

## Akau Hana Board Meeting, June 14, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 2 hours 13 minutes)

**1. Call to order and roll call:** Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:10pm. Kim agrees to be the time keeper. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Kim Sides, Gayle Bensusan, Pam Myers, Tony Francis, Jeri Ann Smith, Judy Sintetos, Cat Heron Steele, Robert Boltje (8). Further club members present: Dave Loustalot, Dan Sweet, Kay Miyamoto, Ruth Romero.

**2. Insurance:** We have only liability insurance (through the NCOCA). Our equipment is not covered. Dave Loustalot reports that he presented to the NCOCA a property coverage insurance, but has not heard back from them. The policy is an all-risk policy in contrast to a named peril policy. The first means that in case of damage we would only have to prove that damage occurred. The second means that we would have to prove that a certain cause was responsible for the damage. Every club could decide which items it would like to have covered. The insurance would pay the purchase price of the item (or value we assign to it when signing the policy). There is a deductible of \$500 for damages up to \$10,000, and a deductible of \$1,000 for damage between \$10,000 to \$30,000. The yearly premium is computed as 2.25% of the submitted value, with a minimum yearly premium of \$1,000. This is why it would make sense to go through the NCOCA, since small clubs would not have enough equipment to reach this minimum. To insure \$40,000 of value (our 5 canoes for example) we would have to pay a premium of \$900 per year. Since we recently had the sailing canoe added to our fleet, we could include this in the insurance and would not loose out if we had to pay the \$1,000 minimum. But the preferred way would be through the NCOCA. Tony wants to enquire again with the NCOCA.

One of the board's concerns is that if we had an accident while towing 3 canoes this would be a major catastrophe fo the club. Vandalism has become a concern as well. Having insurance would take the pressure off the very few experienced towers that we have. We could share the burden of towing among more people without risking too much.

The topic will be discussed again at the next meeting.

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

**4. Treasurer's report:** The current balances are \$10,331 (checking account) and \$3,224 (savings account). The income through membership dues is higher than expected. Robert motions to accept the treasurer's report, Gayle seconds, everybody approves.

Review of emergency fund requirements: The board decided some time ago to set aside an emergency fund that covers 6 month of our fixed operational costs (canoe storage fees, NCOCA insurance, etc.). This is currently set at \$3,200. A quick calculation yielded the result that we do not have to increase this amount. The sailing canoe's storage fees are off-set by the sold trailer's storage fees.

**5. Coaches' corner:** Report from coaches meeting: Among other things it was requested from the coaches that a new canoe has highest priority over other expenses on the wish list (buying a zodiac, painting all canoes, etc.). Kay commends Toby for doing a great job as novice coach. Everybody is enjoying the workouts with him.

**6. Kudo's corner:** 1) Congratulations to Berkeley Pier, Rig Run and Monterey racers. 2) Thanks to Bob, Dave W, Robert, Amy W for organizing the Berkeley Pier and Rig Run; Thanks to Kay, Denise, and Joanna for organizing the Monterey weekend races. 3) Thanks to Gayle for providing race representative support even when she was injured. 4) Thanks to Philip for setting up our new sailing program. 5) Thanks to all who helped refurbish iakos: Amy W, Dave W, Philip, John, Leslie C., and Ruth. 6) Thanks to Tony for repairing Ho'omaikai's ama. 7) Thanks to Amy W and Tony for cleaning the shed. 8) Thanks to everybody who rerigged Bruddah Nappy and Ho'omaikai.

**7. Equipment plans:** Amy W provided update via email: The iakos of Bruddah Nappy and Ho'omaikai are repaired/refurnished and the canoes are rerigged. Maka Nui's iakos are next in line, then the Mirage's. Thursday, June 18, at 6pm we will wax and clean the canoes for the Avila Beach race. The shed will be painted in July.

**8. Rebranding committee:** Dan Sweet presents options for the graphics on the jersey. A lengthy discussion on the logo develops. At the end, Dan suggests to have the lettering "Akau Hana" with the paddle and have a silhouette of the jetty, light house and one or two canoes inlayed in the blade of the paddle. Everybody likes the idea. Dan will present a draft by Monday evening.

**9. Fund-raising:** For women's Catalina/Molokai trips, the following fund-raising events are planned: E-Waste pick-up (contact Tammy), Garage sale (July 12th, organized by Kim), books-tapes-cds pick-up (organized by Lisa S.). A suggestion was made to put a donation box in the shed.

For the men's Catalina/Molokai trips, Dave W. is editing a calender with paddle pictures. The photo-shoot has already happened.

**10. Shared Adventures:** It is scheduled for July 18. No details are available yet. We will use Maka Nui, Bruddah Nappy and Ho'omaikai, no double hulls. Yoko will be in charge. Look out for sign-up sheets in the shed. We need more experienced paddlers to help, and want to encourage more people from racing crews to be present.

**11. Aloha Festival:** The date is August 16. Judy who organized it in the past won't be available this year. We will need somebody to take over the organization. Gayle is going to talk to Cata to ask if she is available to organize the event.

Suggestions for fundraising: Offer sailing canoe rides and outrigger canoe rides after races, make pictures of participants for sale. This would need to be discussed with PuPu'O first.

**12. Sailing canoe:** A group has taken out the canoe once. Philip needs to get more gear from Reid to make it fully operable.

**13. Monterey Bay crossing race:** It takes place September 27. Tony expects about 12 canoes and that we will make about \$1,000 from the event. One club from Canada announced to participate. Tasks:

Lining up chase boats: Bob (assigned by absence).

Borrowing canoes from other clubs: Robert.

Medals, Awards: Pam, Bob.

Information: Cat.

Arranging After Party: Kim (if in town).

Notify coast guard and harbor patrol: Tim (in absence).

Prerace snacks and coffee: Gayle.

Press and publicity: Tony.

**14. Next meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 5pm, in the the Harbor Meeting Room.

**15. Meeting retrospective:** Rebranding discussion took longer than expected.

**16. Adjournment:** Jeri Ann motions to adjourn the meeting, Judy seconds, everybody approves. Time: 7:23pm.