

## Minutes of the Housecorp Meeting of March 5, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:56 pm by Lisa Weiss, with the following people present:

Joe Adcock	Jeff Jackson	Mark Schaefer
Eugene Beidl	Tammy Kerr	Steve Summit
Tom Bress	Bengt Mutén	Lisa Weiss
Heidi Burgeil		

President's report: Nothing to report (as per usual).

Vice President's report: Spring thing is being moved two weeks, to April 22 (from April 9).

Secretary's report: The secretary had nothing in particular to report, but graciously accepted heaping accolades for the stunning mailing recently delivered.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer presented last year's annual report, which prompted some questions because it seems that Housecorp loses money. The Treasurer explained that Housecorp essentially subsidizes the House slightly, by undercharging rent, which is counteracted by Housecorp's interest income. (That is, the interest income is effectively funneled to the House.) This policy has been in effect since renovations.

The Treasurer next reported that Housecorp is about to be audited by the IRS. We don't know, at this point, whether this is a random audit or whether it is prompted by the fact that Housecorp makes "too much" interest income but doesn't pay taxes.

Bengt related tales of the last time Housecorp was audited, when heavy MIT legal ammunition was brought in for assistance (which worked fine, although it was seen in retrospect to have been over-kill).

The Treasurer may need people's help digging out old records or remembering details of the last audit.

Maintenance Committee report: "We still haven't got any feedback from the house on interesting projects."

The house has an estimate (from the same people who fouled it up in the first place) to re-pan the 2-69 showers for \$3,000.00. Mark says that that's the right ballpark for Housecorp funding, as long as the house gets somebody reputable to do the work. (There was little interest in paying that much money to someone demonstrably irreputable, however.)

Historical Committee report: There ensued the usual discussion about slide duplicating—currently contemplated is a massive project to duplicate everything and create an official Housecorp Historical Committee slide collection.

Social Committee: Serious discussion is beginning on the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. Mark solemnly informs all assembled that organizing such a project requires serious time and commitment.

Nearly all assembled suggest that Mark would make an excellent encore reunion organizer.

Bengt suggests Michele.

Nominations:

Mark Schaefer (seconded by Jeff Jackson)

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Jeff suggests that Mark be placed in charge of organizing a committee to select a reunion chairman (a thinly veiled ploy to railroad Mark into doing it again).

"Under these conditions" Mark accepts responsibility. (He sees the ploy, right? Why is he accepting?)

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday evening, two weeks hence (the 19<sup>th</sup>) at the House, to discuss reunion plans and pick an official chairman.

House Manager's report: The sterilizer works; the spritzer works. The furnace works, after two trips by an oil company repairman. There was one of the usual discussions about broken windows and drippy faucets. We'll ask Lenar if he knows any plumbers.

House Treasurer's report: The housebill is significantly up; Ert feels that first term was underbudgeted. Two people have left; garbage is up; retreat is up; the kitchen *isn't* under budget; consequently the housebill rose from \$1,315 fall term to \$1,490 spring term. (Perhaps it should have been \$1,375 both terms.)

There is \$6,000 or so in unclaimed phone calls; this is a buildup over several years. The house is going to Sprint (individual Sprint cards and account numbers for each pikan) to simplify billing.

The next meeting will be held on the first Sunday in May, May 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

### Minutes of a Housecorp Quasi-Meeting of May 7, 1989

The President ran into the Secretary in the Murph (no other members were present) and passed on the following tidbits:

Part of the IRS audit will take place at the House on May 22<sup>nd</sup>—the house might (have to) be cleaned for it.

Rent next year will be 41 whopping thousand dollars—this is due to a big water increase and a big insurance increase. [This report proved to be inaccurate—see the minutes of the next meeting.]

The House says it is going to tear down the fence in the front yard, and (at the request of the daycare center next door) chop down some trees in the back yard. [Worry not; as of this writing the status quo has been maintained and neither of these radical steps has been taken.]

## Minutes of the Housecorp Annual Elections Meeting of September 17, 1989

The meeting was called to order with a thump at 7:56 pm by Lisa Weiss. The following hapless souls were present:

Eugene Beidl	Jeff Jackson	Scott Ritterbush
Dan Beyerbach	Tammy Kerr	Mark Schaefer
Deb Chen	Jacob Murad	Steve Summit
Joe Harrington	Karina O'Malley	Lisa Weiss

Each Officer's report was interspersed with an (occasionally cogent, more often rambling) description of the "job description," to inform the unwary before the elections to be held later this evening.

