

## Akau Hana Club Meeting

**Total Time: 1:50 minutes**

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### I. Call to order

The meeting started at 5:10 p.m. We began the meeting with a cake to celebrate Gayle's birthday and to thank her for all she has done for our club.

### II. Roll call and agenda review

1. The following people attended the meeting: Tony Francis, Pam Myers, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Gayle Bensusan, Lynn Soriano, Robert Hermann, Daniel Czech, Amos Hahn, Cat Heron Steel, Jeri Ann Smith, and Judy Sintetos
2. Lisa volunteered to be timekeeper. Jeri Ann took meeting minutes.

### III. Secretary's report

1. The previous minutes were approved.
2. Jeri Ann reported on the review of old club files. Interesting files include: a form for donation, a form for participation or resignation, a file for corporate fund raising, historic pictures, community service records, a dept of motor vehicle bill, a list of board positions: elected & appointed. Jeri Ann offered others the opportunity to review the remaining files, and all felt further review was not needed and agreed that the files could be trashed. A question was raised as to whether the trashed files should be shredded. Jeri Ann stated that shredding was not necessary due to the unimportance of these files
3. Lynn proposed acceptance on the secretary's report. Robert seconded.

### IV. Treasurer's report

1. Update on expenditures. Judy paid the NCOCA insurance \$340. She has not seen the bill but knew it was due in March so she sent last year's amount. (After the meeting, we learned that the amount due is \$288. Tony will see if he can get a refund at Sunday's NCOCA meeting.)
  2. The checking balance is \$5212 and the saving balance is \$6509.
  3. Judy has received \$5633 in membership payments. We have about 50 members and money for dues is still coming in.
  4. Judy provided more details on the budget that was approved from the last meeting. The income from the current year is \$6457. The projected expenses are \$12,241. Line items were shown in a handout for both the income and projected expenses. R.J. noted that expenses are greater than income. Discussion followed that income does not include the projections for fund raisers since this is hard to estimate. Also, our expenses include purchase of \$6500 for the new canoe. This is a major purchase which should not be viewed as a typical yearly expense and we have been saving money in
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our bank accounts to cover the expense of a new boat. Judy recommended that we'll want to continue with fund raising efforts to enable our club to continue to acquire assets.

## V. Committee reports

### I. Coaches corner:

- 1.1. Lynn stated that there are no new certifications. Maybe Cory soon for novice steering.
- 1.2. Men's crew has had some trouble filling a boat. There was a proposal to use email for communication of crew. Maybe have more people than a 6-person-crew.
- 1.3. Dan made a report on surfing small canoes. The strength of the ama and the rigging is a problem for surfing breaking waves. There is lots of force on an ama rigged on the left since our waves are right breaking. John Martin, the canoe builder, says these boats are not designed for breaking waves, which can cause stress fractures due to torque on the boat. Our boats are built for wind waves, and people are encourage to ride wind waves to gain experience. And according to Dan, riding wind waves is really fun. With club boats, we recommend that people practice riding waves on wind swell. At Cowell's break, if you have experience, it is OK to ride the easy rollers. These waves should be ridden without burying the ama. A proposal was offered to add information to the small canoe website specifying size and type of waves permissible for different certification levels. If you want to ride waves other than wind waves or easy rollers, you are encouraged to buy your own boat. We also need to state on the website that a person using a club boat is responsible for damage sustained from riding shore waves.
- 1.4. We discussed possibility of additional rec paddles during the week. Cata offered to coach additional rec paddles. There are 4 people who expressed interest. We need to 1-2 additional people to complete a crew.
- 1.5. Thanks to Lynn for doing a great job organizing and coaching the Sunday rec paddle. Lynn thanks Cata, Lisa, Amos, and Robert for help with our rec paddle on Sunday. With the emails received from info@akauhan.org, Tony and Judy see lots of comments expressing appreciation. Due to the new membership from rec paddling, we are a growing club with nearly 50 members. There has been lots of growth over the last year.

2. Kudo's corner: 1) Robert & Pam for getting both our radios working again. (Batteries are getting wet. We need to get a ziplock bag to store them. 2) Pam for hosting viewing of paddling video. 3) Coaches for giving feedback on paddling technique from the video. There were requests to do it again. People agreed that seeing video was great. 4) Thanks to Jeri Ann for going through the box of old files.

## VI Old business:

1. New OC-6 canoe order: Pam reported that our canoe is expected to be complete next week. We'll get our next update at Sunday's NCOCA meeting. Pam says there is a guy who will transport boat
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for \$250. If available, all agreed that we should pay the \$250 for the transport. If that doesn't work then RJ, Gayle, Pam, Tony will come up with a plan to retrieve the canoe.

