

## Akau Hana Club Meeting

### I. Call to order:

### II. Roll call and agenda review:

- Attendees included: Cat Heron, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Pam Myers, Gayle Bensuran, Tony Francis, Judy Sintetos, Amos Hahn, Philip Purpuri, and Jeri Ann Smith.

### III. Secretary's report (2 minutes)

- Robert motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Pam seconded. Previous minutes were approved. Jeri Ann reported that she sent email informing members how to get their contact information published on the club's internal website. Only one member requested publication. Board members will encourage others to have their contact information published.

### IV. Treasurer's report (5 minutes)

- Judy provided an update on budget and expenditures. Judy transferred money from checking to saving to pay for the new spray skirt for the Mirage, which is on order. The delivery is not known. Our savings balance is \$2500, our checking balance is \$1442. We hope to do well raising money at the Aloha Festival. Judy stated that it was helpful to have established a \$2000 baseline at our last meeting. We are above the baseline, as we received \$600 in new membership fees. No major expenditures remain this year. Gayle motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Robert seconded. The report was approved.

### V. Committee reports

- Coaches corner: No coaches were at the meeting so this discussion was short. No new certifications were announced. We briefly discussed the Mirage canoe design and how that affects seating arrangement. Robert says the weight should be in the front. We will discuss this more when coaches are present. Sunday rec paddle will move to 9:00 AM. Tony will change the website information.
  - Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to the support crews for Shared Adventures! 2) Congratulations to Alcatraz crews. Great to see improved results of men's crew. The women's crew continued their outstanding performance with another 1st place finish. And amazing results for co-ed crew. Novice crew performed well after bad (confusing) start. Thanks to Dave and Amy for transporting the canoe. Thanks to Gayle for completing the race paperwork. Thanks to Stacey and Theron for wonderful post-race tailgate party. 3) Thanks to Dave for completing the trailer reconstruction. 4) Thanks to the coaches for all the practice sessions and preparation for races. 5) Thanks to Sunday paddlers for hosting YWCA paddlers at a surprise appearance. 6) Thanks to Lynn for completing delivery of the race jerseys. They are awesome for races. 8) Thanks to coaches and crews for the moonlight paddle. 9) Thanks to Stacey for free ti leaves. 10) Thanks for whole club coming forward and volunteering to take on activities as our club grows.
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## VI Old business:

1. Aloha Festival: Judy provided updated plans for the festival on Aug 18. PuPu asked for volunteers for stokers and steers people for the races. The planning is well under way, and plenty of people signed up. Rec paddle will not be cancelled.

2. Harbor festival:

Lisa will attend the next meeting on 8/23/07 and report back at September Board Meeting.

Update from Cat and CiCi. The event is on Oct 20. Here's update from CiCi: "We definitely have the booth that I wanted - it is right near the launch ramp. The event runs from 10:00 to 5:00 (Oct 20th), and we are on the hook for canoe rides so as a heads up, we will need steers people and stokers. I got permission to do snowcones and coconuts (as we are doing for the Aloha Festival) for a fundraiser. The HarborFest folks are selling their own tee-shirts so I am not sure that will be an option for us. I feel it poses a conflict."

Outstanding issues (per CiCi):

1. "The harbormaster wants us to do a sprint race in the harbor, but I am wondering if that would be a good idea. We would need 12 club members for two boats, and it would be such a quick race - maybe you can see what the meeting attendees think. No time has been set up for that yet, as they are attempting to find out who is interested. I do know that there is a fishing derby that ends in the afternoon and am thinking it will be after that. Some concerns about boat traffic. Maybe we should just give people rides."
2. "They have set up a website that will link to our website."
3. "When do we move our boats to the parking lot? They are having a sand castle contest and all of the food venues will be at the Crow's Nest end, so it could be crowded."

Lisa will work with CiCi to coordinate club resources. Cat will also go to the meetings. Lisa will ask the harbormaster when we need to move our canoes. Gayle suggested asking if we have an insurance certificate for the event. There was some question about coconut popularity. Also whether leis are appropriate for this event.

3. Library summer reading participants: The event is September 30. Cat has not had any calls. Maybe there's a problem with the morning time. Also this is still early. There maybe 20-30 people. Participants must be 9 years and older. Their families are also included.
  4. Monterey Bay Crossing: Updates from Tony and Gayle. Tina has not responded to email. The event is still listed on NCOCA race schedule. Gayle does not think the event date can be changed. Gayle will call Uncle Les..(Note after meeting: Ke Kai has cancelled the race.)
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5. Safety Issues: Tony posted safety procedures on our website. Club members can talk with Pam regarding any additions and changes.
6. Naming the OC-2: Current choices are: Huaka'i (journey), Wāhi Nalu (break through a wave), Kapili (to unite). Jeri Ann sent email regarding voting for a name. Jeri Ann will report results at our next board meeting.
7. NCOCA meeting: Tony reported that Amy attended the meeting and not much happened.
8. Mirage accessories: The spray skirt is on order. (Thanks to Santa Cruz for loaning us their spray skirt for the Tony Gora race.) Do we need another pair of quick rig straps for Makani Akua? ( Gayle will check.)(5 minutes)

## **VII New business:**

1. Catalina race: Dave has started organizing teams. The board approved Dave to coordinate the trip.
  2. Paddle donations: Proposal by Judy. Paddle donations to our club are a tax deduction. The value of any member's paddle is to be determined by that person's tax accountant. Judy will send an email announcing the donation program to club members. Kudos to Dave for suggesting this program. Tony will update the website with this information. Another idea discussed was to provide paddling clothes for donation for new people. Further discussion is needed to organize donation of paddling clothes.
  3. Elections: Jeri Ann proposed a goal of selecting 5-to-7 board members by the November meeting. Terms are up for Robert, Amos, Yoko, Judy, and Cat. We can also choose to add two new seats, as our by-laws state that we can have 15 board members. (Remaining board members include: Gayle, Tony, Lisa, RJ, Pam, Laura, Jeri Ann, and Lynn.) Here's a proposed schedule in reverse order: November meeting: elections completed. October meeting: nominations for board completed. September meeting: board approval of election process. August meeting: board selects election subcommittee to propose and run elections. (Per board approval, Gayle, Tony, Cat, and Jeri Ann will be on the election subcommittee.)
  4. Club growth: discussion about what's the impact of our club's growth? There is a need for more organizational structure, formal communication, and definition of roles/responsibility. What thoughts do people have regarding club growth? No one person can get everything done. Gayle has started delegating to teams for race registration. Tony will ask Caitlin to help with the club website. Coaches may need to delegate more. More communication will be needed between head coach and team coaches. It is amazing we have grown so quickly. Our club is working so well. Existing and new members are great. Great spirit of aloha.
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5. Next meeting agenda items: When and where next meeting? September 16 at the Harbor Meeting Room.

## **VII Meeting retrospective:**

1. What worked well about this meeting? What can be improved for future meetings? It was suggested that to encourage more club member participation at the meetings, we should discuss general club business first, then board administration business later.

Meeting concluded at 6:48 PM.

## **VII Delayed for Future meetings:**

1. Thanks to Kilohana: Report on thank you card (Cat), invitation to paddle, and sweatshirt. (2 minutes)
  2. Swim certification: Open discussion (5 minutes)
  3. 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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