
Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order:

A. Kristen called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.

II. Roll call and agenda review:

The following attendees signed in: Robert Bolte, Lynn Soriano, Gayle Bensusan, Amos Hahn, Tony Francis, Catherine Steele, Yoko MacMillin, Renee Gallet, Roddy Simone, Cheryl Pollock, Laura Ruff, John Aiman, Judy Sintetos, Kristen Dowell, Cata Gomes, Cici Stebbins, Jeri Ann Smith

III. Secretary's report

1. Web update: The website has been updated and a members-only section added. Are there any requests for changes or corrections? Are there additional items that people would like published? **People liked the changes. No concrete suggestions were offered. People were invited to send additional info to Tony to post on the web.**
2. Members list: Is there feedback on published members list? There is a request to add birthdays so that we can celebrate each other's birthdays, but others say the birthday is only need for the coaches list and is used for racing. What's the recommendation of the group? Should a separate unpublished list be maintained? Seems there is a need for more information for race meeting? If so, how should the list be maintained? **The coaches will continue maintaining members' race information; namely, ages and race numbers. But if the coaches see an advantage to keeping ages and race numbers in the database that Jeri Ann is maintaining, then they might do so.**
3. **Catherine voted to approve the minutes; Robert 2nd; vote approved.**

IV. Treasurer's report

1. Update on expenditures: **Dues from 10 people are in; everyone else should pay up! \$1500 in dues have been deposited. The new dolly has been purchased (Catherine says it's nice!). Half of the price for the new OC1 has been paid. insurance has been paid. We have balances of ~\$2500 in the club's checking account, ~\$6K in savings.**
2. **Lynn motioned to approve Treasurer's report; Laura 2nd; vote approved.**

V. Committee reports

1. Luau: Kristen, Cata, Pam, and Robert have initiated a subcommittee. Need to discuss further organization and determine time for subcommittee meeting. Cata has found us a performer of Hawaiian music for 2 hours for only \$300! Amazing. She is trying to find hula dancers next. Now I think we
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just need to determine prices for tickets and we are good. Next is more food donations, and then some prize donations per Judy and Catherine's ideas. There will be a brief meeting of the Luau sub-committee after the regular board meeting.

2. **Tony motioned to allocate \$300 for luau entertainment. Kristen 2nd. Vote approved.**
3. **Cata suggests using a local hula school w/ keikeis, and a couple of professional adults. She'll look further into costs.**
4. **Lynn talked to Aloha Grill about food donations. They apparently don't want to donate all of the food. Discussion about the club filling out menu with salads, desserts, etc. Lynn to talk with Aloha Grill about providing lomi-lomi, pork, for ~130 people (100 tix for sale). Cata suggested that we give palm trees as a thank you to Aloha Grill, likely that Cata can get the palm trees donated!**
5. **Cata showed off the pattern for the Hawaiian quilt, for raffling. Other items discussed were: possibly a surfboard; a beach chair from o'Neill; board shorts and blouse from Aquatic Sports; feather lei donated by Cata. All members should be trying to get raffle items--especially items connected with ocean, paddling, Polynesia. Cata suggests selling raffle tix only at the luau, and allow people to put tix in cans for the items they're interested in**

VI Old business:

1. Insurance payment: \$250 should have been written. Has this been done? **Yes.**
2. NCCOCA meeting: Meeting is April 9 Bair Island meeting. **Kristen, Gayle, Laura, and Lynn plan to attend.**
3. Monterey Bay crossing: Uncle Les from Kilohana wants to know if any one is interested in doing the Monterey Bay crossing in Oct 2006 either as a 9 man or as an iron man. He would like to here from the various clubs. Do we have a response for Uncle Les? **Gayle says we don't need to get back to Uncle Les until summertime.**
4. New meeting time: TBC after various club members explore other alternatives (e.g., availability of Harbor meeting room, library meeting rooms, etc). What options have people come up with? **Gayle volunteered to talk to Harbor Office about arranging for the meeting room. We'll discuss again when we know more options. There was general agreement that we'd meet midweek during the winter, and on weekends during race season. Related: Kristen volunteered to mail club announcements to Cata.**
5. Paddles: There is a request to review and discuss current situation with hybrid paddles. Lynn will present short description of advantages and disadvantages of alternatives. Then we, as a group, need to decide how to proceed. **Lynn will discuss with coaches the advantages of various paddles, and then make recommendations for the club.**