President's report: Nothing to report.

The President doesn't really do anything.

Vice President's report: Nothing to report.

The Vice President doesn't really do anything, either, except write a letter or two, but Eugene didn't, because—"as you'll recall"—Steve said he'd write the first letter last year, but it never went out, but he did write the second one, and there wasn't any need for a third one.

Treasurer's report: The only real problem with the audit is that there is some question about our non-profit status with respect to the IRS, since we're no longer under ΠKA's wing. Things are being worked out, and non-profit status is being made official, at the cost of a few thousand dollars in accountant's and lawyer's fees, and \$33.00 in back taxes and penalties.

The books are closed and will be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup> [1989, sic].

The treasury is still in fine shape: keeping to budget despite dramatic increases in insurance (> 2× increase in 3 years), and water and sewer (2× increase in 1 year) bills. The rent to the house was kept the same last spring, at \$39,500 [contradicting the erroneous report in the quasi-meeting of May 7].

Maintenance Committee report: The Maintenance Committee Chairman's job is to spend \$10K/year and to say things like "we're considering redoing the driveway and the basement floor." [The Maintenance Committee Chairman *hasn't* been spending \$10K/year; that's why we're within budget—see above.]

### Elections

Eugene Beidl was nominated for President and was unopposed, so he took over the meeting (and is now President) without further ado.

Everybody wanted to be Vice President: Scott Ritterbush was nominated, but withdrew when he saw his opposition. Tammy Kerr, Joe Harrington, and Karina O'Malley were also nominated—three candidates necessitated an unaccustomed round of campaign speeches and actual balloting, after which Joe Harrington was declared the winner.

The Secretary will be yours truly, Steve Summit, again.

For the third year running, Jeff Jackson consented to be Treasurer again, "but this is really the last year." Two apprentices were nominated, Dan Beyerbach and Lisa Weiss, to begin learning the treasury ropes so as to be able to take over (one of them, anyway) next year. (The apprentices were promptly dubbed "Jeff's Treasurers In Training" by Lisa, who found the acronym titillating.)

The Maintenance Committee Chairman position was also hotly contested, with Mark Schaefer and Dan Beyerbach nominated but declining, and Scott Ritterbush and Jacob Murad nominated and accepting. Scott Ritterbush was elected.

Missy Maxfield was appointed the Social Committee Chairman and accepted in absentia by proxy via Jeff.

Jeff Jackson will be the Historical Committee, since he has all the stuff after Joe left for Hawaii to join Bel.

For some reason, an actual Maintenance Committee was formally appointed, to consist of Jeff Jackson (automatically, as Housecorp Treasurer), Steve Summit, Jacob Murad, Tammy Kerr, and Mark Schaefer and Dan Beyerbach (Mark and Dan splitting the seat, Mark first term and Dan second term, as if membership is that formal and attendance that significant).

A few more reports snuck in after the elections:

**Social Committee Report:** The New England Aquarium has been booked for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion, for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. (Of course, we had it there five years ago, but everybody loved it, and it's cheap—less than a thousand dollars.) There's no caterer yet, but we do have a list. We're thinking maybe of also renting the Children's Museum or something for Friday night, as well as maybe a Walden Pond trip and a cookout at the House. Missy also wants to have a whole slew of informal activities for the week prior, for folks who may be making a long trip and want to make a weeklong vacation out of it (or for anyone who just wants to have a good time). Various ideas are whitewater rafting, camping, Red Sox game, duplicate bridge tournament, etc., etc., and any other suggestions are of course welcome.

**House Treasurer's report:** The House would like Housecorp to pay house managers. The budget will be approved next week (thus no housebills collected yet). Taxes are being filed (and are due in October). The out-of-house debt is about \$20,000.00.

**House House Manager's report:** The House would like to get the 2-69 bathroom (how long have the showers been broken now?) fixed. The House survived the summer—the rooms have been cleaned back up, and we might even have collected rent from the "hellish residents." The 3-69 back double was refurbished; the icky "purple" paneling is almost all gone.

**Rush:** "Rush was hip" (although it came one short of its target). Nine females and two males pledged (leaving the ratio even at 16/16). The House also has a new house tutor, Matthew Turk.

The next meeting will be held on the first Sunday in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm (truly a marathon meeting, as evidenced by the late adjourning time and the length of these minutes.)

