

## Akau Hana Board Meeting, August 2, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 2 hours 11 minutes)

**1. Call to order and roll call:** Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:07pm. Robert is taking notes. Board members present: Gayle Bensusan, Dave Waynar, Amy Waynar, Cata Gomes, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, Tony Francis, Jeri Ann Smith, Cat Heron Steele, Robert Boltje (10). Further club members present: Kay Miyamoto, Dave Dyc.

**2. Secretary's report:** Bob motions to approve the minutes of the July board meeting. Gayle seconds, everybody approves.

**3. Coaches' corner:** Bob reports on yesterday's race around the Rock: We had 6 participating crews. Among them, the novice women crew, a masters women crew and a coed senior masters crew took second place; another masters women crew, an open women crew and an open men crew paddled hard and made us proud. The race coordination by Kim and Reyna was exemplary. Everybody liked the new jerseys.

Tony Gora is the next race, coming up August 15.

We will also have a crew at the Na'Pali Coast Challenge, August 8, a 38 mile 6 women/6 men change race.

Catalina is all set with two women crews for Saturday and one men's and one coed crew for Sunday. The housing and travel arrangements can be completed soon, after all the crews are announced in detail.

It is not decided yet if we participate in the Kilohana Classics. The long 9-men course has been shortened to 17 miles.

Kay thanks Toby, Bob and Tony to help securing a guest paddler for the novice crew at the Alcatraz race.

**4. Kudo's corner:** 1.) Thanks to all club members who helped with Shared Adventures. 2.) Congratulations to the Alcatraz Challenge racers. 3) Thanks to Kim and Reyna for the race coordination of the Alcatraz Challenge. 4.) Thanks to Dave Dyc for seeing to it that Kananimauloa was repaired quickly. 5) Thanks to John Aiman for working on Maka Nui's iakos. (Bob motions to show our appreciation to John by giving him a race jersey, Pam seconds, everybody approves) 6) Thanks to Philip and Tony for refurbishing Kananimauloa's iakos. 7) Thanks to Tony and JeriAnn for establishing the wiki pages. 8) Thanks to Lisa and Nichole for cleaning up and organizing the shed.

**5. Equipment plans:** Amy W. reports: Maka Nui's iakos are in the works. All other boats are ready for use.

Bob mentions that the rigging boxes are very helpful.

Cata brings up that it would be nice if the club owned its own steering blade for the sailing canoe. The blades we are using now are borrowed from Reid. Bob suggests that we wait with allocating funds for that until the financing of the sailing canoe program is determined. Dave W. suggests to ask Reid how long we can keep the paddle.

**6. Rebranding committee:** The jerseys are done. There are about 20 extra shirts. Cata wants to ask people in the rec crews if they are interested in buying some. Thanks to Amy W. and Dan S. for all the work on the committee. As clarification: the price for the tank (women) is \$23 and for the sleeveless (men) is \$24. For non-clubmembers we want to price the short/sleeveless/tank at \$30 and the long sleeve at \$35.

Gayle motions to order 24 hats and 24 vizors (in two different colors), Bob seconds, everybody approves.

Lisa F. is taking over the store and ordering management.

**7. Aloha Festival:** Cata reviews: We got shaved ice and coconuts pickup covered. Everything is going according to plan. A sign-up sheet for chores will be posted in the shed this week.

**8. Fund Raising:** Ruth has collected recycling. Bottles, cans, plastic can be dropped with Ruthie (for women racing program).

Electric waste can be dropped at Ruthie's garage. TV's, screen, displays of any type are most valuable (for women racing program).

Kalae offered to play at the Aloha Grill Luau for a fund-raiser (for women racing program)

Lisa S. organized book and dvd collection (for women racing program)

Dave L. will organize a golf tournament as last year (for men racing program). The date is set for Wednesday September 23.

Waynars' church offered to do a car wash (for women and possibly men racing program).

Dave W. is producing a 2010-calender with paddling pictures (for men racing program)

Toby offered to head the organization of a year end party, similar to last year (for general club funds).

Pam suggests for the future to have paddle ecotours. She knows somebody who would go out with us and lecture on the marine life in the bay. He is doing this professionally on the Chardonnay. (For general club funds.)

The Aloha Festival proceeds will go to general club funds.

Ruthie looked into selling See's candies. She wants the funds to go specifically towards Maka Nui's maintenance.

Gayle suggests to have an Akau Hana business card. It should contain the logo, the web address, an email address, and something like "Sunday paddles open to the public". Kay and JeriAnn suggest to order them with Vista Print (for only shipping and handling). Dave W. motions to order them, Bob seconds, everybody approves. Amy offers to arrange it.

If somebody has further fundraising ideas please contact the board!

**9. Monterey Bay Crossing Race:** Pam has ordered the frames for the awards.

**10. Open board position:** Tracy resigned as board member. Everybody agrees that we should not fill this position now, so late into the year. We will wait until the next election cycle which starts in October.

**11. Waiver for membership fees:** The board agrees to waive Dave Dyc's membership fees for the next two years, since he refused to be reimbursed for his expenses for repair work on Kanimauloa that he had payed out of his own pocket.

**12. Meeting retrospective:** There is agreement that we should strive to stick to our time frame.

**13. Adjournment:** Pam motions to adjourn the meeting, Dave W. seconds, everybody approves. Time: 7:18pm.

**14. Next meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 5pm, in the the Harbor Meeting Room.