

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order.

1. We started the meeting at 5:15PM.

II. Roll call and agenda review:

2. Attendees included: Amos, Lynn, Judy, Pam, RJ, Gayle, Amy, Dave, Tony, and Jeri Ann.

III. Secretary's report

1. Gayle motioned to approve previous minutes. All approved the prior meeting minutes.

IV. Treasurer's report

1. Judy provided an update on budget and expenditures. The month-end checking was \$457.13 and savings was \$4010. Today's checking balance is \$552.22. The club's profit for lei fund raiser was \$458.10. Trailer storage was \$75/quarter, and Brett raised it to \$141. This is still much less than if we rented space from the Harbor. Judy raised questions about prorating dues. She said she had been doing this for new members and wanted to make sure that the board approved. We discussed prorating at length. Some felt infrequent recreation paddlers should pay less. Most felt our dues were very reasonable. Some suggested that race fees should increase since these paddlers use the canoes extensively. Some thought the initiation fee should be reviewed. There was much discussion about different approaches, and we didn't have time allocated in this meeting to adequately discuss and revise our membership rates. Therefore, Jeri Ann proposed keeping existing rates and continue with our current method of Judy prorating fees for new members until next calendar year. To prepare for a change next year, we decided to set up a subcommittee to review existing rates and propose new membership pricing for the new year. Judy volunteered to lead the committee. Gayle, Yoko, and Jeri Ann volunteered to assist.

V. Committee reports

1. Coaches corner: Lynn provided update. Regarding certifications, Tony and Albert are close to being certified for steering outside of the harbor. We also discussed the need for huli practice prior to our upcoming races in August. We agreed that Sunday was the best day. Coaches are also working on changing practice times. Lynn will be setting up meetings with all coaches. Dave volunteered to coordinate with Matt regarding men's crew activities. All requests for use of Oc-6 canoes must be approved by Lynn.
 2. Kudo's corner: 1) Great job on purchase of new Mirage. 2) Trailer looks great. 3) Thanks to Judy, Lori, Pam, CiCi, and Jeri Ann for fund raiser activities. 4) Thanks to Dave for including club members in his engagement-to-Amy party. 5) Thanks to Lynn for running such a fun Sunday rec paddling, recruiting many new members, attracting current members who are not racing, and racers who just
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want to have a a more social paddle. 6) Congratulations to Lynn for 3rd place at the Quarry Lakes race! 7) Thanks to Gayle for working all day at Quarry Lakes. 8) Thanks from Uncle Les (from Monterey) for the candies we gave him as thanks for letting us borrow his club's canoes for the sprint races there.

VI Old business:

1. Race shirts: Lynn received delivery of the race jerseys yesterday and will start delivery after this meeting. A few of the jerseys need some rework. There is a problem with men's long sleeve shirts, because of too much fabric in the sleeves. Amy will help review the problems with the shirts. Paddle Me used 5 colors rather than the 4 color specified. Lynn doesn't know if that will effect cost, but will find out. Amy announced that she will be the rep for Paddle Me. She will be helping with new orders.
2. Fund Raising: Judy provided a summary on graduation lei fundraising efforts in the treasurer's report.
3. Shared Adventures: The event is on July 21. There will be 3 boats: Maka Nui, Makani Akua, and one from Santa Cruz. All canoes will have weights on the iakos. All helpers should registrar online. Registration will reserve your event t-shirt. Lumber will be moved on Thursday night to build platforms. Judy volunteered her son, Paul, to help.
4. Aloha Festival: Judy provided an update on plans for the festival on Aug 18. Stacey will get ti-leaves for making leis. There is a shortage of carnations due to Spring freeze. It looks like we'll have fewer leis to sell, but the Festival will still be worthwhile. Pam will reserve shave ice. Judy asked that we be prepared to rally (help) as we get closer to the event. Lisa has reserved the Harbor room on the Sat before so that we can prepare the leis. Sweatshirt and t-shirts will also be sold. Coconuts will also be sold. Ruth is always the master coconut cutter.
5. Harbor festival: We discussed CiCi's email update. The event is on Oct 20. We will keep this item on the agenda to work out plans as we get closer to the event.
6. Safety issues: Pam has captured safety information from club members. Next steps: Tony will post on website.
7. Naming the OC-2: Current choices are: Huaka'i (journey), Wāhi Nalu (break through a wave), Kapili (to unite). Jeri Ann volunteered to solicit additional names and to conduct a club vote. This was not done last month, but will get it done this month. Also, Jeri Ann will add the name Kai Akua to the list of potential names.

VII New business:

1. Mirage accessories: There is a canoe cover though a few buckles that are in need of repair. We need a spray skirt for upcoming races and events. Do we have funds to allocate for a spray skirt? The cost is \$1785 and hoops, \$295 (which we could do without), plus shipping. Ocean shipping is 3 weeks. Some
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discussion that we could use spray skirt from other club's canoe for some of the races. Though long term we need to get a spray skirt. We reviewed events where it would be beneficial and we discussed whether we could get the spray skirt for the Alcatraz race on Aug. 4. Then we discussed upcoming expenses. Dave recommend that we establish a base line treasury amount. We decided that we should maintain a balance sufficient to cover 6 months of expenses. Judy reviewed the recurring expenses such as harbor fees and proposed that we establish base treasury of \$2000. The board concluded that with \$2000 as a baseline, we still have money for spray skirt. Dave recommends getting hoops so that everything fits well. There was a proposal to order spray skirt, and hoops. The shipping options will be researched including different air freight options from Hawaii. All were in favor of purchase of spray skirt and hoops.

2. NCOCA meeting: Next meeting scheduled for July 29. Tony will attend. Gayle reported that one issue that will come up is whether sprints should have final heats or should choose winners based on best times. Some people like having a shorter day and others like have more races. Given the mixed response from our group, Tony plans to report that our club is neutral on this issue.
3. Next meeting agenda items: Due to the Aloha Festival on the 3rd Sunday of August, the next meeting is scheduled for Aug 12. Gayle will talk with Harbor office. (After our meeting, Gayle sent an email message reporting that she reserved the Harbor room.)
4. Monterey Crossing. Gayle spoke with Trina from Ke Kai regarding plans for Oct 13. Our club would host the Santa Cruz launching activities and Ke Kai would host the Monterey side. We'll need to determine provisions for dry and water changes. Also, there may be an option for ironmanning it. We'll need volunteers to help. Tony will report the plans at NCOCA meeting. Dave is very excited about this event. 18 miles is a common ironman distance. Men's crews will be very interested, especially crews from Southern Cal. Though it would be good to have the event before the Moloki race. Gayle will discuss with Trina moving the event to September 29

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. We spent a few minutes discussing the meeting format. More food was requested. Question was asked whether more could be covered through email. Response was that sometimes email takes more time. Amy stated that it was a great meeting. Dave said, "Our meeting rocked." There was good communication. The meeting ended at 7:15 PM.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Library summer reading participants: Cat proposed September 30, and that date was approved by the board.
 2. Thanks to Kilohana: Report on thank you card (Cat), invitation to paddle, and sweatshirt. (2 minutes)
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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)
 3. OC-6 steers person certification: The subcommittee is Lynn, Cheryl, Judy. Cata., 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)
 4. Additional by-laws:Proposal to restrict board membership for partners/spouses. Review in October before next year's elections. (5 minutes)
 5. Keiki program: Any proposals? (5 minutes)
 6. Boat painting: Maka Nui. (2 minutes)
 7. UCSC Community Outreach, Connecting Communities: Catherine to report
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