## Minutes of a Special Housecorp Meeting of October 15, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Eugene Beidl with the following members present:

Eugene Beidl	Joe Harrington	Linda Muri (late)	Mark Schaefer
Dan Beyerbach	Jeff Jackson	Bengt Mutén	William Snyder
Tom Bress	Tammy Kerr	Karina O'Malley	Steve Summit
Dave Browne	Jacob Murad	Scott Ritterbush	Lisa Weiss
Boris Goldowsky			

(Note that those in attendance include 11/12 of this year's "Housecorp Directors," defined as those attending the Annual Meeting in September.)

The meeting was called to discuss and approve changes in the Housecorp by-laws which have been recommended by Housecorp's lawyer in response to difficulties with the IRS audit. Jeff Jackson, Steve Summit, and Lisa Weiss met with Housecorp's lawyer and accountant last week to discuss these issues; the bulk of the meeting was spent presenting this information to the assembled membership.

When Housecorp was last audited (five years ago), a question arose as to our non-profit status. We had claimed non-profit status as being merely a titleholding corporation ("Chapter 2"). While that fairly accurately reflects our situation (we don't try to make much money, and any we inadvertently make we give to the House in the form of a rent reduction), the IRS regulations stipulate that the money must be turned over to an official, exempt organization, which the House is not. Therefore, five years ago, the auditing agent suggested and accepted a rejustification of Housecorp's non-profit status on the basis of being a "Social Club" ("Chapter 7").

The current auditor is rejecting that rejustification, among other reasons because it is not supported by any paperwork: Housecorp's non-profit status, under either purported justification, has never been officially reflected by a formal application and subsequent IRS certification.

Ironically, losing non-profit status would not make much difference if it were only the Federal IRS that were involved. Since Housecorp does not, in fact, make money, it would not owe any Federal tax as a for-profit corporation. (In fact, the fee structures are such that it would actually pay less than as a non-profit social club.) However, there are other issues, such as MIT requirements and potential complications with the Massachusetts DOR, which make it necessary that we pursue official non-profit status.

The current auditing agent intended to deny a formal application for non-profit status as a social club, pointing out that Housecorp's primary purpose is not to be social, but to own a building for rental. (This is, in fact, perfectly accurate.) However, someone suggested, and the agent has verbally agreed, that *if Housecorp's membership were augmented to include the current, undergraduate house members*, Housecorp suddenly could be construed to be a social club, non-profit status justified, and the application approved.

Housecorp's lawyer has proposed amendments to the Housecorp by-laws (enclosed), which would create a non-voting membership classification for current house members, and, for good measure, reword the purpose statement to emphasize the new, "social" nature of the organization. (Interestingly enough, the existence of a "current member of pika" class of Housecorp membership could have been inferred from a certain interpretation, with no rewording, of Housecorp's old by-laws, written—some thought haphazardly—by JRat in 1984.)

There is no intention here to change the day-to-day relationship between the undergraduates and the alumni, although it will now be incumbent upon Housecorp, Inc. to "foster social activities among its members." Financials will become a bit more complicated, since undergraduate transactions will now be part of the Housecorp books, but that's just more work for the Treasurers and our accountant.

After thorough explanation and some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the proposed amendments to the by-laws be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Pikans currently living at pika are now (nonvoting) members of Housecorp, and this simple adjustment should allow Housecorp to be granted official non-profit status (with all supporting paperwork) and avoid any more of these non-profit status hassles with the IRS in the future.

Its single purpose accomplished, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

### Amendments to BYLAWS of Housecorp, Inc.

Sections 1 and 2, as amended, are reproduced here. Deleted wording is in ~~strikeout text~~, and new wording is in *italics*.

#### SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of Housecorp, Inc. is to ~~provide for~~ *promote* the educational, spiritual, and emotional development of *the members of pika by encouraging the mutual support and interaction of current resident members and former resident members, both within each group and between the two groups.* ~~The primary responsibility of Housecorp, Inc. is to provide maintained;~~ *In furtherance of this purpose, the corporation shall provide and maintain functional and affordable living space for the current undergraduate membership of pika resident members, which shall also serve as a meeting place for former resident members.*

#### SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

A person shall be considered a member of pika, *and thereby a member of this corporation*, if he or she has: a) been bid by an official pika rush chairman; b) resided in pika for one full, regular term while being a matriculated student at MIT; and c) completed payment of one term's housebill. *There shall be two classes of members of the corporation, voting and non-voting.* Any person shall be considered a voting member of the corporation who is a member of pika currently not residing at pika. A member of the corporation who moves back into pika shall cease to be a voting member, unless he or she is an elected officer of the corporation, in which case ~~corporate membership~~ *voting member status* shall be extended until the next annual meeting. *Any member who does not qualify as a voting member shall be a non-voting member.*

## **Minutes of a Semi-Official Housecorp Meeting on December 17, 1989**

The meeting meandered into existence at 7:47 pm with four, count 'em, four members present:

Jeff Jackson	Lisa Weiss
Mark Schaefer	Bob Wilt (late)
Steve Summit	

(That this meeting was held two weeks late, with meager attendance at that, was due to staggering feeble-mindedness and rank incompetence on the part of someone, whose name is unfortunately illegibly smudged in the Secretary's minutes, who was to have reminded people of the meeting's existence.)