2. Bradley Lightning name: With delivery of the new boat coming soon, we moved naming the canoe to earlier in the meeting. The process we followed was: brainstorming names, reviewing the history of canoe naming, determining criteria for a name, discussing each proposed name and how it fits with our criteria, identifying a few names from the overall list, and determining the next steps. Our discussion rambled between these topics, but for the sake of documenting the discussion, the notes below follow the outlined process.
    - 2.1. Brainstorming names: "Lapa Uila" (flash of lightning). "Wiki Lopaka" (fast Robert). "Lanaki-ila" (means win..won...as in we won the race). "Huaka'i" (journey, trip, voyage). "Ahiu Mea" (wild thing). "Kikaha" (glide). "Kai Molo" (Flying Fish). "Kehukai" (ocean spray). Kai Nalu (ocean wave). "Palekane" (safe journey). Wahi Nalu (break through a wave). Kapili (to unite).
    - 2.2. History/Reason for canoe naming: naming a canoe gives it life and spirit.
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- 2.3. Criteria for name: Positive association, have a good sound, easy to pronounce (although all are easy to pronounce once you know them), sounds pretty, shows respect for Hawaiian culture, fits with our club culture. Another criteria is how the name fits with the names of our other boats. Our other canoe names include Maka Nui (big friend), Makani Akua (wind spirit), Kumulipo (source of life). We want a name that doesn't have a bad second meaning.
  - 2.4. Fit with criteria: "Lapa Uila" (flash of lightning) is too hard to say. "Wiki Lopaka" (fast Robert) is a no. "Lanakila" (means win..won...as in we won the race): we don't like meaning, it is too arrogant. "Huaka'i" (journey, trip, voyage) is very positive. People like this one. "Ahiu Mea" (wild thing) has interest, particularly from Dan and Pam, but as discussion continued we decided that this name is not inclusive enough. "Kikaha" (glide) is a little too hard to say. Dan mentioned this name is almost too common among other clubs so perhaps we should not use it. Others agreed. "Kai Molo" (Flying Fish) is not appealing as we don't have flying fish locally. "Kehukai" (ocean spray) sounds like cranberry juice, so we took this off the list. Kai Nalu (ocean wave) is not exciting enough. "Palekane" (safe journey). Wāhi Nalu (break through wave). Kapili (to unite).
  - 2.5. Next steps: Three top choices are Huaka'i (journey), Wāhi Nalu (break through a wave), Kapili (to unite). We need to verify that the name we chose does not have a bad second meaning. Gayle will think about who to check with. Lynn will check with friends. Everyone will review with friends who are familiar with Hawaiian culture. Once we have verified which names are acceptable, Jeri Ann will send out a message with the names and solicit a club vote. After a name is selected, we'll need to paint the name on canoe. Lynn knows a place for vinyl lettering. We can get that any time after a name is selected
  - 2.6. Fund Raising: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time. (After the meeting, Judy sent email with update on leis for graduation and requested and received approval for proceeding with printing of flyer.)
  3. Aloha races training Lynn needs to specify the charge for training. Agreement was that she would charge \$60/per hour for a canoe.
  4. Race shirts: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time
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5. Safety issues: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time
6. Thanks to Kilohana: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time
7. Harbor festival: This discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of time

## **VII New business:**

1. Cover's for new boat: Yoko requested a \$450 allocation for material. Once she is able to see the canoe, she plans to design & sew a cover. Cost of fabric has gone up \$7 per yard since she made our last cover. We approved the expenditure of \$450 for Yoko to purchase material.
3. Library summer reading participants: Lynn will check calendar to determine viable dates.
4. Waivers & ID numbers to NCOCA: We need to get waivers signed, and Gayle will turn them in on Sunday.
5. NCOCA meeting and clinic April 22: Tony, Robert, Gayle, and Jeri Ann plan to attend the NCOCA clinic. Lynn has attended for last two years and wants to give opportunity for other coaches to go. She will contact Daniel to see if he is interested. (After the meeting Lynn confirmed that Daniel will attend NCOCA clinic. Later, Robert decided not to attend the clinic.) The NCOCA board meeting will also be held on that day.
6. Next meeting: Our next meeting is tentatively schedule for May 20. Should we decide to race at Santa Barbara then we'd need to reschedule? We are not planning to participate in the Santa Barbara races at this time.

## **VII Meeting retrospective:**

1. Several items were not covered in meeting due to increased time spent on Coaches Corner and naming of new canoe. When asked it that was a problem, people said it was OK as naming is important and is an infrequent activity.
  2. The meeting adjourned at 7PM.
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