



Kaula
Outrigger
Canoe Racing Team

AGENDA, EXECUTIVE MEETING
Saturday, April 17, 1993

- I. Minutes from last Executive Board.
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports: Regatta
Long Distance
Fund Raising
Sponsorship
- IV. Old Business: Outstanding Dues
Kona Trip
Club T-Shirts
- V. New Business: Change in Venue for IPCF
New Canoe and harbor fees
Member-at-large Replacement *Shannon*
New Saddles
Rope Purchase
Letter to harbor
Safety Equipment
General Meeting
- IV. Announcements



Mr. Steve Scheiblaue
Harbormaster
Santa Cruz Port District
Santa Cruz, California

Dear Steve;

On behalf of the six people rescued and the entire club I would like to thank your two deputies that facilitated the rescue of our people on Tuesday, April 13, 1993.

Not only did the deputies get our paddlers out of the water fast so they suffered no hypothermia but they also then went back and retrieved our boat. Since our boat has no lights and is grey this took some hunting on the part of the deputies. (We have equipped the boat with lights.)

I know that the cost for this come from the general budget and that this is part of your jobs but all the same we wish to thank you. Enclosed is a contribution that can either be donated to the general fund or given to the two deputies so they can get a dinner that I am sure they didn't get that night.

Sincerely,

Sharon A. Saul
Team Manager

June 26, 1993

Stewart Saul
Head Coach
Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Racing Team
1745-47th Ave, #1
Capitla, CA 95010

Dear Stu:

We are writing to you, as a team, to protest the recent decision to take one of our crewmembers weekly to paddle on another master's crew, and to ask for the development of a set of coaching procedures regarding how people are assigned to or moved to crews for races.

As a crew whose members are eligible to race in more than one event per regatta, we are willing to sit in on other crews when requested. We feel very strongly, however, that this cannot be at the expense of our own Master Women's crew. Although three of us were apprised of the plan of making Marsha, Lote, and Arlyn alternates to the new Master Co-ed crew, none of the three of us understood that whoever was chosen for the week would not be able to paddle with her own master crew. Now that we understand that, we ask that you change that policy. We want to paddle with our own crew first, and only then with other crews. If our crew decides not to race in a particular regatta, our crewmembers who are available are more than willing to race with another Master's crew for that particular regatta.

Last October, in a club meeting at Valerie's house, you and the club members present talked about the morale problems that had developed over the year as a result of misunderstandings and last minute decisions with regard to who was on what crew. At that time, the discussion resolved with the idea that we would start developing crews that would paddle together--hopefully for 5 to 10 years--and who would build skills and trust together at the same time that they built toward being consistent winning teams for the club. We decided that there would be coaches for each team, that the coaches would report to you and work with you. Specific duties were also delegated to the steersperson of each team.

This structure has worked well this year for the teams who have regular coaches, and as a result, we have been able to build several new and consistent winning teams as well as allowing the Master Women's team (who are now the same people each practice) to grow and develop as a team. We do not feel it was a fluke that we finally won a first place medal. We have worked very hard together since last fall to develop skills. We have exhaustively recruited new members in order to find our two new committed crewmembers. We have recruited many new people to the club so that other teams can be formed, and so that a Master co-ed team could be a possibility. We developed more than one steersperson so we could race if the steersperson was sick. We purposely recruited a seventh crewmember so that we could have a fully trained alternate with

whom we all worked well so that we could race if one of us could not come to a race. Our alternate is not expendable. She is a member of our crew.

In addition to all this, we have given much to the club. We are consistent as attenders and contributors to club meetings, workdays and events. We continue to bring new members into the club. We paddle on other teams when requested to fill in for missing crewmembers. We serve as steering committee members, as club officers and as assistant coaches. We have developed childrens teams to expand our club's age range. The charge that we weren't thinking of the club first has severely weakened our morale and enjoyment of outrigger racing.

So, we are writing to you to insist that

1. we paddle in our own crew first in any regatta.
2. we be allowed to keep our carefully developed alternate member so that we have someone to paddle with us if we have a situation such as developed in today's race when Lote was ill, but felt she had to paddle anyway so we wouldn't scratch.
3. we paddle in other crews as needed, but only after we paddle in or are available to our own crew.
4. we continue to be able to build toward a stable, long-term team that can win medals and points for the club.
5. decisions regarding our team be made via our coach, who consults with all of us.