President's report: The President was not present and had nothing to report.

Vice President's report: The Vice President was not present and had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer passed out 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  copies per person present of the Annual Report [which is also included with these minutes]. (The Treasurer had expected more attendees; see below.) The report was "explained to the satisfaction of all present;" the ease of this explanation had however mostly to do with the paltry attendance (see below). The Annual Report will therefore be reopened for discussion at the March meeting.

There is, as yet, no real news on the ongoing IRS audit.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary didn't feel like saying anything (see below).

### **New Business**

Steve Summit moved that the Secretary be censured for forgetting to publicize this postponed meeting, after promising the Treasurer several times that he would do so. This motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Schaefer moved that the Treasurer be censured for having trusted the Secretary. Lisa Weiss moved that the President and Vice President be censured for not having shown up at the official meeting time two weeks ago (which was never formally canceled). These latter two motions died for lack of any support other than polite chuckles.

People wondered if the maintenance committee has done anything lately. Of course not. The house has a quote for ~\$5,000 to re-pan the 2-69 showers, but it hasn't been acted on yet.

The meeting degenerated as uninspiredly as it had begun, ten minutes later at 7:57. The next meeting will be held on the first Sunday in March. [This is your Secretary speaking. Be there! March 4! Don't make me remind you again, not that I'm evidently any good at it.]

## Minutes of the March 4, 1990 Housecorp Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Eugene Beidl, with the following members present:

Eugene Beidl	Tammy Kerr	Mark Schaefer	Sandy Currier (late)
Melanie Holland	Missy Maxfield	Steve Summit	Joe Harrington (late)
Paul Howard	Linda Muri	Joe Vanderway	
Jeff Jackson	Karina O'Malley	Lisa Weiss	

President's report: none.

Secretary's report (prompted; this was the first time he'd heard about this): There will be a mailing at the beginning of April containing an agenda and other final details of the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Vice President's report: The house had a retreat today. (The Vice President also announced that he had completed all of his assignments from the previous meeting, namely: )

Maintenance Committee report (out of order): The 2-69 showers are being fixed (at last!).  
The drippy Temptrols have been fixed.

Treasurer's report: Annual Report round two (rediscussed because of low attendance at previous meeting): other than explaining why we lost money (we essentially subsidize the House with our meager interest income) there was no substantive discussion.

The next meeting will be a rent-setting meeting.

Nothing to report on IRS stuff.

Social Committee: Missy presented an approximate daily schedule for the extended weekend surrounding the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Missy asked for help in several areas, and the following people volunteered:

"phone blitz"	Linda, Mark, Sandy, & Paul
house liaison	Joe Vanderway
sound/taping	SCS, Ert Dredge

The "phone blitz" will be an attempt to call all the alums to make sure they know about the affair, and find out if they're coming, in case they were slugs and didn't return the postcards. This will happen next Sunday at 7:00.

House House Manager: The dryers are acting up; Housecorp may have to buy more.

Progress is being made on the bathrooms: the octopus shower is fixed, and (as mentioned under Maintenance Committee) work has begun on the infamous 2-69 showers. Although there is some question as to the signedness of the contract with the contractor for this work, some demolition has already been done. Future progress may be halting, as they can only do work when they "have a man free."

House Treasurer: The housebill is \$1530 (as opposed to \$1450 last term). The increase is in part due to losing two people over IAP and one during the fall term. The house wondered if Housecorp could provide any subsidy to help counteract the shortfall; Jeff asked about the status of the house contingency account (maintained for just such occasions, as people moving out isn't, or at least didn't used to be, uncommon). The ensuing discussion revealed that the house accounts might not be in perfect shape, and further discussion was "tabled to subcommittee."

Five or six housebills are in. The kitchen account has been moved to BayBank; the house account may follow. (Central Co-op, in Somerville, is too far away.) The house was on-budget last term. They have instituted a \$30 rebate if housebills are paid within 2 weeks. There are no new problem accounts.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 sharp.

