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SPRINGHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB WITH A BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME - Club House Splendidly Located on the Knoll on the Grounds in Nether Providence a Short Distance from Chester and Media, Commanding a Superb Panorama of the County's Scenery – Building Planned For the Club's Social Life

An important meeting of the subscribers to the new Springhaven Country Club was held at the headquarters of the Penn Club, 10 East Fifth Street, this city last evening. There was quite a good attendance of members.

The meeting was organized by calling William C. Sproul to the chair and Harry W. Rhodes acted as secretary. The reports of the various committees were received. The Building Committee, through Mr. Henry P. Dixon, reported the letting of the contract for the new club house, as already detailed in the Times. The Grounds Committee reported the work that had been done on the property, and the committee on by-laws, through George T. Butler, Esq., the chairman, reported the by-laws of the club, which were adopted with some amendments.

There will be several classes of membership, the regular members, who are shareholders; family memberships which include all of the members of a family; associate memberships for ladies and junior memberships for younger folks.

The election for directors resulted as follows: John P. Crozer and Louis R. Page, Upland; Robert Wetherill, William C. Sproul, Richard Peters, O.B. Dickinson, William I. Schuffer, Chester; George C. Hetzel, Ridley Park; Henry P. Dixon, James Watts Mercur, Alfre J. Gillette, Wallingford; Ernest Yarnall, Moylart; George T. Butler, Dr. Charles Schoff, Harry W. Rhodes, William S. McIntyre, Media; David B. Martin, Brandywine Summit; Richard J. Baldwin, Chadds Ford.

THE NEW CLUB HOUSE – The new building of the Springhaven Country Club, in Nether Providence, near this city, which will be finished in the spring, will be a very attractive home for this growing and popular organization. The location will be commanding, giving a fine view of rolling and woodland country, stretching to the Delaware with its white-winged fleet on the south, to the high hills of Glen Mills on the west, with alternate hill and vale on the east and north.

The new club house will be of frame, finished in stucco on the outside, with shingle roof and brick terraces, and will have a front of 125 feet and a width of 54 feet. The first floor will contain the Assembly Hall, a very spacious room, 24 by 36 feet, with a balcony at the second floor line. This hall will be two stories high, with the roof timbers exposed, giving excellent facilities for ventilation and decoration, when there is desire to add to the natural attractiveness of the apartment. At the end of the Assembly Hall a large open fire place will be built, while an open stairway will lead to the second floor.

Connecting with the Assembly will be a dining room 16 by 24 feet, also with open fire place and fitted with china closets and other furnishings. The finish will be in paneled wainscoting. The kitchen, fitted with all modern requirements, adjoins the dining room.

Also on the first floor is the card room and the tap room, with rustic ingle nook, open stone fireplace, open timber ceiling and paved brick floor. Spacious locker rooms are provided for the gentlemen, with shower bath.

The second floor is given up to the billiard room, in which there is an open fireplace and ingle nook, vaulted ceiling and paneled wainscoting, bed rooms and other

apartments. Locker rooms, shower baths and other rooms for the ladies are on the second floor.

The architects are Price & McLanahan of Philadelphia, and the contract for the building has been awarded to R.C. Ballinger & Co., contractors of Philadelphia, who will begin work immediately.

It is the purpose of the builder to have the house ready for occupancy by June 25.

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