

# South End Rowing Club

Boat House

Hyde and Jefferson Streets



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Dear South Enders:

As everyone is probably aware a serious fire struck our club on Sunday, April 3rd. The damage is bad but had the wind been blowing it would have been much worse.

The club now has one principal aim and that is to put the club back in operational order in the quickest and most efficient way possible. To complete this aim President Bob Maxwell called an emergency session of the Board of Directors on April 4th and from this meeting a committee was appointed to handle the large responsibility of repairing the club as soon as possible.

The five men on this committee are all long time members and have time and time again aided the club in times of crisis. They have the know-how and the experience to take care of this job in a efficient manner. They are Phil Hunter, Frank Gallagher, George Birdsall, Nat Calegari and Jack Cronin.

Please at all times bear in mind that these men have the best interest of the club at heart and want the club repaired just as quickly as do you. This is a difficult job so please don't pester the members of the committee with questions about the fire on its repair as in most cases they cannot answer you. It would also be greatly appreciated if anyone asks you any questions in regard to the fire that you say nothing and refer them to a member of the committee.

I have been assigned the job of communications and just as soon as any pertinent information is received it will be passed on to you immediately. The reason for these requests is that we are trying to centralize authority and if everyone is talking or making decisions it will lead to confusion and hamper a quick repairing of our club. The Committee during this period will be the Voice of The Club.

Arrangements have been made with the Dolphin Club for limited use of their showers. Please show our appreciation by not abusing this privilege. During the emergency and until the time when it is deemed safe the club will be limited to day light hours for use. No one will be permitted in the club after 6 P.M. Water, heat and electricity service is either completely off or in partial service only.

Another thing of importance is dues. Money is mighty important to us right now so please keep those dues rolling in so that we might meet our financial obligations.

Many thanks to the San Francisco Fire Department for their outstanding job of putting out the blaze and we are very thankful that none of these fine men were injured. A special thanks to club member and Fireman Andy Caspar who did so much extra to save the club.

We are hoping to have our annual Spring dance in May of th year possibly at the Dolphin Club. As soon as we have more details on this you will be informed, so that you may make plans to attend. This is our club and its been around for a long time and with all of us working together it will be around for another 100 years.

Cordially,

Dave Gallagher

Vice-President