

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order:

1. Meeting began at 5:14 PM. Attendees include: Tony Francis, Jeri Ann Smith, Lisa Franklin, Cat Heron Steele, Lynn Soriano, Gayle Bensusan, Toby Salciccia, Amy Kleinfeldt, Pam Myers, Bob Darling, Judy Sintetos, Robert Boltje, Cata Gomes, and David Wayner.
 1. Coaches corner: No new certifications were specified. The upcoming races include Berkeley Pier for the women. The women want to get some early season experience with an easier race. The men's first race is planned for Alameda. All planned races are listed on the club calendar.
 1. Safety update: Bob reported on club safety activities. There was a safety meeting on March 16 and we had really good turnout. The Harbor patrol provided a presentation and answered questions. Bob plans to provide a meeting summary. There is an action item for Erica to publish a safety handout. Bob will follow up with Erica. Bob reported on two ideas he heard from NCOCA clinic. 1.) For huli practice, check to see if we can rent swimming pools for practice. If we do this we'd also need to verify that we have insurance at the pool. Lake Natoma is another location that would be nice for warm water huli practice. Maybe we could incorporate this at the Sprints or at the Lake Tahoe race. By practicing in warm water, we could spend more time learning recovery skills which would provide good foundation when we later practice in colder water. 2.) Scott Kelly might be a good guest speaker. Regarding the safety of our equipment Dave and Bob will evaluate what we have and what we need. There was no report from club members regarding any safety concerns.
 2. Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to Leslie C., Dave W., and John Aiman for sanding, repairing, and varnishing iakos. 2) Great showing by Catalina crews. 3) Thanks to the coaches for a great start to the season. Impressive organization for our growing club. Thanks to Matt for teaching paddling technique. And to the coaches for organizing the large number of women racers. Thanks to Lynn for video taping. 4) Thanks to Matt for rigging two canoes on Friday. Thanks to Cata and others for rigging Maka Nui on Saturday. 5) Thanks to John Aimen for repairing Maka Nui and the canoe dollies. 6) Thanks to Lynn and Cata for organizing the spring canoe blessing. 7) Thanks to Dave W. for working on numerous equipment repairs and maintenance items. 8) Thanks to Caitlin, Jeri Ann, and Tony for keeping the club communicating through email. 9) Thanks to Caitlin, Lori, and Tony for working out our website problems. 10) Thanks to Judy for making the ti leaf leis for the canoe blessing. 11) Thanks to Tracy for collecting funds for the woman at the Kind Grind. 12) Thanks to Jeri Ann for setting up the online calendar of club events. 13) Thanks to Robert for taking and distributing the March meeting minutes. 14.) Thanks to Gayle, Pam, Bob, and Jeri Ann for attending the NCOCA race clinic.
 3. Report on the NCOCA Race Clinic: Gayle, Pam, Bob, and Jeri Ann attended the clinic. Pam attended a steering clinic. Gayle was acknowledged at the clinic for organizing one of the few clubs who got its club's waivers submitted on time. Gayle will send out a memo for World Sprints. (Since the meeting, Gayle updated Tony and Tony sent out the update.) Bob will incorporate the safety tips
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he learned at the meeting in the planned safety summary that will be our website. Jeri Ann summarized that there were over 12 lectures attended by the four board members. They learned too much to communicate everything at our club meeting. The four board member attendees will incorporate their learnings as they contribute to club projects and as they participate in club activities. This was a great learning experience and others are encourage to attend next year so that others can learn from the NCOCA clinics

4. Review Upcoming Events:

- 4.1. April 19th: WaveChaser Relay: Berkeley to Redwood City (38 miles). (Note: This race was cancelled due to high winds.)
- 4.2. June 1st: Georgiana Bruce Kirby School Auction. The club will 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 was "auctioned" during a fund-raiser for the G-B-K school. The club got recognition through an article in the Sentinel, as well as through exposure during the auction to many people in the community. Tony will contact Joan and ask her to organize this activity.
- 4.3. June 14th: Akau Hana-hosted race. Updates: 1) Tony has secured the beach permit and insurance. Tony gave copies of the permit to Bob and Cata. 2) Cata is the Race committee chair. 3) Pam ordered and will receive the race metals on April 23 at a cost of \$1.63/metal. 4) Bob reported on facilities. He needs to buy things such as trash bags and sanitizer. Judy indicated that for items less than \$100, Bob can proceed without board approval. Bob spoke with Ron Maratas about renting parking lot and Ron recommends doing so. Bob will rent lot. Mike Martinez will provide the chase boat. Ron Maratas will also provide a second chase boat. 5) Fund raising/store. (no report) 6) Robert on publicity: working with Caitlin on an informational web page. 7) Gayle on race registration: Debbie Green will train our club race registration and we will handle this. 8) The food still needs to be organized.
- 4.4. July 19th: Shared Adventures.
- 4.5. September 20: Monterey Bay Crossing Hosting. What planning is needed now? Volunteers? At the NCOCA clinic, Pam, Bob, Gayle, and Jeri Ann had a short meeting with Linda D. Josh is our contact for Ka Kai. He said he would drive to Santa Cruz on an evening to meet with Linda D. and our club members. We need to determine which activities each club will do.
- 4.6. See attachment for other upcoming events. To make the website easier to access, Tony will create a new password. We all agree that an easy password would be "canoe".

