

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM THE PRESIDENT

MY YEAR AS YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT IS DRAWING TO AN END. I FEEL THAT I HAVE DONE THE ONE BIG THING THAT I WANTED TO DO, AND THAT WAS TO MAKE COUNCIL WHOLE AGAIN. I FEEL THAT WE HAVE ALL PULLED TOGETHER AND ARE NOW WORKING AS ONE. THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE HELPED, EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT. I SAID AT THE START THAT DURING THE TIME I WAS PRESIDENT THINGS WOULD BE RUN DIFFERENTLY. I AM NOT HOLDING TO ANYONE AND WILL NOT BE TOLD THAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE THIS WAY, AND NO OTHER WAY CAN BE USED.

THERE WERE NO VOTES TAKEN DURING ANY BOARD MEETING EXCEPT ON THE CHOICE OF THE HONOR COUPLE, ANYTHING THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT WAS PUT ON THE COUNCIL FLOOR AND VOTED ON BY THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE. MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT YOUR NEW PRESIDENT WILL PICK UP WHERE I LEFT OFF. THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE RUN BY THE CLUBS AND THE OFFICERS TOGETHER.

SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT I FELT STILL NEED TO BE LOOK AT ARE: (A) OFFICE OF INSURANCE DROPPED AND PUT UNDER THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER (B) OFFICE OF COMPUTER RECORDS DROPPED. WE DO NOT HAVE A COUNCIL COMPUTER ANY MORE AND THE RECORDS ARE NOT UP TO DATE. (C) OFFICE OF PUBLICITY SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE SPECIAL EVENTS AND BECOME ONE OFFICE. (D) SEWING IS NOT NEEDED EVERY YEAR AND SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS NEEDED. (ITEMS A AND B WERE TAKEN CARE OF DURING THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES.)

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I NEED TO THANK, HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB DeREGNAUCOURT, MARY TOMLINSON, JEAN AILLS, JOHN ROASA, MILLIE WHITE, JOHN CHEVALIER, FAYE SAMBORSKY AND THE 1996 CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE. SPECIAL THANKS TO BUD WHITE FOR SETTING UP THE SOUND FOR US AT COUNCIL MEETINGS, ALSO TO THE TRUSTEES FOR LETTING ME DO IT MY WAY, AND TO ALL THE CLUB REPS AND PAST OFFICERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, TO MY WIFE (SANDY) FOR HER SUPPORT AND HELP THIS PAST YEAR, THANKS I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITH OUT YOU.

I WILL BE HAVING ARTHROSCOPY SURGERY DONE ON MY KNEE ON MONDAY, NOV 25th. IF ALL GOES WELL I WILL BE BACK DANCING IN JAN, 1997

AGAIN THANKS TO EVERYBODY

1996 M.V.D.C. PRESIDENT

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