

# Minutes of Akau Hana Club and Board Meeting

January 13, 2008

Total Time: 2 hours 40 minutes.

## A. CLUB MEETING

### I. Call to order

At 5:10pm, Tony calls the meeting to order.

### II. Sign in, role call, welcome

The following board members and general members sign in: Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Gayle Bensusan, Cat Heron Steele, Joan Rippe, Susan Ashley, Tracy Cone, Cata Gomes, Jan Shriner, Tony Francis, Leslie Churan, Robert Boltje.

Robert agrees to take the minutes.

Agenda item IX.3 is added on Robert's request.

Everybody introduces themselves and welcomes Jan Shriner (former Ke Kai).

### III. Reoccurring items

1. COACHES' CORNER: On Lynn's behalf, Cat announces that Tony is certified to steer outside the harbor and that Kim and Corrie are certified to steer in the harbor.

2. KUDOS' CORNER: 1) Great job Santa Cruz Outrigger on Holiday Boat Parade. 2) Congratulations to all the Santa Cruz Wavechaser participants and their great race results. 3) Thanks to Gayle, Lisa, Robert, and Yoko for shed cleaning. 4) Thanks to Tony and Jeri Ann for their help in getting the World Sprints Participant forms in on time for the club.

#### 3. UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 19th: Wavechaser at Crissy Field, San Francisco.

February 16th and 17th: Wavechaser at Fort Baker.

March 1st: Wavechaser Championships at Fort Baker.

April 19th: Wavechaser Relay (Berkeley to Redwood City, 38 miles)

June 14th: Sprints, hosted by Akau Hana. To organize this event, we have the following volunteers:

- Beach permit and insurance: Tony.
- Race committee chair: Cata.
- Award design: Pam.
- Facilities (parking permit, garbage pickup, portable toilets): Bob.
- Fund-raising (food, t-shirts, raffle): Joan wants to help. Yoko was suggested to chair.
- PR (email, webpage, event info, lodging): Robert.

#### **IV. Old business**

1. RACE SHIRTS: Please everybody pay Lynn! She is still missing about 300 Dollars. Tracy volunteers to send out email with inventory of race shirts, in case members still want some.
2. UPDATE ON MERGER WITH SCOCC: As of January 1st SCOCC and Akau Hana have merged. Judy and Leslie Ch. will check bills to make sure we do not double pay for boat storage. SCOCC donates their assets to Akau Hana and Akau Hana takes care of repairing the splash guard of on of the SCOCC boats. The donation of SCOCC funds will also be used toward dues for their members that joined Akau Hana.
3. NAMING THE OC-2: Postponed to next meeting.
4. WINTER EQUIPMENT PLANS: Postponed to next meeting.
5. CORPORATE PADDLING EVENT: No new developments. Pam says that we need to have the NCOCA race dates confirmed. Then we can offer dates for the event.
6. UCSC PADDLING PROGRAM: No new developments. It is in the planning. Robert will contact Aurora to present detailed plan at next meeting.
7. NEW SAFETY OFFICER: Bob volunteers to be the new Safety Officer. It is reported that Erica(spelling??) volunteers to help with writing up safety information.

It was suggested that we include a passage on the waiver that the signature asserts that the person can swim or stay afloat for at least 30 minutes. Pam says the club in Hawaii she knows does this. Cat says, Kilohana does it as well. Tony suggests to also take a look at Pale Kai's web page, since they take safety very seriously after a fatal accident in their club.

8. NCOCA UPDATE: Tony reports from January 12 meeting. Race dates are still provisional and might change. NCOCA will make it a priority to promote outrigger canoeing, for instance through youth programs. Tony will send more detailed email to the whole club.

## **V. New business**

1. TECHNOLOGY OFFICER: Caitlin volunteered to be our new Technology Officer responsible for web site administration. She will also investigate and implement technology solutions to improve communication within our club. Tony has been fulfilling this role and is thrilled to have Caitlin assume this responsibility. For future web site problems, one can contact Caitlin and then Tony as backup.

