

Akau Hana Club Meeting

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting began at 5:01 PM.

 - I. Board members attending include: Tony Francis, Pam Myers, Robert Boltje, Lisa Franklin, Gayle Bensusan, Lynn Soriano, "Cat Heron" Steele, Jeri Ann Smith, Judy Sintetos, and Amos Hahn. Club members attending include: Amy Kleinfeldt, and Dave Waynar. Gerry Bill attended as a guest of "Cat". Meghan Thomas and Tracy Cone from SCOCC attended. The plan is for both of them to become board members once the merger is complete. Tracy and Meghan introduced themselves and told us about their background. Welcome, Tracy and Meghan!

 - II. **Welcome all club members**

 1. Coaches corner: Lynn provided an update on weekday practice times, which are on Wednesday and Thursday. Gayle is organizing the Wednesday practice; Laura is organizing the Thursday practice; and Pam is organizing the Saturday practice. Gayle has arranged for two steers persons for each day. The small canoes will be reserved for the workouts. The next Wavechaser race is in Santa Cruz on December 8. Several club members expressed interest in racing.

 2. Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to Joan for hosting a wonderful year-end party. Thanks to club members for tasty potluck contributions. Thanks to many who provided entertainment at the party including those who offered dancing, gifts, roasting, wedding cake, and video highlights. 2) Thanks to everybody who helped with canoe cleaning and moving. 3) Thanks to Gayle for organizing the Wed. and Thurs. afternoon practices. 4) Congratulations to all the Half Moon Bay Wavechaser participants and their great race results.

 3. Review Upcoming Events:)
 - 3.1. December 1: Lighted Boat Parade: Leslie has volunteered to organize. Please contact Leslie to volunteer. (Note: Since the meeting, Leslie scheduled knee surgery so Pam is helping with the organization of the event. You may also contact Pam to volunteer.)
 - 3.2. December 8: Wavechaser race in Santa Cruz.
 - 3.3. December: No club meeting planned. We will review at the end of this meeting to determine if we have unfinished business and need to schedule a December meeting.
 - 3.4. January 19th: Wavechaser Race at Crissy Field in San Francisco.

 - IV. **Old business:**

 1. Race shirts: Amy has the invoice from Paddle Me and will give it to Lynn. The invoice was sent to the wrong Amy, which explains the delay. We may want to reorder, perhaps we'll use different colors.

 2. Naming the OC-2: The canoe name is Huaka'i. A suggestion was made to bless the new canoe when we bless the SCOCC canoes at the completion of the merger. All thought it would be fun to have a
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party at the completion of the merger to celebrate. Maybe a beach party, bonfire, and blessing. We could bless the OC2 at that time.

3. Winter equipment plans: Gayle plans to clean the shed with the help of Lisa, Amy, and Yoko. The coaches are considering a Bixler ama for Makani Akua. They would like to try the Bixler from the Mirage on Makani Akua before purchasing a new Bixler ama. The price for new Bixler ama and iakos is \$1700. It would be cheaper if ordered with Mendicino or if we buy two. The testing of the Bixler will be arranged once the weather turns and we don't need the three canoes in service.
4. Discussions with Santa Cruz Outrigger. Meghan and Tracy provided an update . Meghan says all SCOCC members plan to join Akau Hana. They plan to donate their canoes to Akau Hana. As they review their finances, they will check to make sure there is no tax liability. They don't think they have any tax liability, and they expect the merger process to proceed smoothly.
5. NCOCA Meeting Update: Tony provided meeting update which included a SCOCC merger summary, Monterey Crossing plans, next year's race schedule, and our hosting of a sprint race. NCOCA was very happy to hear about the upcoming merger. They saw this as a "marriage" rather than a "divorce," which is a nice change for the NCOCA. Akau Hana had proposed hosting a Monterey Crossing race; however, Linda Dresbach informed us that according to NCOCA rules, we must first host a sprint race. We are also due to host a sprint race this year. At the NCOCA meeting, Tony committed Akau Hana to host the sprint race next June 14 in Monterey. We had some discussion about the logistics. Tony says it is important to arrange permits soon. Dave has organized races in the past so his experience will be a big help. Awards are the hardest to arrange. Potentially we can sell box lunches as a fund raiser. We may need a meeting in December to discuss planning the spring race. Other NCOCA news included: 1.) NCOCA may change insurance carriers to save money and get more coverage. They are looking at the carrier used by SCORA. 2.) They discussed why races run so far behind schedule, and how to improve this. 3.) Big news is the sprint championships in Lake Latoma. We have until December to say if we plan to have any crews. Individuals can go to the website to registrar for pick up crews. Cost is \$100 per paddler. After the races, there will be OC-1 Tigers for sale at \$2300. These canoes are rudderless so are not very interesting on Monterey Bay. Also noted is that Bradley's will go up in price \$700. There are mixed reviews on the canoe made in Canada. They are described as beautiful, light, and a bit flimsy. The integrated spray skirt option is not working out. The Hawaiian-made canoes are reported to be better.

