

Akau Hana Club Meeting

1. **Call to order:** Meeting started at: 5:17PM.
 1. Amy volunteered to be time keeper. Attendees include: Tony Francis, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Catalina Gomes, Cat Heron Steele, Pam Myers, Megan Thomas, David Wayner, Gayle Bensusan, Jeri Ann Smith, Judy Sintetos, and Bob Darling.
 1. Coaches corner: Coaches will be having a meeting soon to discuss training schedules and upcoming race plans. They want to select which races our club will participate in. Lynn would like to arrange a blessing for our clubs' merger, for the launch of the race season, and for the new canoes and paddles that club members have recently purchased. Pastor Don has done blessings for our club, and Lynn would like to work with him. Cata also knows a person who does blessings and recommends him. Cata will work with Lynn to figure out a plan for our blessings.
 1. Safety update: Bob updated us on activities. 1) Erica is planning on writing up a set of guidelines about safety conditions, based on an email thread Tony started. 2) Last meeting, it was proposed to include a waiver statement that asserts that the person can swim or stay afloat for at least 30 minutes, or else they must wear a PFD on the canoe. Bob will write up a waiver proposal. 3) Bob met with Ken, the harbor master, and explained how we want a safety presentation. The focus would be on outriggers. We'd invite all outrigger paddlers in Santa Cruz. We selected April 6 at 1 PM. Lisa will arrange meeting room. 4) Bob is also planning to review Kilohana's safety website. If pertinent items are found on that website, Bob will work with Caitlin to modify/add them to our website. 5) The only report of safety concerns came from Gayle, who reported that Makani Akua seemed to be rigged wrong and was unstable. We discussed this further when we got to the Winter Equipment Plans agenda item.
 2. Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to those who did the snow dance to get all the precipitation, and thanks to those who also got the sun back. 2) Kudos to all the Crissy Field Wavechaser participants, who included Daniel, Robert, Dave W., Dave L, and Matt. 3) Thanks to Matt for setting up the cross fit program for men. 4) Thanks to Susan for setting up land shark program for women. 5) Thanks to Robert for taking minutes at our January meeting. 6) Thanks for work on 501(c)3. It's nearly complete! 7) Thanks for Corrie for getting pictures of the Santa Cruz Wavechaser into Pacific Paddler magazine.
 3. Review Upcoming Events:
 - 3.1. February 16th & 17th: Ft. Baker Wavechaser.
 - 3.2. March 1st: Ft Baker Wavechaser Championships.
 - 3.3. March 30th: OC1/OC2 Catalina to Dana Point Race (40 miles). The men's crew are planning to race.
 - 3.4. April 13th: NCOCA Race Clinic. Gayle, Pam, Bob, and Tony will attend the clinic.
 - 3.5. April 19th: Wavechaser Relay (Berkeley to Redwood City, 38 miles).
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- 3.6. June 1st: Georgiana Bruce Kirby School Auction. The club will have to provide the canoes, paddles, 3 rowers 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.
- 3.7. June 14th: Akau Hana-hosted race. Updates: 1) Tony has the preliminary beach permit and PA permit, and he has informed the NCOCA of the insurance requirement for the City of Monterey. Judy wrote a check for the permit, and Tony will mail it to the City of Monterey 2) Pam led a discussion about the award design. Pam says medals seem preferred. She asked about including the race date on the medals. Judy and Cata said most clubs don't put dates on award medals. So Pam will proceed without putting on the date. She'll use our standard club logo. Pam estimates cost: 3 x 180 x \$2.50 = \$1,350.00. She'll get a formal estimate from a shop that Judy recommends. 3) Tony informed Bob of the requirement for a trash permit. 4) Cata informed us that we need to haul the NCOCA trailer to the site, and we need to obtain 2 chase boats. Cata says we need two in addition to the NCOCA boat. Bob volunteered to arrange for chase boats. More work is needed by the race committee. Cata will set up future meetings for the committee. She will also set up a budget.
- 3.8. July 19th: Shared Adventures.

