

Akau Hana Board Meeting, February 8, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 2 hours 18 minutes)

1. Call to order: Pam opens the meeting at 5:08pm. Tony agrees to be the time keeper. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Gayle Bensusan, JeriAnn Smith, Judy Sintetos, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Tony Francis, CatHeron Steele, Kim Sides, Amy Waynar, Dave Waynar, Robert Boltje (11). Further club members present: Kay Miyamoto and Ruthie Romero. Everybody introduces themselves to Kay, a new club member.

2. Secretary's report: Pam motions to approve the minutes of the last board meeting, Kim seconds, everybody approves.

3. Treasurer's report: \$5,200 in club dues have already been paid for this year. After taking out the safety net reserve (\$2,300) and the boat allocation (\$4,500) we still have \$4,165 left. Tony motions to approve the Treasurer's report, Gayle seconds, everybody approves. Quarterly budget updates will be posted on the club web site in the future.

4. Coaches corner: Mid week practices will start during the week of March 8. Last Saturday we needed 6 boats for women's and men's practice. Bob suggests that if this continues to happen we could borrow a boat on a regular basis from Pu Pu O'Hawaii (maybe pay by supporting their Aloha Festival with boats and paddlers). Tony will approach Linda to see if this is a possibility.

The schedules for the different crews (Women, Men, Women Novice, Coed, Rec, Keiki) are published on the club web site.

Titoua, the Tahitian coach will arrive April 14 and stay until May 3. Her sister Paloma (also a championship paddler) will accompany her. Amy C. will need help with housing and car for them.

5. Race coordination update: Jeri Ann reports: Racers site updated with womens intent to race. Robert is organizing the Feb. 14/15 wave chaser race. We still need somebody to help with the March 14 Berkeley to BIAC relay. Jeri Ann has already started to coordinate the Na Pali Challenge (which has been moved to August 8). She has arranged 1 canoe and 1 escort boat. Also, Jeri Ann secured lodging for 12. We need to encourage volunteers for coordination of other races. Logistics are easy when done early.

6. Safety update: We had an incident last Saturday where a paddler pinched his hand when getting the boat out of the water. Bob suggests to make sure that when we buy new wheels that they have some sort of a handle that can be used to push and pull.

7. New shed construction: Bob reports that it will cost about \$300 to install electricity in the shed. He wants to contact Dave Dyc and Leslie Ch. for help with this. Bob commits to having a construction plan and finance plan in place until next meeting. The shed lock has been ripped from the wooden door. Dave W. volunteers to fix it temporarily and suggests to have a punch code door lock for the new shed. Bob will be looking into it.

8. Kudo's corner: Thanks to 1) Amy C. for organizing strength clinic; 2) Amy W. for organizing fixing all canoes; 3) Dan S. for fixing Hoomaikais nose injury; 4) Jeri Ann for creating the racer's website.

9. Equipment plans: Also one of Maka Nui's iakos is split. We will use quick straps for the time being until John Aiman has repaired the two iakos. Tony motions to empower Dave and Amy W. to sell the blue trailer, Dave W. seconds, everybody approves.

Tony motions to empower Dave and Amy W. to make the necessary fixes at the new trailer so that it is usable, Cat seconds, everybody approves.

Dave W. suggests to buy 3 pumps for the canoes (about \$120 altogether). They are now allowed at NCOCA races. Tony motions to approve this, Bob seconds, everybody approves.

10. Rebranding committee: The following people have volunteered for the committee: Amy W, Dave W, Tony, Lynn, Pam, Cat, Ruthie, Nichole, Tracy, and Brooke. The committee will have a first meeting at Amy W.'s place on February 10.

11. NCOCA update: Tony provides update on January meeting: NCOCA achieved a net gain of \$23,000 at the World Sprints that they organized last year in Sacramento.

Tony is developing advertisements for the NCOCA.

The NCOCA is voting on changing age classes for men: Open 20–39, Masters 40–49, Senior Master 50-59, Golden Master 60+. The women's age classes will stay as they are.

Next NCOCA meeting is scheduled for April 19 or April 26 at Jack London Square.

Next World Sprints will take place in May 2010 in New Caledonia.

The NCOCA added two distance races: a double-hulled race, April 25 at Benicia, and a 26 mile race on the Petaluma river on August 8.

New NCOCA rules require clubs hosting races to pay \$600 (or \$2 per paddler if that's more) for start and sweep boat provided by the NCOCA.

12. Review of upcoming events: See web site club calender for events.

13. Start of season blessing: Gayle suggests to have the blessing the same day we'll have the party for Titoua, probably May 2. Amy W. will organize a letter removal event for Bruddah Nappy and Ho'omaikai before the blessing. Amy W. will also look into having Huakai's name on our OC2.

14. Towing: Dave Dyc proposed renting a truck for towing canoes to races in order to rotate responsibility. Brain storming for other ideas resulted in: We could ask rental agencies if they donate a van for a day or two. We could compensate club members for using personal vehicle for towing to races. Bob and Ruthie are investigating rental agancies. Tony is sending out an email asking who is able to tow a boat.

15. Donation to club for special purpose fund: A club member donated \$400 to the club which should be used as a discretionary fund by the board for scholarships and other purposes. More precise rules and procedures on how to use the fund will be suggested by the donor before the next board meeting.

16. Next meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for March 8.

17. Meeting retrospective: It was suggested to be more disciplined with time. Kim offers to be a strict time keeper next meeting.

18. Adjournment: Bob motions to adjourn the meeting, Amy W. seconds, everybody approves. Time 7:26pm.