

Akau Hana Club Meeting

1. Call to order:

1. Passed out sign up sheet. Attendees included Pam Myers, Bob Darling, Tracy Cone, Catherine Steele, Gayle Bensusan, Robert Boltje, Lisa Franklin, Meghan Thomas, Amy Kleinfeldt, and Jeri Ann Smith. Tony Francis and Dave Wayner also attended by phone.
1. Coaches corner: No coaches update.
1. Safety update: Update from Bob on activities. Bob will contact Erica on plans to publish a safety handout. No safety concerns were reported by members.
2. Kudo's corner: 1) Thanks to Dave W. for fixing the wheels, getting the quick straps, and sanding, repairing and varnishing iakos on Makani Akua. 2) Congratulations on men's Monterey crossing. 3) Congratulations on women's 3rd place finish at Berkeley pier with an ama filled with water. Novice women also raced. 4) Congratulations to crews at Alameda race: Novices raced, co-eds had a 1st place finish, and the men had a 2nd place finish.
3. Review Upcoming Events:
 - 3.1. June 1st: Georgiana Bruce Kirby School Auction. The club will have to provide the canoes, paddles, 3 stroke and 3 steerspersons. The event would be followed by a catered buffet and live hula performance on the beach. The paddle will be at 9 AM with the rec paddle. Joan estimates that 3 canoes are needed. Then we will have the remaining canoes for rec paddle. Joan will send out an email requesting 5 steerspersons and 5 stroke. This will support both rec paddle and the Auction event.
 - 3.2. June 14th: Akau Hana-hosted race. Updates: Gayle reported that we need 28 leis, and we already have 2. Gayle reported that Toby will do an opening chant. Gayle will send out a memo for meetings on June 1 at 5 PM and on June 8 at 4 PM. Gayle will create a meeting agenda.
 - 3.3. July 19th: Shared Adventures.
 - 3.4. August 17th: Judy received application for the Aloha Festival. She mailed in the applications (for 2 booths as usual). There seems to be one significant change this year-- the application specified that NO tables or chairs would be provided this year. We will have to come up with a couple of very sturdy long folding tables for use in the shave ice booth.
 - 3.5. September 20: Monterey Bay Crossing Hosting. Tony will set up a planning meeting between Akau Hana, Pupu O', and Ke Kai during the Memorial Weekend races in Monterey. Who volunteers to participate in that meeting? Josh, Gayle, Robert, Pam, Tracy, Cat.
 - 3.6. See web calendar for other upcoming events

iv. Old business:

1. Equipment plans: Dave requested board approve for repairs on trailer. At Alamenda race Tony replaced a flat tire. This new tire will be used as a spare since it is not actually a trailer tire. Dave proposes buying two new tires, rims, and ball bearings. Jeri Ann proposed approving expenditures up to \$500. Cat seconded. The board approved expenditures up to \$500. Amy proposed purchasing 6 seat covers (2 front seats for 3 canoes). Amy will send email with specific proposal
2. Race jerseys. Amy agreed to be our store manager and will manage all club merchandise. Amy has received requests for purchasing 12 jerseys from individuals. She will put together a proposal for board approval for additional orders.
3. Fund Raising: Our biggest fund raising proposal is an end of year party. Toby is leading this effort. He is researching venues. Moe's Alley is \$1000. Pam and Tracy have other ideas and will discuss these with Toby. Proposed dates are Oct 19 and 26.

v. New business:

1. Keiki program: Tracy reported on a meeting between herself, Nick, Bob, Tony, and Jeri Ann that discussed starting a keiki program. Lynn has approved the plan to have Nick as keiki head coach and Tracy as the assistant coach. The plan is to have keikis paddle on Sunday from 11 AM to Noon, to start on June 1. Children 11 years and younger must wear life vests. Adults will also wear life vests to set an example.
2. Race/Event coordinators: Jeri Ann sent out a list of activities for race coordinators. She has received suggestions which will be incorporated and then published on our website. We still need coordinators for Monterey and Ventura. Maybe Theron for Monterey.
3. Board Insurance: Jeri Ann will summarize the input so far. An individual umbrella policy is an option for those concerned with lawsuits. This would cover individuals for all aspects of their personal lives. For non-profits, there are regulations intended to protect non-profits. So, except for gross negligent, it is unlikely that someone could win a suit against a non-profit. We've decided not to pursue director-and-officer insurance at this time.
4. Green Monster storage: Judy made a suggestion about storing the Green Monster oc-1: in the past, we have stored it upside down on top of Maka Nui, which tends to be used rarely; we could try doing that and see if the Harbor folks complain (they never did in the past). Judy would rather try this out than jump into renting another space at \$47 per month. Also, with several club members now owning their own oc-1's, we may find that we're not using the Green Monster much at all; in that case, we could put it back into storage at Catherine's house. All agreed to follow this proposal

vi. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

1. Pass out sign up sheet. Review agenda. Assign time keeper.
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vii. Secretary's report

1. Pam proposed approving previous minutes. Megan seconded. Minutes were approved.

viii. Treasurer's report

1. Treasury balance as of 5/7/08: Checking acct. = \$3577.65. Savings acct. = \$2517.17. Judy mentioned that this balance reflects recent activity including payment for race awards, Monterey Beach event permit, parking lot rental (all for the June 14 sprints); and recent equipment purchases such as quick straps for rigging. Jeri Ann and Judy reviewed the members list with membership payments. There are unpaid members, mostly people who have not yet started paddling this year. We will continue monitoring the list to ensure that all active members pay their dues in the next few months. The website was recently updated with the membership fees for all categories of racers. Treasurer's report was approved.

ix. Old business:

1. None

x. New business:

1. None

xi. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting agenda items: Next meeting June 8.

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. The meeting was good. We seem to be improving the speed at which we handle items.
2. Pam proposed concluding our meeting. Amy seconded. The meeting ended at 6:50 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)
 3. Swim certification: Open discussion (5 minutes)
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4. 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)
 5. UCSC paddling program. Report from Robert. (5 minutes)
 6. Corporate paddling event: Pam to provide 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. (5 minutes)
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