

Akau Hana Board Meeting, January 11, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 1 hour 39 minutes)

Call to order: Pam opens the meeting at 5:08pm. Amy agrees to be the time keeper. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Judy Sintetos, Gayle Bensusan, Amy Waynar, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Cata Gomes, CatHeron Steele, Kim Sides, Kate Coffie, Tracy Cone, Robert Boltje (11). Also Ruth Romero attends as club member.

Secretary's report: Amy motions to approve the minutes of the last board meeting, Gayle seconds, everybody approves.

Treasurer's report: Judy and Kim developed an operating budget. Discussion of handout copies.

Policies for dues: Pam motions: Paddlers who use club equipment need to pay their yearly dues. The club grants a grace period until March 1st or 3 free paddles for new paddlers. Payment plan and first installment have to be made with Judy by March 1st or after 3 trial paddles, whatever is later. After that date, nobody who has not paid or started to pay dues cannot use club equipment. Amy seconds. Everybody votes "yes".

The club received 8 free parking passes from the harbor office. Judy suggests to give them to coaching staff. Six were handed out to Bob, Dave W., Amy C., Lynn, Nick, Yoko, Leslie E. It will be decided later to whom the other 2 passes are given.

Coaches corner: Bob reports on a coaches meeting that took place January 3rd. A video has been taken of the future "club stroke". It will be posted on the club's web page.

After having evaluated the survey that Bob conducted recently, the coaches and Bob established workout slots for various programs. The schedule will be posted on web.

Tickets for Titoua are not yet purchased. She will come with her sister. Everyone who can offer accommodation or a car for her stay please contact Amy.

Nick and Tracy are in the process to become certified to steer the Keiki practices.

Rubber band demonstration rescheduled for February 7, 11:30, at the harbor.

Tracy announces plan for Keiki program. Goal is to have a crew at the Monterey sprints. Also race jerseys for the kids are planned.

Safety update: Susan will ask rowing club if we can use their shed to charge our small boat radio batteries.

Kudo's corner: Thanks to

1) Bob for organizing the coaches' paddle; 2) Everybody who helped for rigging mirage; 3) Kim, Judy, Tony and JeriAnn for the most excellent budget analysis ad presentation; 4) Gayle for researching the Bradley Lightning; 5) to Pam for organizing the "fun December paddles; 6) to Tracy and all that bailed the canoes after each rain.

Equipment plans: Amy wants to know if we should sell one of the trailers. Everybody seems to be in favor. Still want to wait with a vote until we have Dave W.'s and Tony's input. Would sell blue (old Santa Cruz Outrigger trailer). It is not as stable as the other one. Background: Parking fee for one trailer is \$600 per year, and we rarely need to tow more than 3 boats.

Amy suggests to replace the cradles that are no longer usable with tires.

Dan Sweet is working on Ho'omaikai's nose injury.

Jon Aiman assessed that split iakos can be repaired.

Shed design: Bob reports that shed will be rebuilt to be 7 feet high on the same foot print. Gayle and Robert will help with planning. Bob explains plans for inside of new shed. Emmerson, Matt, Dan S. agreed to help with tools and actual construction.

Race/Event coordinators: Robert volunteers to coordinate the February 14/15 wave chaser races. Cat offers her OC-1 for these events.

Bradley lightning purchase plans: The budget projection suggests that we cannot afford a new Bradley lightning during this year. Gayle reports that Sonny Bradley stated that he is happier with the Canadian manufacturer (than the previous one in Southern California), but would like to have more hands on management. Gayle talked to his wife. We will stay on top of this issue so that we are ready to order it when we anticipate to have the funds available. Might be able to place the order at the end of this year.

Towing: It would be good if Dave W got a break from towing canoes to races. Amy suggests to send out an email to ask who is able and willing to

tow and also who has a vehicle that could be used for towing. Jeri Ann could keep these data and make them available to individual race coordinators.

Rebranding committee: Amy announces the names of people interested to be on the committee: Amy W, Dave W, Tony, Lynn, Pam, CatHeron, Ruthie, Nichole, Tracy and Brooke. Board agrees to have everybody on the committee to start out with. Amy will set up first meeting as soon as possible. Amy volunteers to contact Roger to get a time slot with Roger for one boat to be painted, just to have it lined up.

Racers' web site: Jeri Ann created new web pages for racers on the club site. Feed back is encouraged.

Other items: Pam suggests to keep a wish list of items the club wants to spend money on and suggests as first item to buy GPS's as training and racing tools.

Cat reports that there is interest in establishing an adaptive paddlers' racing crew within the club.

Next meeting: Agenda for next meeting to include: Shed, trailer vote, branding committee. Canoe blessing. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8.

Adjournment: Pam motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Amy seconds. Everybody agrees.