

Minutes of Akau Hana Board Meeting

January 21, 2007

Total Time: 2 hours 3 minutes.

I. Call to order

Amos called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

II. Roll call and agenda review

Introduction of Stacy and Eddie to the old club members and vice-versa.
Introduction of new board members and officers.

Robert agrees to take the minutes.

The following board members signed in: Tony Francis, Judy Sintetos, Robert Hermann, Amos Hahn, Lynn Soriano, Pam Myers, Gayle Bensusan, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Cat Heron (Catherine) Steele, Yoko McMillan. The following club members and guest were present: Roddy Brown, Eddie Dobson, Stacy Norawa.

III. Secretary's report

Gayle motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Lynn seconded. Every board member present approved the minutes.

We presently have 39 members.

IV. Treasurer's report

Currently, the club has \$1,523 in the checking and over \$6,200 in the savings account. Cat motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Lisa seconded and everybody agreed.

V. Committee reports

1. REPORT FROM NCOCA: Tony reports from the January 21 meeting: There are plans to host a race in the San Francisco Bay before the World Sprints in August 2008. We will have our Bradley Lightning available to use for sprint races in 2008. At the World Sprints, about 16 Tiger OC-1's will be used. It is not yet clear how they will be financed. One idea is to get a sponsor who donates them after the World Sprints to the NCOCA, and the NCOCA will have to decide what to do with them after the World Sprints.

2. COACHES CORNER: Yoko congratulates all the participants of yesterday's wave chasers. It was noticed that Lisa (Huli Queen) came in very wet after the race.

We will be trying to arrange for a second week day evening paddle soon.

3. KUDO'S CORNER: Thanks to Gayle, Laura, Robert, Tony, and Wed crew for preparing and getting Makani Akua to Oakland for painting. Thanks to Miss Judy, Yoko, and Daniel for helping with loading Makani Akua. Thanks for the help and support by various club members at the SC Wavechaser. Thanks to Gayle for getting new bathroom and shower key and to CiCi for the keyring. Thanks to Kristen for Sweatshirt and T-shirt order. Thanks to Eddie for the T-shirt design, and to Judy for distribution. Thanks to Yoko for getting new straps for transporting canoes. Thanks to Lynn for getting new lights for night paddles.

4. NEW CERTIFICATIONS: No new certifications.

VI. Old business

1. NEW OC-6 CANOE ORDER: Made down payment of \$1,000, might get it anytime between February and May.

2. MAKANI AKUA BOAT PAINTING: Tony reports: Roger will paint the hull for free and the gunnels for \$600-\$700. Lynn motions that we allocate \$700 dollars, Pam seconds, everybody is in favor. Tony will clarify if this includes the painting of the ama.

3. MAKA NUI BOAT PAINTING: Tony reports: A boat painter at the harbor would charge about \$7,000-\$8,000 for the whole job, but it would be only(!) \$4,000 if did all the preparatory work ourselves. Judy suggests that we postpone such a big expenditure to next year. But we should protect it by covering the bad spots with gel or paint. Tony says that we can not use gel coat cover for the outside (according to local boat painter). Pam will investigate band-aiding options.

4. CLUB SHIRTS AND PADDLE SHIRTS: Club T-shirts (\$ 10) and Club hooded sweat shirts (\$ 33) arrived. They can easily be reordered in case there is more demand. It was suggested to advertise their sale on our website.

Lynn reports on race jerseys: Eddie made a few color suggestions. There will be women/men and long sleeve/short sleeve/without sleeve options. They are intended to be available for the Spring racing season.

5. TERMS OF OFFICE: Gayle motions that Tony is voted in as President by the Board for the period January 2007 through December 2008. This

would be one year longer than the rest of Kristen's term which Tony took over, and it would also coincide with Tony's 2-year term as Board Member. Gayle also motions that Robert's term as vice president ends with his term as Board member in December 2007. All Board Members present approve the two motions.

VII. New business

1. **FUND RAISING:** We will have large expenditures during 2007 (new OC-6, boat paintings) and we will need to be more active in fund-raising. Judy will email to all members asking for ideas. Eddie agrees to chair a fund-raising committee and report next meeting on progress.

2. **BALANCING THE WHEELS ON THE TRAILER:** Tony will have the wheels checked out.

3. **STORING GREEN MONSTER:** The green monster (a.k.a. turtle) will be stored in Makani Akua's parking lot, while Makani Akua is gone for the painting job. We pay for the spot anyway. It will be locked to a heavy tire.

4. **NCOCA REQUIREMENT FOR VHF RADIO:** We have two radios. That will suffice for the moment. Instead we will buy a new dry bag after Robert (RJ) reported that the old one is torn.

5. **KID'S CREW:** Cat asks: Do we have the resources to coach a kid's crew. Roddy suggested that we could start it first as a summer program. RJ, Cat and Robert are interested in helping with the practices. Cat says it will also count toward our eligibility as non-profit organization.

6. **CLUB LIABILITY:** Chris from NCOCA said he will post NCOCA insurance documents on NCOCA website. We should review the policies and act if necessary: We will have to submit up to 3 locations that we use for practice. Tony will try to convince them that we can submit the whole Monterey Bay (Davenport – Monterey). If we practice at other places like San Luis Reservoir as planned earlier, we would not be insured. We could buy extra insurance for such events, but that would be \$200 per day.

7. **SAFETY:** When you use the OC-2, make sure the equipment is ok, that you have water and food, and that you have the right clothes for the cold water. Steersperson should remind crew of jobs in case of huliing. Pam will start compiling a safety checklist. Eventually, when it is complete it will go on the web site.

8. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** The next meeting will take place on Sunday, February 11, 5pm at the harbor.

VIII. Meeting retrospective

No comments.

IX. Delayed for Future meetings

1. REVIEW OF 501C3 NON PROFIT STATUS Review will occur by IRS on December 31, 2007? What steps do we need to take to ensure that we maintain status.(5 minutes)
2. HELP HOST MONTEREY BAY CROSSING: Discuss plans in February 07(5 minutes)
3. UCSC COMMUNITY OUTREACH, CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: Catherine to report
4. SWIM CERTIFICATION: Open discussion (5 minutes)
5. 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)
6. OC-6 STEERS PERSON CERTIFICATION: The subcommittee is Lynn, Cheryl, Judy. Cata, Yoko, and Jeri Ann and are asked to give updates. Lynn has consolidated feedback and plans to meet with Jeri Ann. Jeri Ann will work on draft for steers person certification similar format of small canoe site. Jeri Ann will work on this during the winter months.(2 minutes)
7. CLEANING CANOES: How are we doing?(5 minutes)
8. LEI MAKING FOR GRADUATIONS: Discuss fund raiser in March(5 minutes)
9. ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS: Proposal to restrict board membership for partners/spouses. Review in October before next years elections. (5 minutes)

IX. Adjournment

Amos motioned to end the meeting at 8:10pm. Gayle seconds. Everybody agrees.