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South End Rowing Club

Boat House

Hyde and Jefferson Streets



San Francisco, California

Dear South Ender:

Following our serious fire on April 3rd, we wrote to you, telling of the formation of a reconstruction committee, of a few temporary restrictions on club use, and of the urgent need to keep those dues rolling in.

In this, our second report to you, we are happy to advise that the committee has been working feverishly to hasten the starting date of reconstruction. Excellent progress is being made towards this but we realize that for best results one step at a time must be taken.

As in most catastrophies of this type, reconstruction costs will exceed insurance proceeds. Some changes must be made to assure that we meet City codes and to minimize future fire hazards. There are other repairs that are also badly needed that we have let go with a lick and a promise over the years, due to the lack of funds.

It is therefore apparent that extra money will be needed and while we have not had a major assessment for over twenty years the time has come to levy one.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors considered many proposals. It is the decision of your Board that ALL MEMBERS (life members included), participate in meeting this deficit. Accordingly, your Board voted:

- 1) To assess each member the sum of \$30.00.
- 2) To permit this assessment to be paid in three installments, if necessary. These installments to be in July, October and January.
- 3) All assessments must be paid by January 31, 1967.
- 4) That all new members shall participate in their pro-rata share of this assessment.
- 5) To urge, however, if your finances permit, that you consider paying in full now, because of the urgent need for finances.

When you consider the enormous amount of time and money being donated by our reconstruction committee, this is a mighty small sum for each member to contribute. Collectively, your committee will have contributed time and energy with a value to the club, in excess of \$5,000.00

The Board further stresses that no member shall be denied the use of Club facilities because of a personal financial hardship in meeting this assessment. If you have a financial problem, we ask that you contact our financial secretary George Paiva. George, we are certain will help you work out something.

The insurance settlement plus the assessment will not eliminate the need for volunteer help with such things as interior painting, etc. We know that with one hand dipping into our pocket, and one hand on the end of a paint brush, we will come out with a better, more attractive South End Rowing Club.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Maxwell, President

Dave Gallagher, Communications Chairman