Finally, we ask that as new teams are developed, that they gain crews not by cannibalizing our crew, but by developing their own steerspeople, stroke, etc. In our experience as Akau Hana paddlers and coaches--some of us in our third race season--we have seen that that is the only way to build strong and consistent crews. In mid-season like this, we are fully willing to steer, stroke or paddle on other crews as requested to keep the crews going, but are unwilling to be pulled off our own team to form a new crew.

We will be glad to work with you on a set of Akau Hana coaching procedures to head off future problems such as this. What we are unwilling to do is to give up the team we've worked so hard for. Please respond to us as a team before July 3rd, so we know if these concerns can be resolved or not.

Sincerely,

The Master Women's Crew:

cc: coaches
club manager

Tricia John Thompson
Katherine Donovan
Carol Marshall
Maria Buerge
Patsy Marinelli
Lote Anderson
E. Ann Orskov

July 11, 1993

Aloha N.C.O.C.A. Outrigger Canoe Clubs,

This season has been full of firsts. Sixteen member clubs, a new race site (McNear Beach), four regattas starting late, and our cancelled regatta. Before I talk about the decision to cancel, I would like to spend a few minutes thanking Akau Hana.

My memory (and I'm not quite sure how good it is) tells me that July 10, 1993 was the first regatta hosted by our Santa Cruz based club. It was apparent Saturday that Akau Hana had put a lot of thought, work, and heart into preparing a wonderful regatta and day for us all. I arrived at the beach at 6:30 and already the club was waiting, dollies in tow to help clubs unload their canoes and park the trailers quickly.

As most of you know, putting on a regatta is not an easy task, especially when it's your first. Sharon, Stewart, Kevin, Arlene, and all the rest of the Akau Hana bunch are to be commended for their thoroughness and thoughtfulness in putting this event together. They were all wonderful hosts and did a great job in making the best of the day, and the muffins were so ono. Mahalo Akau Hana.

As I arrived at the beach I was notified by Akau Hana that the waves were very rough and we should consider the race conditions. The responsibility of the race chairman has many aspects but I feel the most important is to ensure safe racing conditions for all paddlers. This responsibility includes equipment, water conditions, escort boats, and a safe launch site. It was my opinion, on Saturday, that the wave breaks were too erratic and unpredictable to assure the safety of all members of the NCOCA. I discussed the conditions with the Executive Board who agreed unanimously. In addition, Mike Martinez told us that setting lanes was proving to be impossible. A meeting was held with all club presidents or their representatives; I explained the decision and also stated that no canoes would be allowed on the water.

As I walked the beach in the late morning and early afternoon I was concerned as I listened to people talking. They did not understand the decision to cancel the regatta. It seemed that no one had explained the safety, their safety, with them. It is my hope that each and every club president and coach take the personal safety of their members very seriously. As leaders of our clubs it is our responsibility to ensure that everyone will be safe.

I regret that I did not make the stand on no boats in the water stronger. One club asked me if they could get in some ocean practice because they planned on competing in Hawaii. I did not say NO. I told them that I was concerned that although their crew might be very experienced, that once one canoe went on the water, then others might follow. They chose to enter the water and five more canoes followed. One of the canoes had kids on it. The

majority of clubs, are not familiar with the conditions in Santa Cruz, the unusual wave action on Saturday, the low lying fog that was just off the pier, the kelp beds, nor the undercurrent caused by the river feed. Each of these conditions adds risk to our paddlers. I am disappointed with the club presidents and coaches who made the decision to allow canoes on the water without escort boats or first hand knowledge of the waters. I hope this type of decision making is not indicative of the decisions being made at practice sites.

Although I didn't specifically say no when asked, I feel it is necessary to penalize the clubs who did enter the water. The penalty assessment will be \$60 per canoe or \$10 per paddler.

Please remember that our purpose is to perpetuate the sport of outrigger canoeing, sportsmanship, and good competition BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSIVE OF SAFETY.

