

Akau Hana Club Meeting

1. Call to order:

1. Board attendees included Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Cata Gomes, Meghan Thomas, Lynn Soriano, Gayle Bensusan, Amy Kleinfeldt, Judy Sintetos, Tony Francis, and Jeri Ann Smith. Club member, Toby Salcicia, also attended to report on our end of year party.
 1. Coaches corner: Lynn reviewed the Spring race season. She reported that the coaches and racers had a very successful race season. Lynn also reported that the coaches felt that the race coordinators are "the best." Regarding Catalina, Lynn said that the practices will start focusing on Catalina preparation with incorporation of water changes. Regarding the small canoes, we still need to update the website on who is certified for small canoes.
 1. Safety update: With the upcoming races, Bob wants to make sure that we have huli drill practice. After some discussion, we agreed that we should schedule a practice on Saturday, July 26 so that racers can practice huli recovery prior to the Summer/Fall race season. No safety issues were reported by club members.
 2. Kudo's corner: 1) Congratulations to many club members for hosting Monterey sprint regatta. (Tony sent out email with special thanks.) 2) Congratulations to Avila racers, including women's and men's medal winners. Thanks to Bob Darling for world-class race organization. 3) Thanks to Pam, Tony, and Dave L. for publications about Akau Hana in the Sentinel. 4) Thanks to Yoko and Robert for organizing the long paddle to Seacliff. 5) Thanks to Toby, Renee, and Tony for setting up additional rec paddles. 6) Thanks to Amy Culver for leading a steering clinic. 7) Thanks to Amy, Tracy, Susan, and Daniel for cleaning the shed. 8) Thanks to Amy K. for setting up rigging boxes
 3. Review Upcoming Events:
 - 3.1. July 19th: Shared Adventures. Judy will reviewed plans. Signups are posted in the shed.
 - 3.2. August 17th: Aloha Festival. Judy has mailed in the applications (for 2 booths as usual). We agreed that last year's booth location is fine for this year. Gayle will call to get confirmation on our application. We reviewed all the tasks and volunteers as follows: Lisa F. reserve the Harbor room on Saturday 16 from 1-5 PM to make leis; Gayle purchase flowers for the leis; Pam pick up the shave ice machine; Yoko get the ice; Judy survey our syrup inventory and also pick up the coconuts; Gayle borrow tables from Surftech and bring them; Cata create a volunteer list; Amy bring the club store.
 - 3.3. September 20: Monterey Bay Crossing Hosting. We reviewed the task list for the event. The task list includes: Make parking available (Santa Cruz): - Organizing chase boats(Bob);- Handling pre-registration(Gayle); - Making arrangements with the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary on each end (Bob); Handling PR before the race (Tony);- Making and presenting awards (Pam);- Making coffee and snacks available in Santa Cruz (Gayle);- Making lunch and/or snacks available in Monterey (Tony). To be decided later:- Determining fees; - Determining the
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course, especially determining an alternate course if conditions are especially rough or foggy.
Tony will work with Linda on iron and 9-man options.

