

Akau Hana Board Meeting, April 5, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 1 hour 45 minutes)

1. Call to order and roll call: Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:12pm. Kim agrees to be the time keeper. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Tony Francis, Cata Gomes, Gayle Bensusan, Amy Waynar, Dave Waynar, Kim Sides, Pam Myers, Bob Darling, Judy Sintetos, Catherine Steele, Robert Boltje (11). Further club members present: Ruth Romero, Dave Dyc. Pam asks to add an agenda item "Rec Paddle".

2. Secretary's report: Gayle motions to approve the minutes of the last board meeting, Dave W. seconds, everybody approves. Board members are reminded to review the minutes of the year end review meeting from November 2008.

3. Treasurer's report: Judy and Kim hand out a budget sheet which reflects everything until the end of March. The current balances are \$12,465 (checking account) and \$3,224 (savings account). Cata motions to accept the treasurer's report, Dave W seconds, everybody approves.

4. Safety report: Bob recounts an accident in the San Francisco Bay when an OC-6 was swamped, the coast guard had to be called and paddlers had to be rescued by helicopter. Bob suggests that we should ask the NCOCA to investigate and share the results with all the clubs for everybody's benefit.

5. Coaches corner: Bob reports on efforts to start a new paddling program, "Fitness Paddle". The goal is to offer paddle times to advanced paddlers that cannot commit to a racing program. It is aimed to have two practice times per week. Due to lack of numbers the coed program will be included into the fitness paddle program.

Lynn is not available for some time to lead the Rec paddle. Pam has filled in so far. Cat volunteers to help enforcing the dues for Sunday rec paddlers. The Wednesday rec crew, lead by Cata has been named 'Humua', meaning "ongoing, moving forward".

Gayle introduces the schedule for Titaua's visit. The schedule is also published on the club calender. Every single paddle group in the club is accommodated to have contact with Tita.

The NCOCA offers a race clinic on April 19. It is suggested that Nick or Tracy attend to be ready for our first Keiki sprint race.

6. Kudo's corner: 1.) Thanks to coaches for successful start into the season. 2.) Thanks to Leslie Eurs for organizing the womens Saturday practices. 3.) Thanks to Tim for replacing the long lost club restroom key with 2 new restroom keys. They have large yellow plastic identifying key chains attached. 4.) Thanks to Amy W and Reyna for removing the rest of the SCOCC lettering from Brudda Nappy and Ho'omaikai. 5.) Thanks to Amy W for claring all the vegetation off the shed. 6.) Thanks to Jeri Ann for posting the training schedule on the web site for Titaua's visit. 7.) Thanks to Amy W for getting the new shed lock. 8.) Thanks to Emerson and George Sanderson for their work on the new shed.

7. Equipment plans: Iakos for Maka Nui and some of the 4 iakos at Bruddah Nappy and Ho'omaikai need to be fixed or replaced. Dave W assessed that they are fixable, but doesn't have the time to fix them. He would be happy to show anybody how to fix them. Bob's suggestion: Meet with John Aimann to discuss with him if he can fix them. Dave W suggests to find a week when we fix everything related to the boats. Could take off the iakos on Monday and have them ready again by Saturday for practice. We could use the whole mid week for repair work. A completely finished set of 2 iakos is \$650 (without shipping), in case we wanted to get new ones.

Gunnels are damaged, probably by sloppy changes. Amy asks that coaches remind paddlers to be more focussed at changes.

The cracks on Ho'omaikai are not structural according to Amy W and Dave Dyc.

Bob reports that Emmerson and George Sanderson started to work on the enlargement of the shed. It will definitely be finished by the end of April.

8. Rebranding committee: Dan Sweet will start next week to work on art work.

9. Beginning of Season Blessing: The planned date, May 2nd, for the beginning of season blessing and party is almost fully occupied with workouts and a good bye party for Tita. It is decided to have the blessing on Friday, May 1st, starting 5:30pm.

9. Review of upcoming events:

April 14th - May 3rd: Titoua's visit.

May 1st: Beginning of season party and blessing.

May 2nd: Club party in Titoua's honor.

May 9th: Berkeley Pier Race.

May 16th: Rig Run, Santa Barbara.

See club calender for more events.

9. GPS Purchase: Pam ordered a GPS for \$141 (inlcuding a mount).

10. NCOCA meeting: Tony reports from the NCOCA meeting that took place April 5. The Benicia double hull race on April 25 is cancelled. The rule changes concerning age classes for sprint races have been taken back. Everything stays as it has been last year. Race clinic is coming up on April 19th. We have to be represented. We expect to send 4 participants. Tony made an ad for the NCOCA in the Adventure Sport Magazine promoting outrigger canoe paddling. NCOCA board election results: Bernie (Bernal) is the new president, Phil Siaris is the new vice-president and Brad Saguindel is the new race coordinator.

11. Special needs: What policy do we have in place to accommodate special needs persons that want to join us to paddle (usually rec paddle)? There is a consensus that it should be communicated to the responsible coach before hand. It should be left to the coach in charge to assess it on a case by case basis. Tony will put a message to that effect on our web page.

12. Next meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for May 10. Gayle will send out an email to ask if this is convenient to everybody (Mothers Day). (Edited after meeting: The next board meeting is set for May 3rd.)

11. Meeting retrospective: Time keeping has worked very well again.

12. Adjournment: Dave W motions to adjourn the meeting, Gayle seconds, everybody approves. Time: 6:57pm.