

# Minutes of Akau Hana Club and Board Meeting

March 9, 2008

Total Time: 1 hour 32 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: Tony Francis, Gayle Bensusan, Susan Ashley, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Amos Hahn, Cata Gomes, Judy Sintetos, Tracy Cone, Meghan Thomas, Lynn Soriano.

Robert agrees to take the minutes.

### III. Reoccurring items

1. COACHES' CORNER: Lynn talks about the following:

- Mirage should not be used for Rec paddle, Wednesday workouts, Mom's crew, if possible. It should only be used for races or race training.
- Maka Nui will be rigged traditionally, all other boats will be rigged with quick straps.
- All boats will be rerigged. On this occasion we will have a rigging clinic.
- Regular workouts for race crews will start a week after this meeting: Women Monday evening and Saturday morning, men Thursday evening and Saturday morning, novice and coed Wednesday evening.

2. SAFETY UPDATE: Bob found out that the alleged Kilohana waiver did not exist and wrote one up himself. There is a discussion if appropriate clothing should be added to the waiver. The emerging consensus is: No. Instead, people who invite new paddlers should let them know about clothing. Also, our web page has enough info. Bob's addendum about swimming is approved.

Cata reminds everybody that inflatable PFDs have to be *worn* (if used on the small boats). There will be a safety presentation by Tim Moorley, harbor master, on Sunday, March 16, 1-2pm, in the harbor meeting room. Pu Pu will be invited as well.

3. KUDOS' CORNER: 1) Thanks to Bob for setting up the safety meeting; 2) Kudos to all on the February Fort Baker Wave Chaser and on the March Wave chaser championships; 3) Thanks to Jeri Ann for work preparing 3 years of financial reports for input to 501(c)3; 4) The Mermaid goes to Gayle (for all her behind the scenes contributions to the club).

### 3. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 30: OC1/OC2 Catalina Challenge. We will have 3 participating teams.
- April 19th: Wavechaser Relay (Participation in the planning but not decided).
- June 1st: Goergiana Bruce Kirby School Auction. The club will have to provide the canoes, paddles, 3 stokers and 3 steers persons. The event will be followed by a catered buffet and live hula performance on the beach. The whole event will be “auctioned” during a fund-raiser for the GBK school. The club will 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.
- June 14th: Sprints, hosted by Akau Hana. Updates:  
Cata (Race committee): Ruthie will help and Yoko will organize food.  
Pam (Award design): Found medal manufacturers online which offer price of \$1.50 per medal. Will further compare prices and contact manufacturers.  
Bob (Facilities): Trash is taken care of (~\$100). Parking lots are reserved (for \$625), will most likely break even on that. Toilets: 5 units and 2 sinks (~\$500). Suggestion to use just containers of disinfecting soap instead of sinks.
- July 19: Shared Adventures.
- September 20: Monterey Bay Crossing. Tony asks for help with organization.

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

1. WINTER EQUIPMENT PLANS: New Bixler ama plus iakos for Makani Akua is available for \$1,700, could be cheaper if ordered with Mendocino. Gayle suggests to put Mirage's Ama on Makani Akua to test it. Further update from Dave and Amy postponed.
2. FUNDRAISING: No new developments.
3. RACE SHIRTS: Lynn has about 20 shirts left. Some will go to new racers. Tracy suggests we could try to sell them through "Kayak Connection".
4. CORPORATE PADDLING EVENT: Pam reports: On August 19/20 a huge group will come to the board walk. But we decided we cannot commit during the week.

#### **V. New business**

1. BLESSING: The blessing will take place Saturday, April 12, in the afternoon. Cata knows people to perform the ceremony.

#### **B. BOARD MEETING**

#### **VI. Secretary's Report**

Gayle motions to approve the minutes of the February meeting, Pam seconds, all approve.

#### **VII. Treasurer's report**

Judy hands out projected budget for 2008. Our new safety net amount (paying for 6 months of expenses) is \$3,200. The club has currently \$4,465 in the checking account and \$2,515 in the savings account (altogether \$6,980). Cata motions to approve the treasurer's report, Robert seconds, all approve.

#### **VIII. Old business:**

None.

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

None.

#### **X. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Sunday, April 13, 5pm in the harbor meeting room.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 6:42pm.