

If New Clubs are built, the responsibility for keeping New Clubs sound is that of the Sponsor Club. We talk about follow-up but it is not adequate. Clubs are built primarily for awards. The Committee's suggestion of having someone from the Sponsor Club be a member for a few years to give the New Club assistance in proper procedures, help in understanding Optimist International, raising funds, etc. has some merit. Rather than use the dues structure as an incentive, perhaps we can come up with a better way that will not impact Optimist International's financial picture. In our conference call it was mentioned that we might highlight New Clubs' achievements in the Optimist Magazine or even recognize them on the stage at the Optimist International Convention as a separate feature. We might even have them sit at a separate table at the International Convention during a meal function to highlight their importance. We can do something that recognizes but does not require sums that would impact the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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