

## Akau Hana Club Meeting

### I. Call to order: (2 minutes)

Amos motioned to start. The meeting started at 5:14PM.

### II. Welcome all club members

1. Coaches corner: Lynn stated that there are no new certifications. Tony is close, but needs a huli practice. We'll try to have huli practice next Sunday. We discussed the Mirage canoe design and how that affects seating arrangement. The agreement was that the stronger and heavier paddles should be in front. In big waves, sometimes there is a need for ballast in which case a heavier paddler should be placed in the back. Now that we have completed race season, we discussed practice times. On Monday, Wednesday and Saturday morning, practice will be open to both men and women. Tuesday and Thursday are the men's practice time, although Matt later noted that the men will mostly workout on the small canoes. This new practice schedule will continue until further notice. Pam volunteered to arrange a weekend clinic on steering. Matt commented on the men's winter program. He said that the men need more OC-1 canoes which cost \$2500-3000. For OC-1 canoes, he recommends looking at oceanohana.com. Canoes available include Fusion, Hurricane, Pegasus. He also hopes to do something long in the next 30 days. Maybe travel down the coast for 30-40 miles or an overnight trip. He will also work with men who are interested in a winter training program. This is a big commitment. Next year, he wants to have higher goals. He said the trips can include women. He might arrange a trip with 2 crews for 1 boat. Then switch out every hour. For example, we might travel from Half Moon Bay, which is a 50 mile trip.
  2. Racing update: Good job to all crews at Fort Baker. First place for novice women. First place men, beating San Francisco. Second place for women in open division. This is the last race for our club in the long distance season. Next year, should we plan to have an event coordinator for each race to manage logistics and to assist coaches, similar to what Dave, Amy, and Jeri Ann did for some of the races. Next races will be the Wavechaser series in the winter. There is no schedule at this time. As a club we may want to arrange a Moss Landing trip for club members.
  3. Kudo's corner: 1) Great show in Catalina! Thanks to Dave for overall organization. Thanks to coaches. Thanks to chase boat support crews: Dave, Daniel, and Amy. Congratulations to Men's and Women's crews 2) Congratulations Tahoe crew for 2nd place co-ed Master's finish. 3) Thanks to Lynn for the race jersey deliveries. 4) Thanks to Tony for saddles for amas. 5) Thanks to those who brought food and drinks to Fort Baker. 6) Thanks to Dave, Phil, Dan for rigging canoes post race. 7) Thanks to Renee & Laura for the fund raiser. 8) Thanks to Tony for coming up with slogan that we are a "Drinking club with a paddling problem."
  4. Upcoming Events
    - 4.1. September 23: Women's Molokai. (Leslie Churan is going from our club.)
    - 4.2. September 30: Summer Library Program
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- 4.3. October 6: Men's Molokai (Dave Wayner, and Daniel Czech are going.)
- 4.4. October 7: Lobster Row
- 4.5. October 13: Ke Kai canceled the Monterey Crossing Race. Our club may have an informal paddle. Stay tuned for updates.
- 4.6. October 20: Harbor Festival. More volunteers are needed. Contact Lisa or CiCi.
- 4.7. TBD: End of year parties: We want to have 2 parties, one for our club & one for 3 clubs in Santa Cruz. Robert will host party for our club on November 4 at 2PM. Pam will coordinate the joint party.
5. General Business
  - 5.1. Elections: Board nominations prior to October meeting, Board elections prior to November meeting, Officer elections at the November board meeting.

## VI. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting

1. Attendees include: Pam Myers, Amos Hahn, Bob Darling, Lynn Soriano, CiCi Stebbins, Gayle Bensusan, Robert Boltje, Lisa Franklin, Matt Muirhead, Tony Francis, and Jeri Ann Smith.

