

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order:

1. Board attendees include: Tony Francis, Gayle Bensusan, Lynn Soriano, Robert Hermann, Cat Heron, Jeri Ann Smith, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Pam Myers, and Judy Sintetos. Club members attending include: CiCi Stebbins. Also attending was Corrie from SCOCA.

II. Welcome all club members

1. Coaches corner: Practice times are Monday and Wednesday at 5:30, Saturday at 9 AM and Sunday rec paddle at 9 AM. Gayle will make arrangements for practice times after daylight savings time ends. She will send out an email asking what time works for members, and then she will propose new practice times. We also want to invite SCOCC to our practices. Tony will send message on practice times to Corrie and she will forward to SCOCC club.
2. Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to Lynn and rec crew for Library reading paddling event and then hosting Eunni's soccer kids. They made very cute crews. 2) Thanks to Cat for purchasing small paddles for kids. 3) Congratulations to Lobster Row participants. 4) Congratulations to Leslie Churan & Daniel Czech on great Molokai race results. 5) Thanks to Cat for getting SCOCC spray skirt fixed and Lynn for picking it up. 6) Thanks to CiCi for Harbor Festival organization.
3. Review Upcoming Events:
 - 3.1. October 20: Harbor Festival. Event on Oct 20. More volunteers are needed. Contact Lisa or CiCi. Gayle reported that we will have leis at Harbor Festival. We agreed to charge \$20 for leis. Our total cost is \$130. It shouldn't be too hard to cover cost and potentially we can make some money. Amy is hosting lei making on Thursday at 5:30 at her house. There will also be coconuts and T-shirts at our booth. CiCi also purchased water to sell. Lisa reported that we are in good shape for volunteers. Robert is arranging one canoe for paddling for harbor festival attendees. Volunteers will help with steering and stroking.
 - 3.2. November 4: End of year party for our club will be at Joan's house.
 - 3.3. November 11: Next club meeting. Prior to the meeting, the election of the board will be complete. At the November 11 meeting, we'll conduct officer elections.
 - 3.4. December 1: Lighted Boat Parade: Leslie has volunteered to organize. Please contact Leslie to volunteer. (5 minutes)

IV. Old business:

1. Race shirts: Lynn reported that so far there has been no charge for the race jerseys. She will check into status.
 2. Monterey Bay Crossing: At our last meeting the board agreed that we will let NCOCA know that we want to host an event for the Monterey Bay Crossing. Tony has checked with all the coaches and
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they all support the proposal. Tony also sent message to Ke Kai to let them know our intention since they have had responsibility for this race in prior years. Tony will propose our hosting the Monterey Bay Crossing race at the next NCOCA meeting.

3. Naming the OC-2: The canoe name is Huaka'i. Discuss next steps. Tony will work on this.
4. Paddle donations: Judy will send out an email explaining donations to the club. (Note: Judy sent the email out shortly after the meeting.)
5. End of year party: Amy is contacting Lote and Corrie for 3-club party. Perhaps to be held on the beach.

vi. New business:

1. Winter preparations: We need to clean and move canoes after the Harbor Festival and before October 31. The Wednesday morning, Saturday, and Sunday crews will each clean and move one canoe to the parking area. Tony will make saddles prior to moving the canoes. Bob is also helping. The shed needs cleaning. Gayle volunteers to clean it, and she asked for one other person to help her. Cat volunteered, and Lisa said that she would be backup. Other maintenance items will be arranged throughout the winter.
 2. Discussions with Santa Cruz Outrigger. SCOCC is considering merging with Akau Hana. Corrie said that when she read in last month's meeting minutes that we are a drinking club with paddling problem, that convinced her that we are the right club for them to join. Corrie said they have 2 boats, 13 women, and 1 man. She sounded very positive about merging, and our board is also very enthused about the potential as well. We all agreed to move forward.
 3. Corporate paddling event: Pam provided an update on discussions with Boardwalk event coordinators. The potential for raising funds is big. The Boardwalk hosts 3-5K people. Pam reviewed points in her memo as follows: 1. This would be a weekend paddling event sometime in August. They have up to 5,000 people. 2. With this volume perhaps we should get the other clubs involve. 3. We need to determine cost, figuring on a 40 minute ride (4 riders)--approximately one hour turnaround time. What would we charge? (In the our meeting we discussed charging \$100 for one hour trip.) 4. The event coordinators wanted to know if it is possible to pick attendees up on the SC Wharf? (That doesn't seem like a problem for us.) 5. Just a thought...if other clubs were involved, perhaps we could have races? This sounds like this could be a good fundraiser! Pam has a good understanding of issues and our club's other responsibilities/activities. She will continue to work with the Boardwalk coordinators to figure out a specific proposal.
 4. Fund raising with sponsorships. Lynn provided an update on some initial work for sponsorship. The ideas is to put advertising on our canoe covers. She has a test decal on one of our covers. Corrie bought up a concern about harbor regulations on advertising.
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v. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting

vi. Secretary's report

1. Gayle proposed approving last month's minutes. Robert seconded. Minutes approved.

vii. Treasurer's report

1. Judy provided an update on budget and expenditures. Pam proposed approving treasurer report., Robert seconded. Treasurer's report approved.
2. Cat bought kid's paddles for \$200 and requested reimbursement. RJ proposed approving, Lynn seconded. The reimbursement was approved by board vote.

viii. Old business:

1. Elections: We have a goal of completing board elections by our November meeting for selection of 5 board members. Terms are up for Robert, Amos, Yoko, Judy, and Cat. (Remaining board members include: Gayle, Tony, Lisa, RJ, Pam, Laura, Jeri Ann, and Lynn.) We reviewed and agreed to a proposed election process. We have 5 open position and we can add 2 more according to our by-laws. We decided to keep the number of board members to 13, meaning we will elect 5 board members. We will keep 2 board positions open for SCOCA members should they merge with Akau Hana. We have 6 nominations and 5 open positions. Robert proposed members select 5 board members from the 6 nominations. Judy seconded. Board approved the election process. (Since our meeting, one nominee withdrew, so we now have our 5 board members. No election was required.)

ix. New business:

1. Next meeting agenda items: When and where next meeting? Nov 11. Gayle has already reserved the Harbor room..

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. Attendees commented that they like the new meeting format where we have a general club meeting followed by a board meeting.
 2. Lynn proposed ending the meeting Lynn seconded. Meeting was adjourned
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