

Akau Hana Board Meeting, May 3, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 2 hours 40 minutes)

1. Call to order and roll call: Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:10pm. Pam agrees to be the time keeper. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Pam Myers, Bob Darling, Gayle Bensusan, Cata Gomes, Tony Francis, Jeri Ann Smith, Cat Heron Steele, Robert Boltje (8). Further club members present: Kay Miyamoto, Amos Hahn.

2. Sailing canoe: Bob reports: One of our members, Reid, offered to donate his sailing canoe to the club to promote the sport of canoe sailing. This is a tremendous opportunity but also comes with costs. Bob will investigate the yearly costs. Altogether the board is leaning toward accepting the donation, but will wait until next meeting when we know more about the costs and also will have talked to more club members. Bob has further comments: There are only four canoes of this type in California. We could add a racing class for sailing at certain races. Matt could train people in operating the canoe. We would need a certification process.

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

A discussion of the minutes of the year end meeting 2008 follows. Tony suggests to think about how we achieved the recorded goals so far. Most of the goals are well on the way to be achieved. For instance: lifting everybody's skill levels (stroke, small boats, steering), promotion of small boat training, offering a clear progression from rec paddling to elite racing, growth of keiki program, participating in at least one keiki race per season, winning more medals, rebranding Akau Hana, participating in travel races (with as many crews as possible), having more assistant/helper coaches, more steering coaching, having a small boat coach/equipment manager/scheduler, identifying paddlers that want to be in coed crews.

With only a few goals we are still behind: Upgrading and enhancing equipment (new boat, painting), comprehensive new paddler orientation (brochure, video), having all-club fun practices/runs on Saturdays, sharing the workload among as many club members as possible.

Tony motions to approve the minutes of the year end review meeting 2008, Pam seconds, everybody approves.

4. Treasurer's report: The current balances are \$10,301 (checking account) and \$3,224 (savings account). Tony motions to accept the treasurer's report, Robert seconds, everybody approves.

5. Coaches' corner: Bob announces that the fitness paddle program is ready to get started Friday afternoons next week and that Toby is willing to run it.

Recap on Titaua's and Paloma's visit: Everybody agrees that it was a big success, that we learnt a tremendous amount about paddling from them and that the cultural exchange was an additional value of their visit.

Next races: Berkeley (Novices and Men), Santa Barbara (all programs), Monterey (all programs).

Cat proposes to waive race dues for one time race participation in Monterey Memorial Day races. Gayle seconds, everybody agrees. Bob will inform club members about that.

Bob will go with coaches through list of races and see if some can already be canceled because of lack of participation, or because of changed goals of coaches after Titaua's input.

6. Kudo's corner: 1) Congratulations to Daniel, Theron, and Matt for a 2nd place finish at the Catalina Challenge. 2) Thanks to Amy, Bob, Tony, Gayle and Jeri Ann for organizing Titaua's and Paloma's clinic. Thanks to Amy and Brent Culver for hosting coaches' party and club party, and for hosting Titaua and Paloma. Thanks to everyone that entertained and fed Titaua and Paloma during their visit. Thanks to Nate for letting the club use his zodiac for training. 3) Many thanks for new shed especially to Emerson and his father, but also to Bob, Philip, Dan Sweet and everybody who helped with the construction. 4) Thanks to Dave Waynar for innovative workouts. 5) Thanks to Tony for updating the public website about contacting Akau Hana for special needs paddlers. 6) Many thanks to Gayle for organizing a memorable start of season blessing. (It was very enjoyable for those who braved the weather.) Thanks to Kim for getting the ti leaves, to Yoko for hosting the lei making, and to all the ladies that made leis for the blessing. 7) Kudos to Amy W., Jenne, Lynn, Gayle, Leslie Ch. and Cat for helping with the men's OC-1 time trial.

7. Equipment plans: The wonderful new enlarged shed will be painted to match the harbor master's building. Philip will finish the inside of the

shed. Bob explains the plans for the interior. Everything might be finished within the next month. Gayle will buy plastic filing cabinet for the shed. Tony suggests to attach a sign at the shed that advertises for Akau Hana and displays Sunday Rec Paddles.

Tony will talk to Amy W about choosing a week, maybe after the last June race, to get all the repairs on canoes and iakos done, following a plan suggested by Dave W during the last meeting.

8. Rebranding committee: Dan Sweet is working on the related artwork.

9. Upcoming events: See the club calender for upcoming races and events.

10. GPS purchase: The GPS is purchased. Dave Waynar is storing it for the time being.

11. NCOCA update: Gayle and Tony report from the past NCOCA clinic, April 19:

- (a) Ruth and Gayle went to race registration workshop.
- (b) Gayle went to workshop that covered injury prevention (by Scott Kelley). It will be posted at NCOCA web site.
- (c) Tony wrote a report to men and women racers about rigging
- (d) Tony wrote a report about huli recovering and sent it to everybody.
- (e) Tony wrote a report about the "race hosting" session and sent it to the board.
- (f) Tony made a presentation at the NCOCA clinic about how to advertise outrigger canoe clubs.

12. Fund-raising: Bob reports: Dave Loustalot made the fund-raising suggestion that we could work at catering events for the company his wife works with and have the company pay the club for our work. Another idea from Brent: Physicians have regular health event meetings. We could provide a day of paddling for these physicians including lucheon and charge them \$50 per person. Kay offers to donate proceeds from her business as representative for Arbonne.

There is a agreement that one should distinguish between fund-raising for general club funds and fund-raising for special race events like Molokai or Catalina.

Bob will make a presentation to explain possibilities of fund-raising.

13. Purchase of a zodiac: Bob initiates a discussion on purchasing a zodiac for training purposes and elaborates on a written assessments of costs and benefits. This was one of the main suggestions Titaua made. It would be mostly used by the coaches during training sessions. Everybody agrees that this would enhance the racing program tremendously. The discussion will be continued and the proposal will be brought back before the board at a suitable time, when we have funds available for the purchase (estimated \$2,000). The maintaining and storage costs are estimated at about \$1,000.

14. Next meeting: The next board meeting is scheduled for June 14, 5pm, in the the Harbor Meeting Room.

15. Meeting retrospective: Everything went very well except for staying in the allotted time limits. We need to decide how flexible we want to be during meetings. The item we spent too much time on was the discussion of the year end planning minutes. Members are encouraged to communicate with Jeri Ann on the proposed agenda, for example to tell if items can be canceled.

16. Adjournment: Tony motions to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconds, everybody approves. Time: 7:50pm.