

Bennington College
March 9, 1942

The Recreation Council met on March 9, 1942

Those present were: Lila Larson, Barbara Stark, Flora Bond, Jane Allen, Phebe Ineson, Amory Potter, Thelma Black, Mr. Whittinghill, and Miss Foresman.

Those absent were: Audrey C. Stern, Joan Bayne, Allyn Johnson, Edith Dinlocker, Mary St. John, and Miss Stevens who is resigning.

Bridge Tournament: A bridge tournament has been suggested and tentative plans made by Barbara Stark. It was decided that members of the Council will announce the tournament in house meetings, to be held next Wednesday evening, and each house will be given one week in which to select (either by vote, appointment, or play-off) two representatives for the tournament. The names are to be in by Sunday evening, to Barbara Stark. No notice is to be put in the College Week this week, as it would come out before the announcements in the houses, and might prove confusing. Mr. Whittinghill and Thelma Black both spoke of past unsuccessful tournaments, and the reasons for failure were discussed. It was decided that wide advertisement in was most likely to insure popular support, and Lila Larson is to see about securing posters to help in this. The possibility of using a system of "duplicate" hands was brought up and Barbara Stark mentioned that a number of people seem to feel it is a fairer method. Mr. Whittinghill suggested that we ask such people to run the tournament, which would help to eliminate the feeling that the Recreation Council does things for the students. Thelma Black asked if we could score according to "party" bridge, but it was decided that the participants would be allowed to select their own system, and score accordingly, since only the winners are of importance to the tournament. There was some question (brought up by Mr. Whittinghill) whether there was a need for an extra activity of this sort when we are having such an intensive series of lectures, but the general feeling was that bridge-playing would be done anyway, so it might just as well be organized.

Formal Dance: The question of the Formal Dance was raised, and Barbara Stark suggested that we combine Formal and Informal Dances into one full weekend. Since the calendar of Williams College is full from April 15th until May 15th, the only time possible seemed to be April 11th, and this was accepted as a tentative date. The dance is to be called "Spring" rather than "Formal" Dance. The possibility of asking at house meetings for suggestions for the date of the dance was brought up, but it was decided that this would only cause delay, and the date seems to be the only possible one. Barbara Stark suggested that we plan a field day of sports for the College alone, to take the place of a separate Informal Dance, and this met with general approval, but was not discussed. Lila Larson urged all members of the Council to propagandize the dance as much as possible, and to announce about it in house meetings.

House Parties: There will cocktail parties in the student houses preceeding the Spring Dance.

Skiing: It was suggested, but not discussed, that we have a ski hike on the afternoon preceeding the Spring Dance. Thelma Black urged that the Recreation Council take the responsibility of paying for a bus to take a group skiing next Saturday, and it was agreed to do so.

Meetings: The regular meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Monday evening in the Committee Dining Room. The Athlites Committee will Meet Monday noon, and this time will also be available for any joint meetings.

Bulletin board: Mr. Whittinghill suggested that all notices posted on the bulletin board under the name of the Council be signed by a reliable person.

Respectfully submitted,

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