

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order: **Tony motioned the meeting to start at 5:12; Lynn 2nd.**

II. Roll call and agenda review:

- I. Signup sheet: **board members: Gayle Bensusan, Lynn Soriano, Kristen Dowell, Pam Myers, Robert Boltje, Amos Han, and Tony Francis; general members: Jeri Ann Smith, Ed Kramer, Lisa Franklin, Robert Hermann**

III. Secretary's report

- I. Review previous minutes: **Pam motioned to accept the July meeting minutes; Lynn 2nd.**

IV. Treasurer's report (5 minutes)

- I. **There was no treasurer report, as Judy Sintetos was absent.**

V. Committee reports

- I. Report on NCOCA meetings: **Kristen and Gayle report on activities.(5 minutes): Kristen: Bradley Lightnings for 2008 cost \$7800 (vs. ~\$12,000 regular price); the deposit is due in September. Gayle will call Auntie Marilyn to find out whether we can try one first, and how late we can pay our deposit. The board will continue to discuss this next month.**

Gayle: NCOCA asking individual clubs to contribute to Kilohana's keiki crew to go to a race in Kona.

Gayle: Akau Hana is due to host a sprint regatta in 2007. But Santa Cruz as a location is out. Monterey is a choice. Gayle will talk to people at NCOCA about what our commitment is for next year.

2. OC-6 steers person certification: **Lynn has consolidated notes from the coaches and plans to meet with Jeri Ann. Jeri Ann will draft a steers-person certification site similar to the format of our small canoe site.**
 3. Coaches corner: **Update from Lyn (5 minutes) Lynn: We have a strong novice crew racing in the Tony Gora. We need new coaches. Several Sunday rec paddlers are doing a great job coaching.**
 4. Kudo's corner: **Thanks to Lynn for double duty on Sunday! Huge turnouts for Sunday recreation. Thanks to Judy for responsive emails. R.J. was quick to**
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join our club because of 1-day response from Judy on email. We have a race crew for Tony Gora! Thanks to Pam for hosting meetings at her house.

5. Small boat certification: **Lynn will meet with Yoko and Judy to decide on certification levels for members already certified to use the small canoes.**
6. New certifications: Are there new certifications for OC-6 steering? Are there new certifications for small boats? **Not currently. However, Lynn and Judy will discuss whether Robert's ready to be certified out of the harbor.**
7. **Tony will order 10 copies of Kanu Culture's Steering Manual and collect the cost from members who expressed an interest in buying a copy. The club may want to buy one or two, too, to share around with the coaches and other steers people.**

VI Old business:

- I. Shared Adventures: **Congratulations to all who participated! What went well? ~ 79-84 disabled people went out; there were also quite a number of family members and aides who went out too.**

What can be improved? 1) We should enhance the two staging areas. The Shared Adventures "list person" should be at 1st stage. Our staging area should be larger, so people can stay out of the sun. 2) We need to be sure to explain to Shared Adventures volunteers why we put people in boats "out-of-order;" namely, for safety 4) Our staging person needs to be very experienced about placing people.

2. Aloha festival: **There's a Volunteer sign-up sheet in the equipment shed. People have volunteered to get everything we need. Lei-making starts at 1:00 in Harbor meeting room. We'll also have medallions to sell from our lei booth..**
 3. Aug 20 rec paddling: **We'll cancel the rec paddle because of the Aloha festival. Lynn will put a poster on the shed, and Tony will send out email and put some info on our website.**
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4. Huli Practice and swimming certification: **Lynn will organize at least 2 additional huli practices. We'll continue discussing swim certification.**

VII New business:

1. New sign for beach: **Kristen will get a quote on getting a vinyl sign. We'll ask John if he can build a frame for it.**
2. Cleaning canoes: **Gayle: we need to take better care of our canoes: clean and polish. To be discussed at future meetings.**
3. **A cotter pin is missing from the old dolly. Lynn will ask John to try to work on this.**
4. Big Kanhuna race on Sept. 9. **They'd like to buy 150 leis. We'll need to make 'em. We'll put up a sign up sheet, and post info on the web, and send out email. With a commitment deadline. Gayle will talk to Cata about how much Big Kanhuna will pay us.**
5. Lock for shed: **Gayle will get a marine lock from Bay Marine.**
6. **Pam suggested we update our website to highlight bringing in new paddlers. Tony agreed to do so.**
7. **Robert suggested we offload some of the rec paddling responsibilities from Lynn.**
8. **RJ suggested we host clinics with guest coaches. Gayle will look into clinics available in HA.**
9. Next meeting agenda items: **Sept. 17, 5:00, Harbor Meeting Room.**

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. What worked well about this meeting? What can be improved for future meetings? **Jeri Ann brought some snacks!**

Amos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40. Tony 2nd'ed at 6:55.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Club Shirts: [Ask Kristen for update on shirts? \(5 minutes\)](#)
 2. UCSC Community Outreach, Connecting Communities Catherrine Report
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3. Bradley Light International Sprint Races, Fund raising, buying canoe
 4. Waivers: Change format to request email address (3 minutes)
 8. Boat painting: Ask for update. (5 minutes) September
 9. Monterey Bay crossing: Uncle Les from Ke Kai 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. Our club is continuing to think about this crossing and get back to Uncle Les in the summer.
 10. Election of other officers: Need to identify other officers. First brainstorm on other offices. Ask for volunteers for each office. If more than one volunteer, then will need to have ballots to elect officers.(12 minutes)
 11. Review By-Laws: Need to review.(15 minutes)
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