The next meeting will be on the first Sunday in May, May 6<sup>th</sup> (in spite of spillover from the 20<sup>th</sup>).

The rent-setting meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30, at Jeff's house.



## Minutes of the May 12, 1990 Housecorp Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm with a thud! and an "ouch!" by Joe Harrington, with the following members present:

Michael Gojer	Mark Schaefer
Joe Harrington	Steve Summit
Jeff Jackson	Lisa Weiss

Vice President's report: Your VP and ex-House Manager convened, the week before the reunion, Your Friendly Neighborhood Ad-Hoc People's Revolutionary Anti-Lice Strike Force Committee, which summarily telephoned the Office of the MIT President and received, within minutes, a call from the Head of the Medical Department apologizing for the hitherto complete and total lack of attention to the problem and promising to do something definitive about it this time.

They did, too. pika is now apparently lice-free, although TEP and East Campus are beginning to have problems...

Secretary's report: The secretary had nothing to say other than that if nobody keeps coming to these meetings he's gonna have to nag ya (yeah, right).

Also, congrats all around on the reunion.

Treasurer's report: We'll have to discuss rent setting tonight. The house is having a few financial problems (behind on rent to us and not catching up). Jeff is going to sit down with the house treasurer and try to straighten things out.

Housecorp itself is in pretty good shape. This year will end with the first consolidated House/Housecorp books.

It was asked if the missing house safety fund had been located.

"Hmm... Ask me again in two weeks."

The next Treasurer is being lined up.

The good news is that we have received Official Notification that we are now officially tax exempt. We paid them \$300.00 for the right to be audited to determine this, and an additional \$30-\$40 in taxes and penalties. They turned around and refunded *us* about \$800 that we somehow overpaid; another \$100 or so is to follow. (We break even or lose money in the end, though, because all of this restructuring has required a bit of lawyer's and accountant's time, to the tune of at least \$1,000.)

Maintenance Committee report: (Scott's not here.)

"2-69 bears looking into."

MES moved, and LIS seconded, that the maintenance committee oversee (and pay for) computer room rewiring. The motion carried 3-1.

There was some discussion about other wiring problems (i.e. flickering lights); it has not been ascertained whether these are due to bad wiring or inadequate service.

Reunion Committee: (The report was delayed while eight rounds of applause were delivered.) For 213 listed alumni, we have 188 addresses, and 106 of those showed up.

Historical Committee: Thanks to the Secretary for the year-by-year, room-by-room house rosters. Can year-by-year rush class lists be generated? [Sure.] Jeff has all the slides; Bel and Joe have all the prints.

At this point the meeting underwent a little time-warp, to become the rent-setting meeting which didn't happen last week, after all.

After quite a bit of discussion, including maintenance expenses spent and unspent, everincreasing insurance costs, everincreasing water and sewer rates, and an interruption for the

House Rush Chairman's Report: The house will be rushing for lots of people, and will need lots of help from alums: not just the usual logistical support, but also to help to talk to freshmen (the pikan/frosh ratio during rush will be lower than usual), so please help get the word out. At this point, it looks like the house will be rushing for 16 (!) or 17 new members.

## Minutes of the Housecorp Annual Elections Meeting of September 9, 1990

(Thanks to Mel for taking meeting notes in the Secretary's absence.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 pm by Eugene Beidl, with the following people present:

Eugene Beidl	Melanie Holland	Christopher Mario (nonvoting)
Dan Beyerbach	Jeff Jackson	Marino Tavarez
Elisa Duggan	Joe Mario	Lisa Weiss
Joe Harrington		

President's Report: nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: The House had rush. 15 new pikans, don't know any stats. 31 total pikans.

Secretary's Report: nothing (not even here).

Treasurer's Report: The June 1990 books are not yet closed; they're "a bit complicated." We haven't heard anything from the IRS; "No news is no news." (We're still tax-exempt.)

The house books need work! The house will never again file taxes. The treasurer will still do the same amount of work.

Maintenance Committee: Jeff says that maintenance of late has not been good. We need a *presence* in the house. The house is "falling apart," we haven't had any major projects lately, we've been lax, da da da da...

Joe says: we need to do stuff that's beginning to go, like plumbing (the 2-69 bathroom sink *will* work tonight), and brick work in the basement, and the basement floor and the driveway... What about the garages? The car shed is okay; the wood shed is falling apart.

