

## **Beginnings: Can you spare a few more “minutes”?**

*This is a continuation of the summary of historical minutes ...*

**August 22, 1914.** Annual Meeting at the Club. Commodore Garfield presiding. Sale of the parking lot is authorized. \$1000 borrowed for a second mortgage. Bank balance is \$80. 53. Memorial for Commodore LeFebre set. Election of officers held.

**September 11, 1914:** Annual Meeting of Directors held in a private car at Newark, N.Y. Commodore Garfield presiding. 8 new members joined. An offer to buy the parking lot for \$500 was accepted. Borrowed another \$100. Spent \$135 for a pool table. The Club has incurred a debt of \$1,475. There are 115 members to date.

**October 2, 1915:** Annual Meeting held. Commodore Brewster elected and by-laws adopted. All accounts handed over to Commodore Brewster who will run the Treasury and Secretaryship from his office.

**July 15, 1916:** Motion to pay past due bills. Water has caused damage to docks. Saturday night dances will cost 25¢. 31 members have not paid dues. Steward hired for \$80 per month, meals provided.

**August 19, 1916:** Large attendances at the dances. All bills paid to date with a balance in the bank of \$15.20. Club is in good physical shape. Lawsuits threatened against the Club! Club raising money to reduce mortgages to pay off two judgments against the Club. A mortgage of \$2000 is authorized to pay off existing debt.

**August 11, 1917:** War Time years. Commodore Brewster is in the service. Vice-Commodore W. Chamberlain presiding. Club is down to 38 members; bank balance is \$123.18. Another \$100 borrowed.

**August 24, 1918:** Annual Meeting. Commodore Brewster presiding. Additional funds needed to borrow. The Club will close unless 50 new members join by June 1, 1919.

**August 1919:** Annual meeting held at the home of Commodore Brewster, 20 Canal Street in Rochester. By-laws amended.

**October 27, 1920:** Special meeting at the offices of Commodore Brewster in Rochester. All members whose dues are not paid are dropped from the rolls. First mortgage is outstanding at \$1,700 plus interest. Not enough money to maintain the Club which is in serious condition and in need of repair. Motion passed that the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company institute immediate proceedings for the foreclosure of the mortgage, which has been in default for over 2 years. Personal effects of the Club to be sold at an auction in June of 1921.

In a subsequent letter from Commodore Brewster the membership was informed of a final meeting to conclude the affairs of the Club, at which time any remaining money would be distributed to acting members following payment of existing bills.

*(Again, thank you to Tom Knapp for “resurrecting” this bit of history; we know that happy days lie ahead for the Club!)*

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