

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order:

1. The meeting started at 5:04 PM. The following board members attended: Tony Francis, Lisa Franklin, Robert Boltje, Judy Sintoes, Lynn Soriano, Pam Myers, Gayle Bensusan, Amy Waynar, Dave Waynar, Cata Gomes, Kim Sides, Leslie Churan, Amy Culver, and Bob Darling. The following non-board members attended: Toby Salciccia, Yoko McMillin, Leslie Eurs, and Julie Quale,

2. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

1. Robert will be timekeeper.

II. Old business:

1. Elections: The new and returning board members include: Pam, Tony, Jeri Ann, Cata, Gayle, Kim, and Kate. The new board need to elect officers for the open offices (i.e., President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Head Coach) from the board of directors. The election proceeded as follows:

1. Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the officers described in bylaws.

2. Reviewed the roles of officers not described in the bylaws whose terms have ended. Gayle described the role of race representative, and Bob reviewed the role of safety officer. Bob and Lisa reviewed the role of Fund Raising Chair

3. Board members talked about what role they would like to have in the board and what they would like to contribute. Amy Wayner said that she would like to continue as equipment manager. Dave mentioned that the repair list is quite long, Dave will assist Amy; however, his primary responsibility will be men's coaching. Kim said as she is new to the board, she does not want to hold an office; however, she plans to help Judy with the treasury, such as establishing an annual budget. Cata has a long tenure with the club and would like to serve as historian. Gayle would like to continue as race representative. Bob D. said that he is willing to be head coach, Pam said that she is not attached being VP, but will fulfill if needed. Judy is willing to continue her second year as treasurer. Jeri Ann is interested in being the race coordinator chair and having someone else fulfill the secretarial responsibilities. Robert is willing to be secretary. Tony said that he has limited availability in the winter, but is willing to continue as president to maintain continuity in the club.

4. We elected officers by secret ballot. Judy and Robert counted ballots. The offices were filled as follows: President: Tony, VP: Pam, Secretary: Robert, Head Coach: Bob, Race Representation: Gayle; Kim will also help Gayle on Race Representation; Bob will ask Lisa and Susan to serve as co-chair Safety officers. Lisa Franklin volunteered to take over managing the clothing/merchandising from Amy Waynar.

2. Coaches corner: Amy Culver presented proposals for next year's racing season as follows: 1.) having a clinic with a Tahitian coach, 2.) hiring a strength training coach to establish a home workout, 3.) setting up steering and technique clinics, 4.) changing some terminology used within the club, and

5.) early planning and communication of the big races for next year. Amy reviewed the proposal for the Tahitian coach in more detail. The main expense would be to pay her airfare which would be \$1500-\$2500. (Note: At a subsequent planning meeting, Amy presented a lower cost for the airfare.) The coach would stay for 2 weeks and she could stay at Amy's house. The coach would be willing to work with us every day (4-8 hours). She would work on our stroke technique, help us with our training methods, suggest how we can training more effectively, demonstrate rigging, suggest cross-training, and foster cultural exchange. Robert asked whether men would be included in the training. Amy answered "yes." She also said the targeted time is the end of March, perhaps 15-29. The board agreed that we would consider this proposal and evaluate it at our upcoming planning meeting. Regarding the strength training proposal, Amy proposes having an instructor for two 1-hour sessions. Each person will purchase the stretch bands and with the training they will be able to do the routines at their home. Again, the board agreed to consider this proposal and will evaluate it at our upcoming planning meeting. Amy also proposed having steering clinics in February and March. Next, Bob reviewed the organizational structure for next year's coaching staff, and he provided a handout on the proposed structure. Amy will be the women's coach and Yoko and Leslie Eurs will assist her. We will also have novice coaches, and Bob indicated that he is still working to identify people to fulfill the novice coach positions. Toby volunteered to help with novice coaching. He is considering having a steering coach, and that person's responsibility would be to train and certify more steers people. Lynn will continue as the recreational coach. Bob said that his goals are: 1.) have the club participate in as many races as possible, 2.) provide opportunity for all to advance their capabilities and to meet personal goals, 3.) provide training so that each person can reach maximum potential. Bob said the club will decide which races. Amy is planning for the women to have 2 open crews, 1 novice crew, and 1 senior master crew. Bob wants to have an ohana atmosphere with strong team building. Bob wants a big race to work toward. He is considering the Maui/Molokai race on Sept 19 and the Na Pali challenge on Aug 7.