IV. Old business:

1. Winter equipment plans: Amy and Dave provided an update on equipment. They'll organize maintenance work on our equipment over the next months. Leslie Churan is varnishing the iakos. Gayle reported that Makani Akua is unstable. Dave will look at her rigging. Dave will also send out memo to not paddle Makani Akua until it has been re-rigged. Dave reported that we need new 2 rigging straps. The board approved Dave to purchase them. Dave will get new lock for shed as newest lock does not work and the prior one is hard to use.
 2. Fund Raising: 1) Cata provided an update on "Community Foundations" grant opportunities. Cat and Cata went to a Community Foundations meeting. Community Foundations now has one grant program. They want all of their money spent in Santa Cruz County. They are not interested funding trips, such as to Catalina or Molokai. A keiki program is the sort of thing that they would help fund. Also grant money is not available until the end of Fall. We'd need to start a keiki program first. 2) Robert reported on Matt's proposals for fund raising. Matt would like to raise money for the men's crews to participate in the Molokai and Catalina races. Matt estimated it will cost \$13,000 for the men's crews. Each person would be expected to raise \$1000. Matt's proposal is to give 20% of the income to the club's general fund and to set aside 80% for the men's racing program. There was also discussion about the women's race crews doing the same sort of fund raising for their Catalina and Molokai efforts. We need to put together a brochure to market to various corporations and local businesses. We also need to specify rewards/recognition for the various donation levels. The board approved Robert's proposal to further investigate and to further specify fund raising plans for ap-
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proaching corporate donors. Bob commented that we need to be aware of and to follow rules so that don't want to jeopardize 501(c)3 status. Meghan, who has fundraising experience on other non-profit boards, said that she thought this plan does not jeopardize our 501(c)3 status.

3. Monterey Bay Crossing: After discussion of various dates, Amy proposed Saturday, Sept 20. All board members approved
4. Race shirts: Postponed since Lynn and Tracy were not at meeting .
5. Corporate paddling event: Pam provide an update on discussions with the Boardwalk. The Board approved Pam's fund-raising plan of taking Boardwalk clients out for 1-hour nature tours on one or two of the following Saturdays: June 7, Jun 28, July 12, and Aug 23, and possibly the following Sundays. We would charge between \$100-\$150/hour per canoe, with the price to be negotiated by Pam. (5 minutes)
6. Ordering T-shirts or race shirts. We continued our discussion from last meeting 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. Amy will come up with cost estimates and options for new jerseys. Amy will talk with Tracy to get an inventory of our current race jerseys.

vii. New business:

8. Blessing: Blessing for Daylight savings change, SCOCC merger, and OC-2. Lynn will talk with Don. Cata also has proposal. Gayle will need to order tea leaves. Also, discussed the need to scrap off lettering from the SCOCC canoes. The goal is to have blessing before race season starts. April is a good month.
9. Keiki program: Cata reported that it does not make sense to have Keiki program since we have so few children. Jeri Ann will remove this item from the agenda until Cata informs Jeri Ann that they have a proposal for board review.

x. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

1. Pass out sign up sheet. Review agenda. Assign time keeper.

xi. Secretary's report

1. January's minutes were written by Robert. Pam made a motion to approve. All board members present voted to approve. Treasurer's report
 1. Update on budget and expenditures. Judy estimates that the expenses for next year will be \$6400. We have increased storage fees because of Santa Cruz canoes. Judy is working on projected expenses. The current savings balance is \$2500. The current checking balance is \$4800. 38 members have paid dues. Gayle motioned to accept treasurer's report. Dave seconded. All approved.
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xii. Old business:

1. RJ's board resignation: Tony repeated the options our club by-laws offer for dealing with a board vacancy: the board could choose to leave the position unfilled; the board could hold an election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of its term; or the board could appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of its term. We discussed the advantages of a smaller board and reasons for not filling RJ's vacant position, as well as reasons for appointing Cata to fill the position. Cata commented about her commitment to the board responsibilities, which Judy vouched for. After discussion, the board voted in favor of appointing Cata to the board, to fill the rest of RJ's board position to the end of 2008.

ii. New business:

iii. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting: [March 9](#).

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. No suggestions were made to improve the meeting format.

Gayle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Swim certification: Open discussion (5 minutes)
 2. Naming the OC-2: [The canoe name is Huaka'i. Who volunteers to letter the canoe and host a blessing for her? In prior meeting, we agreed to coordinate with blessing for completion of SCOCC merger celebration. \(2 minutes\)](#)
 3. World Sprints update: [Any updates?. \(2 minutes\)](#)
 4. Yoko's/Judy's damage OC-2: [Does board approve payment for damage?. \(5 minutes\)](#)
 5. UCSC paddling program. [Report from Robert. \(5 minutes\)](#)
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