



Akau Hana
Outrigger
Canoe Racing Team

Minutes, Executive Board, Saturday November 21, 1992

Meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Stewart Saul at 6:57 pm. Members in attendance were: Kevin Block, Lote Sanderson, Arlyn Osborn, Tim Ptacek, Gunnar Roll, John Smiley, Valerie Sinnott. Guests included Sharon Saul and George Sanderson.

Discussion took place regarding the Lighted Boat Parade to take place in the Santa Cruz Harbor on Saturday, December 5, 1992. It was decided that if an individual crew wanted to take part that was fine but that the club could not expend any monies toward this.

Also discussed was a new design for T-Shirts this year for either the Long Distance Race or the Regatta. One design was submitted by Valerie and others will be submitted by Jennifer Schraeder at a later date. It was pointed out that the logo of the club cannot be changed without a great deal of time and effort as well as a new filing with the State of California. But different shirts can be made during the year. Designs will be presented to the Board and it will be voted on.

Sharon Saul stated that the tentative dates for Akau Hana's regatta is July 10, 1993 and Long Distance is September 18, 1993. The Board needs to decide whether they want to share the responsibility of the regatta with another club or to do it themselves. Kevin Block made a motion to have the regatta by ourselves. It was seconded by Lote Sanderson. Passed unanimously. Sharon Saul will head the regatta committee to be made up of the steersperson from each crew.

Sharon Saul reported on changes made during the NCOCA Race Committee Meeting on November 7, 1992. A summary of those changes will be discussed with all coaches and steerspersons in January when final copies of the Race Rules have been distributed. Some of those highlighted at this meeting included deleting Novice A class and 4 person class. Adding a 500 meter open class. Increasing the age for Masters Men to 40 and adding a Co-ed Masters. Changing the race order so that Novice class comes after the 19-under crews.

Stewart Saul reported that a Coaches and Steersperson Clinic will be held in either January or February. Southern California will hold a Clinic that will include certification of their coaches and steerspeople on February 20-21, 1993 at Santa Barbara. It was not finalized yet but he would like all coaches and steerpeople from Akau Hana to attend. It will also be open to all other club members who would like to attend.



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Valerie Sinnott presented the finished Sponsorship Packets to the Board for approval. She and Susy Beason have worked very hard on these. Board members were requested to make contacts with anyone they thought would be able to sponsor a part of the club. The packets are to be mailed or presented, depending on how a person requested the contact. Sharon Saul will obtain mail packets. Motion was made by Kevin Block and seconded by Lote Sanderson that the packets be accepted. Passed.

Discussion took place regarding another fund raiser, Gift Books. These are packets of two-for-one coupons for fast foods that sell for \$10. The club gets \$5 of each book sold. There is no "up front" money needed on the club's part. If all members sold six the club could make \$1000+. If we can sell more then we make more money. It was moved and seconded that the club do this. Lote Sanderson will be in charge of getting the books. They will be distributed to each Board Member or Steersperson. They will in turn distribute them to their crews.

Tim Ptacek suggested that the club purchase two waterproof bags, one for each canoe, that paddlers could put clothes in in case of a huli. It was also suggested that some sort of Velcro fasteners be made for the life preservers instead of putting them across the spreaders. Gunnar Roll has one waterproof bag he will donate to the club. When the treasury permits we will purchase the other. It was also suggested that we look into purchasing rash guards to keep paddlers warm during the winter.

Lote Sanderson requested we plan an approach to recruit kids. Several ideas were suggested including Junior Lifeguards and High Schools. It was decided to make a effort to contact all members with kids to have them paddle on Friday, November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. George Abood and Jay Downer will be contacted and asked if they would coach. Gunnar Roll will take charge of contacting prospective places for kids recruiting.

Next Board meeting was set for Saturday, January 30, 1993.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Ptacek
Secretary