

BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BANTU MEN'S SOCIAL CENTRE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE-ROOM ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY, 1954 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT:

	Dr. Ray E. Phillips. (in the Chair.)
	Mr. C. H. Boyang.
	" L. C. Koza.
	" G. G. Mbau.
	" S. R. Mutshekwane.
	" H. Makhonofane.
	" A. Nobanda.
	* A. B. O'Brien.
	" G. G. Xorile.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. B. Mav. Mudau (Secretary.) and A. W. Mbatha. (Assistant Secretary.)

APOLOGIES:

	Senator the Hon. W. G. Ballinger.
	Mr. Self Mampuru.
	Councillor L. V. Hurd.
	Mr. F. J. van Wyk.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) The Chairman reported on having engaged a skilled African Carpenter Mr. Mtetwa for the repairs of the Centre furniture at 3/- an hour. ACCEPTED with thanks.

(b) Arising out of item (2) Section (c) of the Minutes dealing with the engagement of a Physical Director the meeting AGREED to change the designation to that of Boxing Instructor.

At this stage the Chairman reported on a Uno Bioscope advertisement prominently attached to the outside of the building which he strongly felt should be removed immediately and their £3. 3. 0. which had been received, to be returned.

After a lengthy discussion which revealed differences of opinion, the meeting AGREED that the advertisement be removed and that in future, posters advertising Shows not connected with the Centre should be removed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: Applications for the use of the Bantu Men's Social Centre Hall were received and dealt with as follows:-

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The meeting recommended that the applicants for Saturday afternoon Shows should be informed that their Shows can only start at 2 p.m. in order to avoid interfering with the Centre's programme of activities. AGREED.

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The Chairman AGREED to prepare a form for the use of the Office that will be sent with replies to all those applying for the use of the Hall.

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The meeting AGREED to grant them the date, but will consider the matter of giving them a rebate in a form of donation from the Centre.

(u) From the Manhattan Bros Troupe for a Concert and Dance on the 14th and 15th October, 1954.

After a lengthy discussion it was revealed that the Manhattan Bros had not kept the six months agreement of using the Centre Hall for their Shows within the period of 8th October, 1953 and 28th February, 1954.

The meeting not being sure of what actually transpired between the Centre Solicitors and those of the Manhattan Bros, appointed Mr. Hough and Mr. Xorile to go into the matter and report in the next meeting.

The meeting further AGREED that if they are granted the Hall, they should forfeit the third day originally granted and that they should pay 50% of the present charges, as the agreement was made when the Hall was still £5. 11. 0. per night. AGREED.

4. Chairman's Report - Annual General Meeting:

(a) European Members: The European members met but there was no quorum. The routine business was conducted however, and confirmation will be sought at the next Annual General Meeting of European Members. The Minutes of the meeting of European Members were confirmed as a true record.

On the question of vacancies occurring in the list of European Members, Mr. Xorile recommended that in order to fill the existing vacancies Europeans interested in the welfare of the African should be co-opted. AGREED.

Mr. O'Brien then suggested the name of Mr. A. Crawford - who he said was a keen, worthy man to consider for co-option.

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(b) Non-European Members: Reporting on the Non-European Members the Chairman expressed his satisfaction on the attendance and that Messrs. L. C. Koza and C. H. Boyang were elected to serve in the Executive Committee. He welcomed them to the Executive meeting.

The Non-European Annual General Meeting recommended the following for consideration:

- (i) That Guest Nights be revived.
- (ii) That in future the Annual Report and Financial Statement of Accounts should be circulated before the actual date of the meeting.
- (iii) That the day on which free games are offered in Billiards should be changed from Sunday to Tuesday.

The meeting after discussing all these recommendations AGREED to accept them all and further granted the Billiards players Sundays and Tuesdays as days for free play.

5. NEW MEMBERS: In raising a question on the list of new members being introduced for membership to the Centre Mr. Nobanda pointed out a list of members who he was supposed to have scrutinised and yet he did not know them. There were others without Proposers and Seconders.

After a lengthy discussion which revealed that it is difficult to get hold of Executive Committee members for the purpose of scrutinising new members the meeting AGREED to accept all the new members proposed and seconded and hold over the rest.

The meeting further moved that the next meeting should discuss the item of Scrutinisers. AGREED.

The following were then admitted into the membership of the Bantu Men's Social Centre:-

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7. GENERAL:

(a) The meeting recommended that the different Committees of the Activities Committee should meet as soon as possible. AGREED.

(b) The meeting recommended that the Ash Trays be bought for use in the Executive Committee meetings. AGREED.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.20 p.m.

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