v. **New business:**

1. Corporate paddling event: Pam provided update on discussions with Boardwalk. Need to pin down dates. Use of the Santa Cruz Wharf is difficult to obtain.
 2. Ordering T-shirts. Deferred to next meeting.
 3. Fund raising with sponsorships. Deferred to next meeting.
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4. UCSC paddling program. Robert reported that he is working with Aurora to set up a recreational program with UCSC for its students. Current thinking is the we offer a short program, and if a student wants more, then they can sign up again for another short program. Our plan to to have this program to recruit students, not to make money. Robert and Aurora plan to have concrete proposal in January.

v. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

vi. Secretary's report

1. Robert motioned that we approve previous minutes. Pam seconded. All approved.

vii. Treasurer's report

1. Update on budget and expenditures. There has not be a lot of activity. There was a donation from Robert. Laura and Renee provided \$350 from their fund raiser. The checking balance is \$1315 and the saving balance is \$2515. We are above the \$2000 buffer that we previously established. It was noted that when we merge with SCOCA, we will have more ongoing expenses, and we may want to increase our buffer. Lynn motioned that we approve the treasurer's report. Gayle seconded. All approved.

viii. Old business:

1. Merge with SCOCC: We currently have 13 board positions. Our bylaws allow us to have up to 15 board positions. As part of the merger, SCOCC requested two board positions for next year and our board had previously discussed this and agreed in principal. Cat made a proposal to have the two board members recommended by SCOCC--namely, Meghan Thomas and Tracy Cone--join when the new Akau Hana board becomes effective on January 1, 2008. Robert seconded. The motion was approved by all board members.
6. Membership Fees: Judy provided a proposal. The initiation fee would remain \$50. Judy proposed race fees at \$185, recreational fees at \$130, children fees at \$75, and college student fees at 50% of race and recreational fees. Dues would be prorated at follows: Aug .75%, Sept, 50%, Oct 25%, Nov 20%, Dec 10%. It was also noted that there will be no initiation fees for SCOCC members who join after the merger. (The initiation fees are to cover cost for new equipment, and SCOCC is bringing two canoes.) Amy motioned to approve Judy's proposal, and Gayle & Lisa seconded. All approved.

ix. New board:

1. Officer Elections: The new board members are: Judy, Robert, Cat, Bob, Amy, and Dave. Remaining board members include: Gayle, Tony, Lisa, RJ, Pam, Jeri Ann, and Lynn. Pam was selected Vice President. Thanks to Robert for his work over the last year as Vice President. Judy was re-elected treasurer.
1. New officers: In an email message, Jeri Ann proposed adding offices for Fund Raising manager, Equipment manager, and Safety manager. All agreed to this proposal. Amy and Dave agreed to share responsibilities as equipment manager. Lisa and Robert agreed to share responsibilities for fund raising. Tracy volunteered to provide consulting for fund raising. She has lots of fund raising experience. Last year, we raised \$2650. We will delay selection of a Safety Officer so we can check with more board member and club members. Cat motioned that we approve the selection of Amy and Dave as Equipment Managers, and Lisa and Robert as Fund Raising Managers. Lynn seconded. All approved.
- x. **New business:**
 1. Next meeting agenda items include: Trailer, Race stuff. If we need a meeting in December the scheduled date is the 16th. Otherwise, we'll plan to meet in January. (Note: While not discussed at the meeting, the 3rd Sunday is January 20. The 21st is a holiday. We'll want to confirm via email if the board wants to meet on that day.) Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. No meeting review due to lack of time. A ukulele club scheduled their meeting at 7:15 PM. We adjourned at 7:10 PM.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Swim certification: Open discussion (5 minutes)
 2. 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)
 3. Keiki program: Any proposals? (5 minutes)
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