

Akau Hana Club Meeting

I. Call to order:

1. Passed out sign up sheet. Attendees included: Tony Francis, Gayle Bensusan, Kim Sides, Cata Gomes, Ruth Romero, Cat Heron Steele, Jeri Ann Smith, Pam Myers, Bob Darling, and Judy Sintetos.

2. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting:

1. Passed out sign up sheet. Reviewed agenda. Jeri Ann took notes. Kim was the time keeper.

II. Secretary's report

1. Reviewed previous minutes. Judy motioned to approve, Gayle seconded. Minutes approved.

III. Treasurer's report

1. Judy and Kim provided the treasury report. They reported that dues coming in and that there are lots of inquiries from recreational paddle. Cat motion to approved, Cata seconded. Treasury report was approved.

IV. Old business:

1. Coaches corner: Bob presented the coaches' report. He reviewed plans for upcoming races. The next race is in August: Alcatraz Challenge. After that is the Na Pali Challenge. Then we'll have the Tony Gora Memorial. Both the men and women will do the Kilohana Klassic. We will not do the Tahoe races. For Catalina, we'll have 2 women's crews, 1 coed, and one men's. We'll have both a men's and women's Molokai team. Otherwise, the last races are Monterey Bay Crossing and Angel Island. There was an accident with the Mirage when doing a beach landing. The men discussed the landing and were instructed to come in on the back side of the wave when landing. No one was hurt on the incident and the canoe was repaired very quickly.
 2. Kudo's corner: 1.) Congratulations to Avila and Monterey sprint racers. Thanks to Lori Nelson for organizing Avila. Thanks to the team of Lisa, Nichole, and Reyna for organizing the Monterey Sprints. Special thanks to Leslie Eurs and Dave Waynar, our coaches, for organizing the challenging race schedule of the sprint race. Kudos to Nick and Tracy for organizing the Keiki crews for the sprints. 2.) Thanks to Kim for organizing the garage sale fundraiser, and thanks to all who helped. 3.) Thanks to Pam for organizing the chase boat with Ivor for the women's long practice.
 3. Equipment plans: Tony provided an equipment update which included input from Amy. Kanani had a close encounter with the jetty and has been repaired. Board approves payment of repairs for Kanani repairs. Dave will put the number back on the canoe. Phil has started revarnishing of the iakos for Kanani. Philip has stripped, sanded, and a couple coats of varnish. Tony will complete the varnishing. Yoko says that she wants Maka Nui, Bruddah Nappy, and Ho'omaikai. Tony and Amy created list of items for the rigging boxes. Tony created a wiki page to document these items. Each
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rigging box includes scissors and duct tape. Tony will also create a rigging specifications page listing each canoe.

4. Rebranding committee: We reviewed three pricing proposals. No one was in favor of making the jersey sales a fund raiser. The remaining two proposals were as follows: 1.) \$22 tank, \$25 crew, \$30 long sleeve 2.) \$25 tank and \$30 for crew and long sleeve. The vote was 6 for proposal number one and 3 for proposal number two. Proposal number 1 passed.
5. Insurance proposal: We reviewed the proposal presented by Dave Loustalot at our last meeting. Jeri Ann motioned that we move forward with attaining insurance as proposed by Dave Loustalot. Dave also plans to present the proposal for other clubs in the NCOCA to attain insurance at the next NCOCA meeting. We'll see how that meeting goes and then determine next steps at our next board meeting.
6. Shared Adventures: We reviewed plans. Yoko sent out a memo and made assignments. Bob will send out a memo encouraging participation.
7. Aloha Festival: Cata is organizing event and reviewed plans. Ruth is getting the ice machine, Ruth is also getting ice chest. Vid is already signed up to cut coconuts. We will make leis on Aug 15 from 12 Noon - 7PM. Gayle will confirm that we can use the Harbor meeting room for lei making.

v. **New business:**

1. Fund Raising: We had a discussion on fund raising. Dave Waynar is putting together a calendar to sale. Kim reported that the garage sale raised \$357.35 and that 10-12 women helped. Amy, Ruth, and Cat stayed all day. The e-waste fundraiser will be completed this month. The car wash is cancelled this year due to water rationing. Dave and Amy wrote a proposal for the Hula Grill to support our Molokai teams. The proposal offered canoe rides to their 17 employees. We considered asking Pu Pu if we could offer canoe paddles and sailing trips as fund raisers after the Aloha Festival Races. However, we can't load people from the dock or the beach. The logistics sound challenging, and we have much to do already that day, so we decided not to pursue these canoe rides as a fund raiser.
2. Sailing Canoe: We discussed the sailing canoe program and its impact on our finances. The report from Philip is that: "The sale of jerseys has provided all funds necessary to upgrade and replace equipment (total cost was \$141.) We are now depositing all funds raised into the club account to cover storage until Oct. The planned upcoming fundraiser include selling a T-shirts with canoe sailing graphics." Gayle requested that a 2nd shelf be placed in shed for Sailing Canoe items. Gayle will talk with Philip.
3. Monterey Bay crossing race: Tony provided update on plans. Pam proposed the purchase of frames for Monterey Bay Crossing Awards based on Tony's suggestion for Iron divisions in Men, Women & Coed in first, second & third places. Pam said that we would need 54 more frames. The cost with tax and shipping should be around \$150. (Currently she has 100 frames left from last year that would accommodate enough awards for first, second & third place for 9 person crews. The board approved \$150 for the purchase of additional frames.

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4. Board membership: Kate has resigned from board because other commitments prevent her from attending Sunday afternoon/evening meetings. We discussed whether to ask another person to replace Kate. Cata proposed that Ruth fill Kate's empty seat on the board. Judy seconded. All approved. Welcome again, Ruth, to the board! (Ruth is a past president of Akau Hana.)

vi. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting agenda items: The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, but 6 board members will be in Kauai. So the next meeting was rescheduled for Aug 2.

VII Meeting retrospective:

1. No changes were proposed for our meeting format. Gayle motioned that we adjourn, and Pam seconded. Meeting adjourned.

VII Delayed for Future meetings:

1. Naming the OC-2: The canoe name is Huaka'i. Who volunteers to letter the canoe and host a blessing for her? In prior meeting, we agreed to coordinate with blessing for completion of SCOCC merger celebration.
 2. New paddler brochure: Develop new paddler brochure.
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