

## **Akau Hana Club Meeting**

### **I. Call to order:**

1. The meeting began at 5:08 P.M.

### **2. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:**

1. The following board members attended the meeting: Tony Francis, Jeri Ann Smith, Bob Darling, Judy Sintetos, Lynn Soriano, Dave Waynar, Lisa Franklin, Pam Myers, Meghan Thomas and Gayle Bensusan.
2. The following club members attended: Lisa Storer.

### **II. Secretary's report**

1. Bob proposed approving the previous minutes. Judy seconded. All approved.

### **III. Treasurer's report**

1. Judy reviewed the treasury report. The checking balance is \$2670 and the savings balance is \$5399. For next year's budget, Judy provided input to Kim. Kim put the data into an Excel spreadsheet. Judy estimated the income for year as \$9885. Judy used last year's expense, assumed membership is flat, and only included revenues from the Aloha festival fund raiser,. The estimate is conservative and intended to give us a base level forecast. Lynn proposed accepting the treasurer report. Bob seconded. All were in favor of accepting the treasury report.

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

2. Coaches corner: Bob reported on coaches meeting. He plans to set up a committee with Lynn, Dave, Amy, and Yoko to certify steers people. The men's assistant coach will be either Dave Czech or Dave Loustalot. Regarding practice schedules, both the men and women will practice at 9 AM on Saturday morning. Novice, Rec, and co-ed will not practice on Saturday morning. Sunday's rec paddle at 9 AM will continue. Keiki and Novice will practice at 11 AM, Sunday. Men and co-ed will practice on Monday and Wednesday. This is subject to change as Bob is doing a survey on what are the best evenings for the men and women. (And this did change per subsequent announcement by Bob.) Rec crew at 4PM on Wednesday. Mom's crew will continue wit 8:45 AM on Wednesday. Lynn will put together rec paddle groups as the season progresses. The strength band workout is scheduled for Jan 11 at 8 AM in Blue Ball park in Soquel. (Amy later announced that the time changed to 8:45 AM.) The planned races included: Alameda triangle, Rig Run, Monterey Memorial, Ventura Iron, Pineapple Express, Monterey Sprints, Quarry Lakes Sprints, Alcatraz, Na Pali Challenge, Tony Gora (Women only), Kilo Hana Classic (SF Bay), Catalina, Angela Island, Monterey Crossing, Molokai. The men's Molokai is Oct 11. The men are also considering the Catalina small canoe challenge on March 29. Bob also presented plans for crew selection. Both racers and coaches have responsibilities to accurately communicate plans. The racers must say 10 days in ad-
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vance as to whether they are available to race at an upcoming race. Then coaches will set crews 1 week in advance. Bob plans to empower race coordinators. Paddlers must tell race coordinator of their availability. The coaches also plan to establish some objective measures for crew selection such as OC1 time trails, OC6 pulls, attendance at practices, and coaches assessment of blend. Amy Culver has been working to contact the Tahitian coach to schedule the spring clinics. Amy will form a committee to carefully plan practice times during the 2-3 week visit. We expect to have a schedule that is different than the regular practice. The activities will include cultural exchange. Bob also wants to incorporate video during practices and ideally having a chase boat following us during the videotaping of the practices. Amy is planning a steering clinic on January 24. Another goal for next year is to grow the bench for the men.

3. Safety update: Lisa reported on radio usage and other safety items. Lisa presented dry bags with new safety gear. Lisa asked the board how far do we go regarding safety, such as asking or insisting people can swim? Board members replied that we ask that question on our waivers, and if paddlers can't tread water or swim, then must wear a PFD. Lisa asked about inquiring about paddlers' medical conditions, such as heart conditions. How intrusive should we be?. Dr. Meghan said that the worst heart event is likely be for those who don't know they have a problem. Dr. Megahan says biggest danger is hypothermia. Having a plan for dealing with the cold and having the radio is the most important. During the winter, all paddlers should bring extra clothing. In cold weather, paddlers should also make sure that they have dry clothes in their car. Bob also said that he will work on building a new shed. He spoke with the harbor office and found out that we can make 7 foot tall at the entrance and 8 foot tall on bay side. With that height, we'd have much better access . Bob will send out message soliciting designers and builders. (10 minutes)
  5. Kudo's corner: 1.)Thanks to Bob for hosting the board's planning meetings. 2.) Thanks to Nichole for organizing Redwood City Wavechaser. 3.) Thanks to Jeri Ann for compiling the surveys for the planning meetings. 4.)Thanks to Tony and Jeri Ann for facilitating the planning meetings and to Robert for taking notes. 5.)Thanks to Dan Sweet for fixing the Mirage. 6.) Thanks to Lisa and Susan for organizing the safety bags. 7.) Thanks to Judy and Lynn for conducting the small canoe clinics.
  6. Equipment plans: Here's a report from Amy: 1.) Dan Sweet has finished the Mirage. It's ready to be rigged and paddled. Pam asked when rigging will occur for the Mirage. Bob said that they will rig at coaches paddle. 2.) Dan has agreed to work on Ho'omaikai. 3.) John A. is working on the ikos for Ho'o. This canoe is still out probably into January. 4.) Chris O'Keiff says we should be receiving the new rigging straps soon. 5.) Gayle discussed deck boxes that can be purchased. We decided to delay any further action on deck boxes until after the new shed is built.
  7. Race/Event coordinators: We need coordinators for Crissy Field on January 10. No volunteers.
  8. Small canoe damage: At our last meeting, Cata reported damage to Renee's and Cheryl's OC2. Tony reported on his conversation with Renee. Renee didn't know when or how the canoe was damaged. It was locked, but she went to paddle it one day and found it scratched. The scratch was covered
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with duct tape. They concluded that it is not appropriate for club to pay for the damage. Renee has changed the lock combination on the canoe.

9. Review Upcoming Events:

9.i. See website club calendar for more events

x. **New business:**

- i. Rebranding committee: The following people have volunteered fro the committee: Amy, Tony, Lynn, Pam, Catherine, and Brooke, Dan Sweet and Ruth. Dan will likely provide the design. The committee will need to provide the specification. The goal is to have the entire group get together in January. Pam call Amy to arrange meeting.
- ii. Bradley Lightning: Bradley Lightenings are on sale. Is this a good price? Is this the canoe we want?. Tony reported on his memo to Pogue Sports. The board concluded that we don't want to order at this time. We have questions about the quality of the Vancouver canoes versus the Hawaii canoes. Gayle will research who is winning races on which canoes.

xii. **Next Meeting:**

- i. Next meeting agenda items: The next meeting is scheduled for Jan 11. Pam will chair the meeting. Tony will represent our club at the next NCOCA meeting on Jan 18. Gayle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

**VII Delayed for Future meetings:**

- i. 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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