.72	1	22.26	6
Total expense	$ 5,112.88	$ 4,974	$30,194.26	$29,844
Net operating income (loss)	$ (515.06)	$ 492	$ 3,158.83	$ 2,952
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS (Note 1)	2,236.66	417	2,502.00	2,502
Net income (loss)	$(2,751.72)	$ 75	$ 656.83	$ 450

Note 1. Deduct "Accumulated Improvement Funds" on Balance Sheet to determine actual expenditures.

BENTON CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 15, 1971

M I N U T E S

The Board of Directors met December 15, 1971. The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

W. H. Ames	John McCaskey
S. W. Campbell	W. P. Mytton
C. W. Douglas	C. K. Richmond
R. E. Douglas	James Weakley
Haskell Hillyard	Garland Wilson, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by President McCaskey and the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved. The following Standing Committees reported:

:ship mmittee: No report.

:e mmittee: Mr. Mytton distributed the monthly statements which were discussed and on the motion of Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Richmond, were accepted and filed. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas discussed the fact that a correction was necessary in making up the statement as shown in the following report:

> "A P & L statement was made for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1971, showing a gain of $2,579.28. This was an over-statement because we used only eleven months of purchases. The February, 1971 statement showed a minus purchase figure. March statement used February purchases and April used March purchases. This incorrect practice was followed for the months May through October, 1971, and was corrected for November, 1971.
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> "The November statement is a correct showing for November. The error of using an incorrect purchase figure since February, 1971, was corrected in the surplus account on the balance sheet, so it does not distort November's result.
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> "Future monthly P & L statements will use the purchase figure for the month under consideration and not the previous month's purchase figure." (Signed, C. W. Douglas)

mmittee: Mr. C. W. Douglas reported that approximately $40 was stolen out of the petty cash fund which has resulted in a change in policy. Effective now there will be only $8 maintained in this fund. He further reported that although the leak in the roof had been repaired, he had not yet received a bill from the Biles Lumber Company. Mr. Douglas also reported that the cost of sales in the dining room was now 42¢ on the dollar and that the telephone changes have saved about $30 per month. He stated that

newspaper subscriptions will be changed to one (Gazette and Newspress) per day and no Sunday paper, with a saving of approximately one-half the present cost.

Mr. Douglas reported that the completed examination by the IRS revealed we had not withheld social security and other taxes on the money paid to employees as Christmas bonuses, and therefore we would be liable for the amount of this tax over the last three years (approximately $200), which sum could be recovered from the employees. Mr. Charles Richmond moved that if we have to pay this sum to the IRS, that the Club stand the cost of it and that it not be charged to the employees. Mr. R. Douglas seconded the motion and it carried.

Following a discussion on the $5 assessment for capital improvements, it was suggested that instead of showing $5 in assessment, the amount be added to the dues. However, it was felt this matter should be referred to the annual meeting of the membership.

ainment nittee: The party on November 26 had only 31 members in attendance, but was a very good party. It was suggested that perhaps we should have more open parties and informal parties much like the annual picnic. Mr. Weakley agreed that the Committee would take the suggestions under advisement.

siness: None.

siness: Mr. C. Douglas asked if the Board wished to distribute the Christmas bonus to the help on the same basis as in the past, which constitutes giving a bonus equivalent to the amount donated by the members in the preceding year. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to continue the same procedure. Mr. Williard suggested an average amount be given members on the card soliciting for the Xmas fund.

ument: There being no further business, Mr. McCaskey thanked Mr. Campbell for acting as our host, and adjourned the meeting.

7-19-72
Date Approved

Garland Wilson Jr.
Secretary

BENTON CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
NOVEMBER 30, 1971

CURRENT ASSETS:		
Petty cash	$ 7.97	
Bank	2,760.44	
Accounts receivable - Dues	270.00	
House	3,976.42	
Inventory - Cafe	1,443.37	
Cigars	25.37	
Bar	174.95	
House	187.53	
Total current assets		$ 8,846.05
FIXED ASSETS:		
Land and buildings	$20,874.76	
Furniture and fixtures	11,551.19	32,425.95
OTHER ASSETS:		
Schroeder Memorial Fund	$ 5,000.00	
Binswanger Memorial Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00
		$51,272.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	$ 2,156.80	
Accrued payroll taxes	1,472.07	
Total current liabilities		$ 3,628.87
ACCUMULATED IMPROVEMENT FUNDS		2,341.43
SURPLUS		45,301.70
		$51,272.00

BENTON CLUB
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1971

	November (Actual)	Budget 1 Mo.	To date (Actual)	Budget 7 months
INCOME:				
Gross profit - Cafe	$ 1,510.08	$ 1,057	$ 8,221.30	$ 7,399
Cigar	6.83	2	4.91	14
Bar	260.02	240	1,146.36	1,680
Parties	-	150	74.26	1,050
Dues	3,452.70	3,083	23,409.70	21,581
Assessment	505.00	480	3,435.00	3,360
Penalties	17.47	31	224.11	217
Service charge	431.58	349	2,763.23	2,443
Lockers	-	49	2.50	343
Investment income	162.50	25	230.64	175
Miscellaneous	-	-	187.26	-
Gross income	$ 6,346.18	$ 5,466	$39,699.27	$38,262
EXPENSES:				
Salaries	$ 4,074.80	$ 3,383	$24,761.62	$23,681
Lights	199.85	175	1,588.47	1,225
Water	54.02	15	204.05	105
Fuel	75.99	72	307.98	504
Telephone	70.23	74	497.97	518
Laundry	165.50	167	1,227.91	1,169
House maintenance	195.01	177	1,230.73	1,239
Insurance	380.00	380	2,660.00	2,660
Taxes - property	101.00	101	707.00	707
payroll	211.89	250	1,526.07	1,750
sales	43.00	34	266.70	238
Postage	56.00	17	162.78	119
Printing	4.38	38	164.79	266
Subscriptions	98.55	20	187.35	140
Cable T. V.	4.80	5	33.60	35
Accounting	65.00	65	445.00	455
Prepaid party expense	174.40	-	174.40	-
Miscellaneous	.28	1	22.54	7
Theft of cash	43.77	-	43.77	-
Total expense	$ 6,018.47	$ 4,974	$36,212.73	$34,818
NET INCOME (LOSS)	$ 327.71	$ 492	$ 3,486.54	$ 3,444
Property Improvement Fund Charges	417.00	417	2,919.00	2,919
Net income (loss)	$ (89.29)	$ 75	$ 567.54	$ 525

BENTON CLUB

STATEMENT OF GROSS PROFIT

FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1971

	November	To date
CAFE		
Sales	$2,606.44	$16,425.58
Cost of goods sold	1,096.36	8,204.28
Gross profit	$1,510.08	$ 8,221.30
CIGARS		
Sales	$ 12.61	$ 67.05
Cost of goods sold	5.78	62.14
Gross profit	$ 6.83	$ 4.91
BAR		
Sales	$ 323.15	$ 2,167.80
Cost of goods sold	63.13	1,021.44
Gross profit	$ 260.02	$ 1,146.36

DIRECTORS MEETING 12/15/71

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C. W. Douglas