6. Boat Storage for new OC-1: We have a new OC-1, thanks to Yoko. We need to have storage for the boat. Judy has identified choices as: 1) Pay for another storage rack at the rowing dock, if one is available, which she believes runs \$40 per month; 2) storing the boat at someone's house-- possibly Catherine's since she has 2 racks and lives about 1/2 mile from the harbor; obviously this plan has its drawbacks as it is somewhat inconvenient and only a few of us have racks on our cars for transportation. Yoko mentioned another alternative of using the space that is currently being used by the Green Monster OC-1. Let's brainstorm on other alternatives. Then let's make recommendation on which plan is best. **Gayle will ask at Harbor Office for middle rack availability for our new OC-1. (Coaches will meet to talk about availability of the new OC-1 for race paddlers.)**
7. Board member terms: Per the by-laws, we need to have staggered terms for officers. Some officers will stay for a year and others will stay for 2 years. Suggestion from Robert: "We try to decide that among the board members shortly before the next elections are prepared. By that time everybody might have a clearer picture of the commitment that comes with it and of their plans for the next year." Are there other suggestions? What's the recommendation? **Gayle and Renee volunteered to do a one-year term. Along with Laura (VP), Lynn (Head Coach), Tony (Sec), that makes 5 positions up for election next year. Cata said that Pam wants to commit to only one year; Tony will followup with Pam. If Pam wants to serve a one-year term, that means half the board will be up for election at the end of this year.**
8. Vice-President definition: The by-laws are missing the definition of the role of Vice-President. **Laura presented a proposal. Gayle motioned to approve it into the bylaws; Tony 2nd; vote approved.**
9. Moving Maka Nui for painting this Saturday. **Laura will ask her husband for help with towing. If she can make this happen, the Laura will send an email to the club asking for help to load the boat onto a trailer. Yoko will provide the trailer. Kristen will call Ruth for tie downs, trailer sides, and other gear for towing, red flag. John volunteers to drive.**

VII New business:

1. Small boat certification: There is a request to establish rules regarding small boat usage and certification process and post this on our members-only website. Judy and Yoko have started work on a subcommittee. Others who are interested may also join Judy and Yoko on this effort. The goal of the subcommittee is to propose rules and certification process. Once drafted, the subcommittee plans to present to the board for review and approval. Judy and Yoko will discuss what's been done and next steps. **Lynn suggested that someone must go out with Lynn, Yoko, or Judy a few times to show they know how to prepare and care for the canoe, and a few times out on the water and on the Bay, and can demonstrate they can huli. Then Lynn, Yoko, or Judy can certify someone to take a small canoe out on the Bay. Judy offers to respond to requests to go out on the small canoes. Cici suggested that we document the skill requirements and names of evaluators--perhaps on our web site, to which**

there was general agreement. There was also agreement to post an “evaluation form.”

2. Finding subs: People have been using email to find subs for practices that they cannot attend. However, people can not always find subs. In cases where the person is sick or has a family emergency and they are unable to find a sub, this is a stressful situation. It's also a disappointment for those showing up for workouts and not being able to go out. How should groups and club members deal with these situations? **Taking out the small canoes is one alternative. Lynn will start taking a survey and signups for race paddlers, and then the coaches will set a practice schedule.**
 3. Cheryl brought up that we need a race representative. **Gayle will act as our race representative. Gayle asks Cheryl to train her how to be a race representative.**
 4. OC-6 steers person certification: There is a request to establish rules regarding OC-6 steers person certification process and post this on our members-only website. Should we identify subcommittee to propose rules and certification process? Once drafted the board could review and approve. If we decide to have a subcommittee, then the next step would be to ask for volunteers and form subcommittee to draft a proposal. **Suggestion: we have a checklist. Suggestion: we let the steers people decide who's a steers person. Subcommittee was formed of Lynn, Cheryl, Judy. Cata, Yoko, and Jeri Ann, to make recommendations to the Board.**
 5. **Roddy asked about radios. There are two, but only one's working. Probably because of batteries. Judy will get more batteries for radios and try to get the 2nd radio to work.**
 6. Next meeting: **Cici offered her house as a backup if Harbor Office is not available. March 8, 5:30.**
 7. **Tony motioned to end the meeting at 7:18; Lynn 2nd. Vote approved.**
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