2. FUND-RAISING AND SPONSORSHIPS: Robert reports. Matt suggested that the men's team should make a big effort to fund-raise so that races like Molokai (OC-6, and also OC-1/2) and Catalina (OC-6, and also OC-1/2) can be supported by these funds. He envisions sponsorships from corporations. Part of these funds should go to the club as a whole, but the larger part should be used for the toward the high travel/lodging/registration/chaseboat expenses for the above mentioned events. Matt encourages the women's team to make a similar effort. Matt is has a lot of experience with fund-raising. Robert and Lisa will come up with a more precise proposal for the next board meeting.

Cata volunteered to attend an info meeting of the "Community foundation of Santa Cruz County". This foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations. Cata said that Akau Hana has already obtained grants from this source and that she wants to apply for a grant to build a Keiki program.

3. WORLD SPRINTS UPDATE: Tony has submitted individual "Intend to Participation" forms for the men. In contrast to earlier promises, it was not possible to register as an Akau Hana team.

4. FUND-RAISER FOR GEORGIANA BRUCE KIRBY SCHOOL: Joan aks if Akau Hana is willing to donate a paddle with 3 OC-6's on some Sunday morning (April 27th seemed a good choice) during rec-paddle time for 4 persons in each canoe. The club would have to provide the canoes, paddles, 3 stokers and 3 steerspersons. The event would be followed by a catered buffet and live hula performance on the beach. The whole event would be "auctioned" during a fund-raiser for the G-B-K school. The club would get a lot of recognition through an article in the Sentinel, as well as through

exposure during the auction to many people in the community. Everybody thought that this is a great idea and voted in favor.

5. ORDERING T-SHIRTS OR RACE SHIRTS: Discussion about ordering new race shirts with different, more visible color. Pros: Visibility for water changes, more attractive for sponsors, safety. Cons: Don't want to be stuck with inventory of old ones. Nothing was decided. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

6. KE KAI SUSAN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL: Susan Campbell from Ke Kai had a sudden stroke. She was a very strong paddler, 51-years-old, mother, and competed recently in Molokai race. Here memorial is a paddle on Feb 3. Contact Jan Shriner at ?? for more details.

## B. BOARD MEETING

### VI. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 2007 board meeting are approved unanimously.

### VII. Treasurer's report

Judy apologizes for the error that she stated the race fees in her request for the 2008 dues as \$175 instead of the new fees \$185 that were agreed on during the last meeting. The suggestion to leave it at the \$175 level for those who pay by end of January was unanimously approved.

We have currently about \$2,500 in the savings account and \$1,000 in the checking account, plus about \$1,000 in checks from membership dues that have not been deposited yet. The paddle-me race shirts and the (quarterly) rent for boat storage have already been paid. It was suggested to increase the safety net amount in our savings account (about equivalent of running costs for 6 months) from \$2,500 to \$3,000, since we pay now more for storage with two more OC-6's. Treasurer's report is approved unanimously.

### VIII. Old business:

#### 1. NEW BOARD:

Robert Hermann (RJ) resigned from the board. Cata is interested to become a board member. She has now more time and wants to become more involved with the club on the board and also as coach. Cata was particularly interested to start again a Keiki program. Cat volunteered to help. It was decided that we send out an email to all members to ask if anybody else is interested to serve on the board.

Pam as Vice-President will coordinate publicity activities for the club. She is planning a press release about the merger with SCOCC, that we are in the process of selecting competitive crews for Catalina and Molokai, and that we want to build a Keiki program.

Tony circulates a first write-up of the steering certification process for the OC-6. He will post it on the web with the request to provide feed-back so that we can finalize it quickly.

#### **IX. New Business:**

1. MONTEREY BAY CROSSING: Since we are hosting a sprint race in the spring, according to NCOCA rules we would become eligible to also host a long distance event. The board was favorable toward the idea to host the Monterey Bay crossing. A possible date could be September 20, two weeks after Catalina and three weeks before the men's Molokai.

2. MEETING SCHEDULE: Since several third Sundays of the month will this year fall on holiday weekends, it is decided that Gayle asks via email if the board wants to move the meetings to the second Sunday of each month. For February it was decided to meet on the 10th.

3. YOKO'S/JUDY'S DAMAGED OC-2: Yoko's and Judy's boat was damaged by one of our club OC-6's. Robert asked the board to pay for the repair. Since we did not have a quorum at this point in time, Robert suggested to collect an email vote.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.