On to other matters:

Next Saturday we will be at Monterey and I'm sure we will start at 9 A.M. So remember to have all your paperwork in on time. Please refer to your regatta information from Ke Kai O'Uthane regarding trailer parking and canoe launching. We will be using this site for the championships and don't want to leave a bad impression. Remember no trailers are allowed on the beach or at the Coast Guard launch ramp. Please remind your paddlers of these rules.

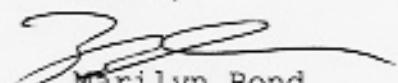
After talking with the host club and the officials it was decided that the one man races will remain at the end of the day.

Please plan on turning in any raffle money to me on Saturday. Each club had two hundred tickets to sell and if you can't sell to individuals, think about the club buying them for a chance at a club owned one-man.

The Championship regatta is coming up soon. It will be held in Monterey and assignment of duties for the championships is enclosed. Assign your people and let's have a great Championship regatta.

I look forward to calmer water and great competition next Saturday.

Aloha,



Marilyn Bond
NCOCA Race Chairman



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REGATTA COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meetings with the regatta committee were held on February 18, 1993 and March 11, 1993. Different committee members were present at each.

Recommendations to the Executive Board are as follows:

1. Awards for first, second, and third place be T-Shirts in different colors with a design done by John Smiley. Club shirts will carry a more intricate design of the same thing with more colors, and can be sold at the regatta.
2. Any club or organization that wished to put a booth on the beach be allowed to do this with no cost to them except city fees. Michelle Valdez will contact the other clubs and organizations.
3. Over-all awards be given in both small and large club divisions, with George Sanderson responsible for these. Preliminary designs were shown during the second meeting. Approximate cost to be in the neighborhood of \$300 or less.
4. Regatta to be held on Main Beach side of wharf. Permits and necessary arrangement will be made by Sharon Saul.
5. OC-1 races will not be held at this regatta due to the constraints of club needing to supply officials etc. It was decided that the extra income was not worth the work.
6. An opening ceremony be conducted with details to be worked out later. Direction to be sought from Executive Board.

July 13, 1993

Sharon Saul
Akau Hana
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Re: July 11, 1993 Santa Cruz Regatta

Dear Sharon:

Please read the following letter to your members, especially your kamalii crew which performed at the opening ceremony of your regatta.

As one of the founders and current president of Koa Kai Outrigger Canoe Club of Monterey, I want to compliment your kamalii (teenager) crew's performance at your opening ceremony. Although your regatta did not take place, I know it would have been very enjoyable. You can always tell from the opening ceremony how much time and effort has been put into the planning of a regatta. Many of you may not have been a member last year when Koa Kai hosted their regatta or even the years before, but I am sure Sharon can vow that Koa Kai does go all out to host a memorable regatta. I can honestly say Akau Hana's regatta would have been the same.

When we came home from Santa Cruz on Saturday night, my daughter, Nikki, who steers the 14 and under for our club, told her father that the co-ed crew danced hula and they weren't even Hawaiian. Herbert came back with "dat's allright, they danced from da heart". Koa Kai is known for its keikis (babys) and kamaliis. Eddie Fonseca acknowledged Koa Kai at a regatta a long time ago for this and made the comment that he wanted us to keep it up because the keikis are our trees for tomorrow. I ask that Akau Hana encourage its kamaliis to continue learning the Hawaiian culture, which does not only consist of outrigger canoe racing, but also the hula. Your kamaliis did a wonderful performance at your regatta and you should always encourage them. As long as it comes from the heart, it should never matter what anyone says or thinks. You may not realize this, but Koa Kai's motto is "E Mau Ana Na Hana Kupuna" which means "The Tradition Continues". Akau Hana definitely continues the Hawaiian tradition.

Sharon Saul
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Sharon advised me that there were a majority of haoles in Akau Hana. I, myself, never noticed. I did notice that the performance, attitudes, and love for the Hawaiian culture expressed by your members are 100% Hawaiian. Keep it up Akau Hana and if Koa Kai can ever be of any assistance to your club, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

Charlene Huihui
Charlene Huihui, President