

# **Minutes of Akau Hana Board Meeting**

**March 11, 2007**

Total Time: 1 hour 37 minutes.

## **I. Call to order**

At 5:08pm, Amos calls the meeting to order.

## **II. Roll call and agenda review**

The following board members sign in: Tony Francis, CatHeron (Catherine) Steele, Laura Ruff, Robert Boltje, Robert Hermann, Lynn Soriano, GaYle Bensusan, Amos Hahn, Lisa Franklin, Pam Myers, Judy Sintetos, Yoko McMillan. The following club members are present: Toby Salciccia, Cici Stebbins, Daniel Czech.

Robert B. agrees to take the minutes. Laura agrees to be the time keeper.

Everybody agrees on the agenda.

## **III. Secretary's report**

Gayle motions to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Laura seconds. Everybody approves.

## **IV. Treasurer's report**

1. UPDATE ON EXPENDITURES: The main expense since last meeting was \$700 for the paint job on Makani Akua. The club has currently over \$4,000 on the checking account and over \$6,000 on the savings account.

2. UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS: 29 members have paid their dues for this year. At least seven more are expected.

3. UPDATE ON BUDGET PROJECTIONS: Judy hands out projections for this year and an overview of the expenses and income in 2006.

4. SUPPORTING MAIA: Joan and Maclyn's daughter Maia was diagnosed with leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy at the UCLA medical center. Members were asked to donate money for lodging expenses of visiting family members. Judy reports that the checks she obtained add up to more than \$500. She will send a check to the Tiverton House in Los Angeles, next to the UCLA medical center.

Gayle motions to approve the treasurer's report, Catherine seconds, everybody approves.

## **V. Committee reports**

1. COACHES CORNER: From Monday, March 19th, on we will have evening workouts for race crews. One for novices, two for women, two for men. The precise assignments of days and coaches will be made in the days following the meeting.

Small boat certification: Robert H. and Lisa move up to the "advanced" level and Caitlin moves to the "intermediate" level.

Yoko reminds the small canoe users of the guidelines for surfing. Stay away from beaches, stay away 30 feet from surfers, don't surf breaking waves or in the white water, stay to the right on the shoulder of the wave. Canoes are fragile and if damaged might be out of commission for a long time.

This coming week the Wednesday paddling crew will move Maka Nui and Makani Akua to the beach.

2. KUDO'S CORNER: 1) to everybody who rallied behind helping Maia, Joan, and Maclyn, especially Pam Tao and Pam Myers; 2) to Marc, Robert B. and Daniel for picking up Makani Akua and to Gayle, Yoko, Lynn, Robert H. and Lisa for helping unload; 3) to Judy and Robert B. for sanding the iakos; 4) to John Aiman for varnishing and sealing the iakos; 5) to Gayle and Caitlin for cleaning the shed; 6) to Robert H. for fixing shed gate; 7) to Yoko for organizing and coaching the gorgeous Saturday workouts; 8) to Yoko for reinforcing and extending Makani Akua's cover; 9) to Roger who painted Makani Akua so nicely and didn't charge anything extra for the special paint job on the ama.

## **VI. Old business**

1. NEW OC-6 CANOE ORDER: Pam will call the contact person about when we can expect to have it available.

2. BOAT PAINTING: Makani Akua's outer hull, its gunnels and the ama are freshly painted. It has been rigged last week and runs well.

About Maka Nui: Pam contacted a local boat painter who gave a rough estimate of about \$4,000. The price could be drastically lowered if we did the stripping ourselves. The boat painter would be willing to lend us tools and explain to us what to do.

3. RACE SHIRTS: Lynn will ask Eddie for samples to have a better idea of the sizes. Lynn is in the process of finishing the order list. The question of ordering extras arises. Cat motions to round the price up to the next full

5 dollar amount and use the additional money to pay for the extra jerseys. Pam seconds; everybody agrees.

4. **SAFTETY ISSUES:** Pam presents a list of safety guidelines we want to adhere to. The items are discussed and clarified. Pam will rewrite the list and we will keep extending it.

5. **FUND RAISING:** A meeting of several club members came up with the following ideas:

— Leis for graduation: Cici is looking into an internet company that sells leis. We can approach high schools, offer to take orders from individuals and order through the company with a margin of profit.

— Harbor festival on October 20th: Organizers are seeking input. We could sell things (sweat shirts, race jerseys, leis) and offer rides in canoes.

— Aloha festival in August: We can have a booth as in previous years and sell hand-made items.

— We can ask friends to pledge an amount for every mile we paddle.

6. **KEIKI PROGRAM:** No new developments.

## **VII. New business**

1. **THANKS TO KILOHANA:** We are going to send a Thank-You card to Kilohana for their fund-raising efforts. Further suggestions include: invitation to a paddle with us, invitation to year end party, sending an Akau Hana sweat shirt to the president.

2. **ALOHA RACES TRAINING:** We agreed to offer training sessions in preparation for the Aloha races in August, but not more than two per team. It is motioned to vote on a prize for a single session. Suggestions are \$50, \$60, \$80. A majority votes for \$60 per session.

3. **BRADLEY LIGHTNING NAME:** Suggestions are

— Kainalu (Ocean Wave)

— Malolo (Flying Fish)

— Lapa u'ila (Flash of Lightning)

We will keep adding suggestions and vote on them at the next meeting or via email if it becomes necessary.

4. **HARBOR FESTIVAL:** See VI.5 (fund-raising).

5. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** The next meeting will take place on April 15th in the usual harbor meeting room at 5pm.

## **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. UCSC COMMUNITY OUTREACH, CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: Catherine to report.
3. SWIM CERTIFICATION: Open discussion (5 minutes)
4. 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)
5. 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)
6. LEI MAKING FOR GRADUATIONS: Discuss fund raiser in March. (5 Minutes) ???
7. CLEANING CANOES: How are we doing? (5 minutes)
8. HELP HOST MONTEREY BAY CROSSING: Discuss plans when more information becomes available. (5 minutes) ???
9. ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS: Proposal to restrict board membership for partners/spouses. Review in October before next years elections. (5 minutes)

### **X. Adjournment**

Robert H. motions to end the meeting at 6:45pm. Amos seconds. Everybody agrees.