## VII. Secretary's report

1. Robert motioned to approve previous minutes. Galye seconded. Previous minutes were approved.

## VIII. Treasurer's report

1. Update on budget and expenditures. Judy reports via email: Aloha Festival: Gross take = 2017.00, Net profit after expenses = 1595.00. Expenses: Coconuts, napkins & spoons = 104.22, Flowers & Ice to preserve them = 216.00, Shave Ice Machine Rental = 40.00, 5% of profits to S.C. Park & Rec Dept. = \$82.00. We had lots of shave ice syrup and supplies left over from the year before so did not need to buy much. Treasury balance and recent expenses: Paid the balance of the sprayskirt + accessories last week: \$1370, Checking account balance 9/15/07 = \$2170 (plus checks in the amount of \$275 as yet undeposited), Savings Acct. balance 9/15/07 = \$2000. Pam motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Lynn seconded. Treasurer report was approved.

## IX. Old business:

1. Race shirts: Lynn will send out an email with payments due.
  2. Aloha Festival: Judy provided update event results in treasurer report. Also, noted that we received a \$100 donation from PuPu for our contribution to the Aloha races.
  3. Harbor festival: Update from Lisa and CiCi. Event on Oct 20. Event is more of a community outreach and not a fund raiser. (Although we may make some money.) No leis or snow cone are planned. Coconuts, T-shirts, and sweat shirts are planned. Maybe, we'll also do ball caps. CiCi will
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research a proposal. We'll have both Harbor Fest and our t-shirts. There are no children t-shirts. There is no general insurance so we will need to have each guest on our canoes sign a waiver. There is a plan to have sand castle building It will be OK to leave our canoes on the beach. They will not be in the way. We are planning to have one canoe available for guests to paddle. We will need lots of staffing for this event. 3 people in booth. Fourth person for canoe set up. Robert is coordinating the canoe rides. We'll need foam cushions for Maka Nui so people don't stain their pants.. 1 canoe. 20-minute rides. We have 3 booths next to launch ramp.

4. Library summer reading participants: Event is September 30: Cat is coordinating with Lynn for this event.
  5. Monterey Bay crossing: Should we structure an informal paddle of the crossing this year? Should we bid for this race next year with the NCOCA? It would be nice to be a preparation for Molokai. There is currently no room in the NCOCA schedule. We'd like to proposal hosting the Monterey crossing rather than a sprint race. Proposal to ask NCOCA host crossing race rather than sprint contingent on Lynn, Matt, Toby. 7 votes of this proposal. Tony will talk with coaches.
  6. Naming the OC-2: Club members voted on the following names.: Huaka'i (journey), Wāhi Nalu (break through a wave), Kapili (to unite). The top vote getters were Huaka'i with 5 votes and Kapili with 4 votes. Broad agreed to accept votes for Huaka'i. name. Tony will look into lettering for canoe and blessing. Suggestion was made to contact Mike Martinez.
  7. Mirage accessories: Arrived on Friday evening just in time for Fort Baker race. Still need some work.
  - x. **New business:**
    1. Paddle donations: Proposal by Judy. Tony will ping Judy on sending an email to the club with a proposal.
    2. Board elections: The election committee proposed a goal of completing board elections by our November meeting. Terms are up for Robert, Amos, Yoko, Judy, and Cat. (Remaining board members include: Gayle, Tony, Lisa, RJ, Pam, Laura, Jeri Ann, and Lynn.) Board approved the election process. Here's a proposed schedule: Next meeting, we'll review and determine number of board members. We have 5 open positions and we can add 2 more according to our by-laws.
    3. End of year party: Robert is hosting our club party. Pam is coordinating with PuPu'O and SCOCC for a joint party.
    4. Next meeting agenda items: Next two meeting will be on 2nd Sunday of the month due to Harbor Fest in October and Thanksgiving week in November. Dates for meeting will be October 14 and November 11. Gayle will check on room availability with the Harbor office.
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## **VII Meeting retrospective:**

1. Club members, Bob and CiCi, liked the new format with the general club business held first. Board members also like new format. We need to encourage more club members to attend.

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

1. Consider upgrading Makani Akua with a new ama (Bixler or Puffy) better suited for ocean paddling.
  2. Recruiting college students for paddling program.
  3. Thanks to Kilohana: Report on thank you card (Cat), invitation to paddle, and sweatshirt. (2 minutes)
  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., 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. Keiki program: Any proposals? (5 minutes)
  8. Boat painting: Maka Nui. (2 minutes)
  9. UCSC Community Outreach, Connecting Communities: Catherine to report
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