### Elections

With the exception of Vice President, the nominees for all offices were unopposed. Next year's officers are:

President:	Eugene Beidl	Maintenance Chair:	Joe Harrington
Vice President:	Linda Muri	Social Chairman:	Missy Maxfield
Treasurer:	Marino Tavarez	Historical Committee:	Jeff Jackson
Secretary:	Steve Summit		

(The guest minutes note that Linda's opposition was Bob Wilt. I suspect this was a joke. The notes also say that Bob brought in Chex party mix following the elections, perhaps out of gratitude for not being elected.)

### Other Random Business

Lisa relayed a maintenance flame from SCS. House managers ought to be doing enough work that Housecorp pays them; lately this hasn't been happening. No one felt like hashing this out again (the discussion has been had any number of times before); everyone agreed that the maintenance committee should deal with it.

The house debt cannot be figured at the moment. (Walter Muller pops in and asks what "house debt" is.)

The house got nailed for phone calls last summer (the sneaky summer randoms were able to guess at valid 2-digit Sprint subaccount numbers); no dollar amount is known yet.

No rooms were redone during work week. Perhaps the TV room will be redone sometime. The "blowtorch" dryer died; the house spent \$600 on a new Maytag. Will Housecorp help? Jeff says to submit this and any other major expenses from last year. (It was pointed out that the House payed for the previous dryer.)

The next meeting will be the first Sunday in December at 7:33 ("so Steve can be there on time").

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

## Minutes of the December 2, 1990 Housecorp Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Eugene Beidl, with the following members present:

Eugene Beidl	Steve Summit
Michael Gojer	Marino Tavarez
Jeff Jackson	Lisa Weiss
Linda Muri	

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report (now that she's found out she was elected): Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary claims to be planning a mailing Real Soon Now. (An onlooker opined that the Secretary's report could best be described as "inane babbling.")

Ex-Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented a (voluminous) 5-page annual report for the year ended June 30 [enclosed]; these are the new'n'improved Housecorp books, incorporating the House books.

There followed the usual round of questions; the assemblage learned (in case it had forgotten it from last year) the meanings of such accounting terms as "fund." It was explained that the 1989 insurance expense listed in the corporate books is somewhat misleading; it included a backpayment from a previous year, so the insurance hasn't actually been going down. The House balance sheet was admitted to be "somewhat speculative."

Treasurer's Report: "What he said."

House Treasurer: There is still an outstanding bill for \$800 from MIT having to do with the old WATS line (i.e. extension). No one is sure any more what it is for. Shannon was told not to pay it, because it was thought it was some usurious surcharge having either to do with the new, drastically higher rate under 5ESS (which was designed to get rid of off-campus extensions) or our almost-immediate cancellation of the line. On the other hand, it may be actual long-distance phone calls, which we should of course pay.

Many housebills have been collected; \$20,000 was deposited this week.

The books are still out of date. (The repercussions from Yet Another changeover on to and then off of computerized books persist.) It is hard to say who owes what (especially alums). There was some talk of collecting Social (i.e. active local alumni) fees (these have been standard in the past, but aren't really being done now).

Marino volunteered to lead in a big "fix up the books" party over IAP. [IAP, mecca for procrastinators!] Perhaps letters will even be sent out to alums who owe money.

House House Manager: "Bits and pieces of the house are falling apart," but there were no alarming specifics offered. There are perhaps a few small leaks (one in the infamous 2-69 bathroom, this time in the radiator valve, and one in the 71-side roof over the coffin). What will happen to the computer room next June? (The Athena cluster is going away.)

A work weekend is planned between IAP and the start of the term; it will mostly be cleanup, although the porch single, executive suite, and/or TV room may be re-insulated.

There is some concern that parts of the foundation are decomposing (near the back door near the laundry area, and behind the sprinkler valve behind the pool table). Someone from the maintenance committee (i.e. SCS) will look at it and call in professional help if necessary. [n.b. I couldn't see anything serious, although some of the masonry could use repointing.]

An architect hired by the IFC will be coming around inspecting all the houses; apparently they're going to be rank ordered or some such nonsense.

A new boarding license was paid for—were we ever re-inspected and was the license actually approved and received? Where would it be? No one knows. (It was admitted that House Manager transitions lately have been poor; information isn't getting transferred.)

Maintenance Committee: Yet Another discussion about Housecorp oversight role with respect to physical plant and treasury. Michael Gojer pointed out that our role should be active—offering help, not just being available in case questions are asked.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39. The next meeting will be the first Sunday in March.