

**Akau Hana Outrigger Canoe Racing Team  
Executive Board Minutes 11/7/93**

**Present:** Kevin, Arlyn, Lote, Valerie, George, Tim **Absent:** John Smiley, Shannon Gannon

1. Letters--available for anyone to read, will be attached to minutes in club files.
2. Coach's proposal--George and Arlyn's proposal was accepted by executive committee. They asked to change lock on shed and give out keys to coaches as they get trained. This is for safety reasons in winter waters. Arlyn will make a flyer to place on the sandwich board that new people will be taken out starting in the spring again.
3. Minutes of last executive meeting were approved as written. It was noted that some corrections were submitted by people not present at the meeting. This is not according to Robert's Rules of Order, so the suggested changes are available for anyone to read and comment to executive Board. Seconded by Lote.
4. Treasurer's report will be given at the general meeting.

**General Meeting Minutes 11/7/93**

**Present:** Lote, Arlyn, Kevin, Ana, George, George, Lisa Rose, Eunice, Mike Beason, Tim Ptacek, Valerie, Michael, Emerson, Fernando, Torsten, Cathy, Carol, Diana, Jackie, Michelle, Terry, Tina, Fred, Gina, Shawn, Jeanine, Betsy, Grace, Boscar, Sandra --new, Robin--new, Michael--new this summer, George Sanderson, Erica, Maureen, Laura

1. Introductions--
  2. General announcements--Kevin recognized Lote and Arlyn for their work keeping the club going through the changes this year. Also recognized all the paddlers this year for their hard work.
  3. George and Arlyn went over the coaching program plan. Gina accepted the appointment as fitness trainer for the club. She introduced herself and her training background.
  4. Lote read letter she wrote to Stewart about refunding his and Sharon's dues and about purchasing the dolly and trailer.
  5. Treasurer's report--expenses--regattas & id \$623, SC Harbor \$548, Sunshine Fund \$26, To Stewart for club loan \$1000, Shannon for loan and Mason's hotel \$650, Pete Pappas parking lot Total \$7,048.79. Income \$7,664. Balance \$615. (Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes for club files. See Lote if you need to see it before then.) There are still some people who still haven't finished paying dues. Leftovers will be carried over to next season's monies owed. Proposal for newcomer's dues--new paddlers who are thinking about competing \$120 + \$2 to cover ids as well as dues--motioned, seconded, approved. Lote talked with John about making new paddles to see if that would cut costs.
- Harbor rent was lowered because only two canoes on beach. Lote wants to keep a cushion in the treasury. Anyone who wants to pay dues early is great. Kevin noted that several people are putting money toward a Bradley. Talk to him if interested in putting money into it.
6. Amendments to the Bylaws: Lote suggested that we expand the Member At Large position to include being a liaison with the city and other organizations. To do this, we should form a by-laws changes committee to look into clearing up some of the positions

and other questions within the by-laws, including whether people want to change or amend the name. Anyone who wants to work on any changes, see Lote.

7. Equipment Committee Chair--George Sanderson agreed to head this committee. He also was unanimously appointed an honorary member.

8. Announcements:

a. Eunice--having party on 20th 8pm 135 Allegro--before she leaves for Hawaii--potluck

b. Shawn needs a housemate

c. Valerie is working on phone list--please let her know if your address or phone number has changed

d. Valerie announced that although last year's sponsorships didn't pan out, we have our first sponsor--a local awning company that will make us a spray skirt--ask Valerie

e. George announced that Mike Mason has received a new kidney this week and is at Stanford and is doing well so far. Good wishes

f. For recognition trophy for Stewart and Sharon Saul--talk to a Board member with wording you suggest.

9. Club elections

People nominated:

President--Arlyn...Kevin (declined)

VP Fred, Torsten...Valerie (declined)

Sec Tim

Treas Lote

MA L Shannon

Sgt. at Arms John

Membership Val

Hist. Shawn

Race Rep Ana

Election results

Pres. Arlyn

Vice pres. Fred

Treas. Lote

Sec. Tim

Hist. Shawn

MAL Shannon

SAA John S

Membership Val

Race Rep Ana

November 3, 1993

Dear Stewart,

Enclosed is a refund check for your dues and Sharon's dues.

I am sorry if the delay caused you any discomfort, but I needed board authorization to make the payment. The board would like to know how much it would cost to purchase the dolly and the trailer.

Sincerely,

Lote Sanderson  
Treasurer  
Akau Hana

Mike Beason - 475-5358

Jessica Dalton - 429-1718.

October 23, 1993

Akau Hana Outrigger  
Canoe Racing Team  
c/o Arlyn Osborne  
Vice-President  
119 Dufour  
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

Dear Akau Hana Board:

In regards to ownership and use of equipment:

I own the canoe, Ke Kai O'Uhane;  
I own the trailer, License plate AKAU HNA;  
I own the dolly the club has been using;  
I own the two pair of fiberglass saddles.  
Anything else left in the locker belongs to the club.