3.4. See website club calendar for more events

IV. Old business:

1. Equipment plans: Amy reported that she has not ordered new seats. She is still trying to find good seats and will order them when she identifies good ones. One of the iakos is split. Gayle and Amy will talk with Philip to see if he can repair it. Tony will repair wheels. Gayle will see if she can get leashes for small canoes from Surftech, if not Jeri Ann will order the leashes from Huki.
1. Monterey sprints: Tony asked for a postmortem on our hosting of the sprint races. Comments included: every one pitched in, trash was taken care of, we had good planning, it was a long day, great decorations, and festive atmosphere. Bob will write up logistics so that we can refer to it next time we host a sprint race. For improvements we noted: there was a suggestion to make sure that music is provided. There was a recommendation and consensus not to rent parking again. We had problems with charging on parking because unknowingly we parked cars in unauthorized locations, and we overcharged for parking because we did not know that we had to charge a particular amount. We received a nasty note from city of Monterey. Bob talked to city officials, and the city dropped the issue. The City of Monterey doesn't allow their parking lot fees to be used for fund raising. It's a lot of work to staff the parking lots, and if we can't make money, there is no incentive to do the work. However, we should pre-rent the row of parking spaces closest to the beach for the NCOCA trailer and NCOCA officials.
2. Fund Raising: Toby provided an update on end of season party/fundraiser proposal. The rental for Moe's Alley is \$900. The rental would be noon to 5 PM for the day activities and 5-10 PM for the evening activities (must be 21 and up). Toby proposes \$600 budget for bands. He might be able to get Izzy, who is cousin of the famous Iz. Toby proposes \$500 budget for food and a budget of \$200 for miscellaneous expenses. He also expects to get a food donation from Aloha Grill. Toby also spoke with Dave Loustalot, and Dave says that CB Hannigen's might sell tri-tip sandwiches and barbeque chicken. The total cost estimate for the event \$2200. The plan is to charge \$10 for the day-time only, evening only at \$15, and all day for \$20. With 200 people, we would gross \$4000-\$6000. Moe's Alley will sell drinks which is how they make additional money. We can also do raffle and a silent auction to raise money for our club. There is a potential conflict with the AH luau on October 25. According to Leslie Eurs: one of the biggest halau's in our area is putting on a ho'ike (celebration). It will be held in the performing arts center at New Brighton Middle School. There are multiple bands being flown in from Hawaii, dancing to accompany them and a luau. After discussing several potential dates, we asked Toby to investigate whether we can change the date to November 2. We brainstormed on committees for dividing up the work. The committees include: food, publicity, raffle/auction, setup/breakdown, decorate, video/photos, band/schedule/hula, and race committee (have a fun paddle race in the morning). It would be nice to get photos of the voyage. The board approves proceeding with planning this event with \$2200 budget and the board requested that if any

sub-item exceeds the proposed budget that Toby come to the board for approval for an increase in that budgeted item. All voted to approve. Toby agreed to setup a subcommittee to plan this event. 10-15 minutes will be allocated at the board meeting to review progress. (Update since the board meeting: After reviewing options and other constraints, the Board agreed in a followup email exchange to keep with the October 26 plan.)

3. Race/Event coordinators: Amy is race coordinator for Tony Gora. We need volunteers for Alcatraz, and Tahoe. Dave Wayner is coordinator for Catalina. The women need a coordinator for Catalina lodging. (Since our meeting, additional race coordination includes: Jeri Ann asked Lisa Storer to coordinate Alcatraz, Lisa in turn set up a committee with Nicole and Kate, and they did an awesome job. Leslie Eurs set up lodging for the women in Catalina. And Amy Kleinfeldt volunteered to assist Dave in coordinating the women in Catalina.

v. New business:

vi. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

vii. Secretary's report

1. Amy proposed approving the prior meeting minutes. Lynn seconded. Meeting minutes were approved.

viii. Treasurer's report

1. Judy provided the treasury report. The checking balance is \$4427, The savings balance is \$2560. We still need to collect the race fees from the sprint regatta. Gayle will contact Linda about races fees. Bob thinks payments have included toliets, but he will check on this. The regatta expenses so far are: \$2047 and the revenue was \$2183. We expect after we collect the race fees, we will have a profit. The hats that Lynn ordered sold well at the regatta, and the Board voted to reimburse Lynn for the expense in buying the hats. (\$375).

ix. Old business:

1. None

x. New business:

1. None

xi. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting Aug 10.
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VII Meeting retrospective:

1. The report from Toby on the end of year party took over 1 hour which was much longer than the allotted time. We all agreed it was valuable. We also made up for the time by efficiently handling the remaining agenda items. Now that this event is established, Toby will hold subcommittee meetings outside of the board meetings to handle the detailed planning of the event.

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. UCSC paddling program. Report from Robert. (5 minutes)
 4. 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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