v. Old business:

1. Equipment plans: 1) Dave provided an update on equipment. Lisa took a dolly tire to a gas station for repair. Dave will work on selling the SCOCC trailer and then upgrade the existing trailer. Dave will come up with a proposal for trailer management. Quick straps will come in next week. Makani Akua will be rigged first. Dave will oversee the rigging one of the Bixler amas to Makani Akua so

that the coaches and steerers can determine whether a Bixler ama would be an upgrade. We need to start washing the canoes after each use. Dave will setup hoses. In the meantime, we can use buckets. Dave will fix the dollies. Dave also learned from the Harbor Master that we can launch the canoes from the beach. He also learned that we can put logos on our canoes. We need to finish removing the lettering from the SCOCC canoes

2. Fund Raising: Toby came to our meeting to propose an end of season party/fundraiser. Toby recommends having a Hawaiian party at a place like the Attic or Mo's Alley. We could sell leis, t-shirts, etc., as part of the fund raiser. Toby volunteered to organize this event. He has organized this sort event and knows the logistics. He volunteers to play music and be the emcee for the entertainment. He proposes having the party after the Molokai race and before Halloween. Assuming \$25/person, 200 people would net \$5000. The event would start in the afternoon and continue through the evening. That way we could have different activities and entertainment for different ages. Several people thought the Attic would be ideal location. The feedback from the board is that this is a great idea. Regarding other fund raising ideas, Lisa said that she will set up brainstorming session to generate more ideas.
3. Race shirts: Lynn provided email update on inventory. Tony provided update on Matt's plans for men's shirts. Matt has put together shirts for men's training program. This is a non-board activity.
6. Corporate paddling event: Pam provided an update on discussions with Boardwalk. Dates proposed are on Saturdays and include: June 7 or 8, Jun 28 or 29, July 12 or 13, and Aug 23 or 24. Pam received feedback from the organizer that they would like a lower price. Pam's feeling is that this probably will not workout.

vii. New business:

4. Club calendar: Jeri Ann created an online calendar for club events. Next steps: add race crews to race events; add workout plans.
 8. Race/Event coordinators: We need a coordinator for each race to recommend lodging, coordinate towing, and communicate logistics to the racers. Jeri Ann volunteered to put together a check list. Volunteer coordinators include Lisa and Robert for Santa Barbara, Bob for the Pineapple Express, and Dave for Catalina. We still need volunteers for Berkeley Pier (women only), Alameda Tri (men only), Monterey, and Ventura (men-only).
 5. Harbor canoe berths: Should we pay for additional canoe berths?. Judy reported that we've paid for 5 canoes . We don't need to stack. Dave says we must place the canoes between the fence post and life guard tower.
 9. Start of season party: We all agreed that the canoe blessing was a good start of season party.
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x. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting

xi. Secretary's report

1. Dave proposed changing the March minutes regarding the usage of the Mirage. Pam seconded. With this change, the March minutes were approved.

xii. Treasurer's report

1. Update on budget and expenditures. Update on member fees. \$4,539.00 checking. There is roughly \$2,515.00 in the savings account. Same as before. 52 members have paid. Jeri Ann needs to get members list to Judy. Amy proposed accepting the treasurer's report. Dave seconded. The treasurer's report was approved by all board members.

xiii. Old business:

1. None

xiv. New business:

1. None. Delay discussion on rental space for Green Monster. We'll include it in next meeting agenda.

xv. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting agenda items: Next meeting May 11. We need to investigate board insurance. Tony is getting quote on board insurance. If we are doing right then we are less likely to need insurance. Tony will ask Linda if the NCOCA has board insurance.

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. Judy proposed that we adjourn the meeting. Amy seconded. Meeting ended at 7:17 PM.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Ordering T-shirts or race shirts. Continue 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. At February meeting, we decided to postpone until we've sold our current inventory. (5 minutes)
 2. Keiki program: Report from Cata and Cat. Will update when progress is made. (5 minutes)
 2. Swim certification: Open discussion (5 minutes)
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3. 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)
 4. World Sprints update: Any updates?. (2 minutes)
 5. UCSC paddling program. Report from Robert. (5 minutes)
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