

THE BILLYGOATS SOCIETY

THE Billygoats Society was formed last Easter term by a group of Boat Club members, led by John Hunter. The object of the Society being the fostering of a spirit of continuity between past and present members of the Boat Club. Approval of the rules and election of Officers was secured at a General Meeting followed by a lunch in Hall at Fitzwilliam House on June 15th, 1948. The Censor was present and gave the Society his benediction.

The Society proposed to hold two annual dinners, in Hall on Fairbairn Cup night, and in London on Boat Race night. The first dinner was held on

November 27th, after a cocktail party given by the President, Major F. J. Stratton. The Fairbairn Cup crews and a sprinkling of older members were present, in all about forty. The Dinner on Boat Race night was held at the Connaught Rooms, Major Stratton again throwing a party beforehand. The Dinner was a great success, more especially as there was a number of past oarsmen present.

It is pointed out that anyone who has raced for Fitzwilliam is eligible for membership, and those wishing to join should get in touch with Mr. G. L. Wayper at Fitzwilliam House.

The Following Officers were elected at the first General Meeting :

<i>President :</i>	Major F. J. Stratton, C.B.E.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mr. C. L. Wayper, M.A.
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mr. W. W. Williams, M.A.
<i>Committee Member :</i>	Mr. P. R. Oades, B.A.
<i>University Rep.:</i>	Mr. E. F. R. Stearn, B.A.
<i>Vice-Presidents :</i>	Mr. W. S. Thatcher, M.C., M.A. Mr. N. J. G. Pounds, M.A.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society shall be the Billygoats.
2. The aims of this Society shall be to provide continuity between past and present members of the F.H.B.C., to foster the tradition of, and to provide moral and financial support for the F.H.B.C.
3. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a committee to consist of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, an undergraduate representative and one committee member.
4. The President, the Treasurer, the Secretary shall be elected annually from past members of the F.H.B.C.
5. The undergraduate representative shall be elected annually from present members of the F.H.B.C.
6. The President of F.H.B.C. shall be an honorary Vice-President during his term of office.
7. Membership of this Society shall be open to all members past and present of F.H.B.C. who have raced for Fitzwilliam in any one of the races organised by the C.U.B.C. or any other properly constituted rowing authority.
8. Admission of new members shall be vested in the committee.
9. The committee shall propose for membership any person who has rendered outstanding services to Fitzwilliam House.
10. The activities of this Society shall consist at present of a dinner to be held in London on Boat Race night, and a dinner to be held in Cambridge on the night of the Fairbairn Cup race.
11. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in Cambridge on the night of the Fairbairn Cup race.
12. Committee Meetings shall be held prior to the Annual General Meeting and the London dinner.
13. The annual subscription shall be half a guinea, and 5/- for undergraduate members. Subscriptions shall fall due on December 31st. Any member failing to pay by January 31st shall be liable to be suspended, but shall not by reason of such suspension cease to be liable for the arrears and shall be eligible for reinstatement on payment of arrears.
14. The Society shall have a red tie with embroidered goat's head and crossed oars together with the last two digits of the last year in which the member rowed for F.H.B.C.