When I asked Lote to refund my dues that I had paid this year, I did so with the wish that I be given the same consideration that Kevin and Shannon were given for the club using their canoes. I was saddened and offended that, as Co-Founder, I was not deemed worthy of that same consideration.

Therefore, I do not feel that I can continue to loan the club any of my personal property, the canoe, the trailer, the saddles, or the dolly. However, not wishing to cause undue hardship on any paddlers, I will allow the club to use the dolly for a period of ninety (90) days from this date to allow the club time to obtain one of their own.

I am sorry I have to make this decision, but besides the above stated sentiments, with the change in my lifestyle both in the immediate past and the near future, I do not wish to maintain the responsibility of canoe ownership. To this end I have honored the purchase agreement I had with Ke Kai O'Uhane to give them first chance to re-purchase their canoe if I decided to sell it. They have decided to re-purchase it.

To verify that you understand and accept the above, I would appreciate a return letter so stating.

Sincerely,



Stewart R. Saul

Akai Hana Outrigger  
Canoe Racing Team  
Executive Board

Additions or corrections to your minutes of meeting of 10/10/93 should include the following:

Page 1, #2 - All decisions voted on by the Executive Board or general membership are not automatically amendments to the by-laws. By-laws can only be amended according to the last article of the the by-laws. Any major amendments must then be filed with the State of California which could precipitate an entire new filing.

Page 2, #4 - Walk-a-thon monies were and are voluntary. The are "not owed" monies and there is no obligation by anyone to turn them in. T-shirt sales monies were turned in previously or receipts for monies were turned in.

Page 2, #5c - Club name cannot be changed except by amendment to the by-laws and notification of the State of California (see Page 1 #2).

Page 2, #6a - All officers were elected in October, 1991. Those elected during the October 1992 meeting or appointed during 1992-93 racing year were filling out unexpired terms of people who resigned or dropped out. Therefore, the entire board (all officers) need to be re-elected this year.

A job description for liaison to the city for IPCF is not a duty of an individual club. This is a job and duty of NCOCA as NCOCA is who makes the bid to IPCF. Therefore the club has no say in this job.

Page 2, #6c - See Page 1, #2.

Page 3, #c - Ownership of equipment has been discussed under separate letter sent to the board.

Also separate from this is a letter being sent to the general membership to clarify resignations of Stewart and Sharon Saul. Please make sure this is read at the General Meeting, 11/7/93 and made a part of the minutes of that meeting. Copies have been sent to designated members in addition to the copy you are receiving.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the person who typed the letter, is located at the bottom of the page.



*Executive Board*

This letter is to clarify comments made in the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 10/10/93 regarding the resignation of Sharon and Stewart Saul. It will also clarify reasons for some decisions made by us.

It was with deep regret and after a lot of thought that both of us decided to leave the club. We had spent long hours for many years trying to make a viable club work. It had been the center of our life and our lifestyle for seven years.

In the last year it had become a "chore" to do all the things necessary to continue running the club. It was no longer "fun". We were both burned-out. It showed in more ways than any of you know. It came close to ruining our relationship. However, because our relationship is more important than anything else we decided that withdrawing from positions in the club was the only answer.

We did this not because of "any letter" or any problems with personalities. There have been many, many other personalities and problems during the seven years of this club and they did not precipitate resignations. When this decision was made we felt it would allow Stew the ability to become "a paddler" like the rest of you and to do what he loves most, paddle. And it would allow Sharon time to pursue other avenues of interest.

We did it in a spirit of goodness and love, not malice and hate. However, all members need to understand also that some decisions made by your elected Executive Board have colored this goodness and love. We had planned to allow the club the full use of all the equipment we owned. But because of votes taken by your Executive Board we have had a change of heart.

We do not mean for our decisions to hurt paddlers or hinder the growth of the club. After all this is what we have worked so hard for for seven years. Decisions were made by the Executive Board that offended us. We had asked for the same courtesy to be extended to us that had been extended to other members. It was not. Expenses voted on earlier were denied. Veiled accusations regarding monies owed the club had been made. After \$20,000 spent by us in seven years you might think that some money might be returned. This is not the way you treat any member let alone a member who founded a club.

We also did not want the responsibility that goes with owning equipment. There has been little to no help in maintaining equipment or trailering of canoes not to mention defraying of expenses. Therefore we have withdrawn our equipment from the club's use. We know that this will cost the club money, time, and effort and for this we are sorry, but it had to be done.

Aloha and we wish you all PADDLES UP!!!

*Sharon Saul  
Stewart Saul*