3. Safety update: We reviewed the Nov 1 iako rigging-strap break and reviewed lessons from this mishap. The problem occurred when the front-left quick strap snapped. The rigging was very unstable, and Robert jumped on the iako and held it to the canoe while the crew paddled back to the harbor. The strap appeared worn, and the board decided that we should replace the straps on a periodic basis. Amy will ask Chris from Ocean Ohana for a recommended replacement cycle. We also decided to include additional safety equipment to our canoes, so that each will carry a backup strap, a rubber inner tube, a radio, a rope, and duct tape. Bob said that he will get Lisa Storer to recharge the radios. Bob will investigate getting power to our shed. Next meeting we will get an update on radio purchases and deployment. Jeri Ann will also provide an update on SPOT devices.

iii. Secretary's report

1. Amy proposed approving the previous minutes. Robert seconded. The meetings were approved.
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iv. Treasurer's report

1. Judy reviewed the treasury report which included the 3rd quarter revenues and expenses. The estimated income is \$25,061. Tax reports are required on income over \$25,000 on income, so we may need a file tax report. The checking balance is currently \$6224 and the saving balance is \$2561. Judy also reported that we made over \$600 at the Jamfest. Bob proposed accepting the treasury report and Dave seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

v. Old business continued:

1. Kudo's corner: 1.) Thanks to Judy for conducting small canoe clinics 2.) Congratulations to all Half Moon Wavechasers racers. Thanks to Robert for Half Moon Bay Wavechaser coordination. Thanks to Nick for the party after the race. 3.) Thanks to Amy for coordinating canoe repairs. 4.) Thanks to Leslie Churan, Yoko, Judy, Kim, Pam, Jeri Ann, Philip, and Dave for re-rigging Makani Akua. 5.) Thanks to Pam for putting together and hosting the surprise party for Yoko/end of season party. Thanks to Lynn for the end-of-year party gifts. 6.) Thanks to Tony for attending the 5 hour NCOCA meeting. 7.) Thanks to Toby for coordinating the Jamfest. Thanks to Cata for making the event look like a Hawaiian paradise. Thanks also to Lisa for her coordination. Thanks to Yoko for arranging the food. (Toby said that he would be happy to organized again next year. Lisa is also willing to help next year.)
 2. Equipment plans: Amy provided an update on equipment. Amy said that she would submit a prioritize list of equipment needs and an estimated equipment budget for our upcoming planning meeting. As for current repairs, Dan & Philip will fix the Mirage, Philip will also fix the front iako on Brud-dah Nappy. Maka Nui is rerigged. Amy, has ordered 20 straps. We will use old ones as extras. John Aiman will look at repairing the trailers. Amy will price out plastic sheds. She will also investigate getting a shed for storing gear for our small canoes.
 3. Race/Event coordinators: Nicole Robbins volunteered to be the race coordinator for the Redwood City Wavechaser on December 13. We need coordinators for the Crissy Field race on January 10.
 4. Review Jamfest: Toby reviewed the event. The expenses included \$900 on venue and \$1000 for the music. The revenues which included food, admission tickets, and raffle tickets was \$2848. We would like to have more attendance which would produce more revenues. Next year, we plan to work more pre-sales and having more publicity.
 5. Review Upcoming Events:
 - 5.1. November 15: Board/Coaches planning meeting.
 - 5.2. November 19: Makeup planning meeting.
 - 5.3. See website club calendar for more events.
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VI. New business:

1. NCOCA: Tony reviewed the NCOCA meeting held in October. He provided highlights of the 5 hour meeting. He said that the NCOCA reported a great sprint season which concluded with the world championships. Tony also presented a report on establishing publicity for outrigger canoeing. (Prior to this meeting he sent his publicity proposal to the Akau Hana board.) The NCOCA approved his proposal and asked that he present his recommendations at the next Spring race clinic.
2. Lighted Boat parade: Cata proposes participating in the lighted boat parade. Do we approve budget? Do we have sufficient people to participate? Pam expressed concerns about resources, Cata said the Leslie Eurs and Ruth are interested. The cost would be about \$150. Using a double hull canoe was recommended. The board agreed to budget \$150 if sufficient people can organize our participation.
3. Small canoe damage: Cata reviewed damage to Renee's, Cheryl's, and Rody's, canoe and proposed that the club pay for the damage. Tony will contact Renee to find out more details..

VII. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting agenda items: The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 14. Can we skip December meeting and meet on January 11, 2009? Tentative is to not to have a meeting, but to keep it as option.

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. This was a long meeting. Cata proposed adjourning. Dave seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. 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)
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