

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING MAY 26, '75

PRESENT: Sue, Rosco Brenda, Jane, Murray, Bob, Gary, D'Epps, "Roho", Mike, Ken, DR (secretary), Richard

1. Cable: The decision having been made to keep the cable for the radio, Rosco suggested we make music available in the darkroom. In response, D'Epps offered to provide a speaker which Bob intends to install in the darkroom. Some more extreme proposals were deferred for future consideration.
2. Horace Campbell: Horace is upset that we have charged him commercial prices for the pamphlet and book. This comes as a surprise as we had been given to understand, in talking to Lynne and others that these were commercial projects. We decided to contact Better Read about their expectations and prices before making any decision in this matter. It was noted that we had quoted a price of approx. 400.00 on the pamphlet and charged 417.00. Sue volunteered to contact Better Read. (Shane Roberts was approached by Horace, who was seeking funds from the Federation to cover publishing costs. Horace provided an estimate of cost which Shane has offered to make available to us .)
3. Price Increases: If we are to pay ourselves \$430 (take-home) a month during the next year, with the same number of workers and the same work load, we will require roughly 10% more revenue, which means charging 20% more for typesetting. Numerous people expressed reservations about an increase of this size. We are not certain as to how much inflation has affected our costs, whether we

will continue to attract new business at the same rate, whether we should be moderate in granting ourselves wage increases, whether a 20% price increase would make us uncompetitive, etc. Doug's R & E are to survey local ty pesetters to determine their prices. Gary suggested we investigate some contracts we lost due to high quotes, but this proposal met little enthusiasm. As some increase in prices is deemed essential by the contracts committee, this matter is to be taken up again in the near future.

4. Extra Account: Ken suggests that Ducks use Dumont credit cards when travelling, paying the shop back via the extra account. Money paid out by the company will be shown as business expenses for tax purposes, although in actuality it will find its way into the extra account, reducing the company's taxable profits. The ~~ix~~ idea is to be given a trial, separate credit cards to be obtained for this purpose. Gary and Ken will make use of our present cards during their trip out east, and will take some books to sell as well. There was some discussion of the telephone bill, establishing that outsiders using the phone were indeed being billed. There was general agreement that money thus obtained should go to the extra account as well.

5. Non-Commercial Groups & the VIP: The issue came forward because both Brantford Free Press and the Women's Press people do not seem to take proper care of the machine when using it. BFP people have been asked not to use the machine, and the possibility of restricting other groups was considered. Other solutions to the problem non-commercial ~~gr~~ groups' ignorance regarding the machine were advanced. It was ~~found~~ agreed that these groups must be better trained. Roho proposed a system whereby people (Ducks that is) would be "on call" on weekends when non-commercial groups were in on weekends. Ken suggested that interested individuals become permanent ~~fixes~~ contacts for non-commercial groups. By working with groups in (and Out?) of the shop these people could act as resource people as well as seeking to develop the kind of involvement with non-com groups we have desired. These two proposals were deemed impractical for the summer months since we are somewhat understaffed.
6. Bob Shirks Labour: Bob Mason, noted malingerer, doesn't want to work Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. We'll do without him.
7. Typestyles: 1 or 2 pages per typestyle, Rosco and Murray will speed this urgent project to conclusion.
8. Weston Chart: Numerous people will see to its immediate conclusion.
9. Expansion: Will be discussed chez Brenda on Monday June 1, at 3:00pm.

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