

Akau Hana Board Meeting, September 20, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 2 hours 8 minutes)

1. Call to order and roll call: Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Robert is taking notes. Kim acts as time keeper. Board members present: Dave Waynar, Gayle Bensusan, JeriAnn Smith, Meghan Thomas, Ruth Romero, Tony Francis, Cata Gomes, Kim Sides, Amy Waynar, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, CatHeron Steele, Judy Sintetos, Robert Boltje (14). Further club members present: Dave Dyc, John Aimann, Kay Miyamoto.

2. Secretary's report: JeriAnn motions to approve the minutes of the August board meeting. Kim seconds, everybody approves.

3. Treasurer's report: Judy hands out a spreadsheet with recent account activities. There have been many transactions over the last days which are not yet reflected on the spreadsheet. Judy or Kim will send out the current balances to the board via email. Dave W. motions to approve the treasurer's report, Bob seconds, everybody approves.

4. Coaches' corner: Bob reports: We had two crews at yesterday's Angel Island Race. The novice women crew finished their last race of the season in first place. The men's crew was third across the line, second in the open division.

The Monterey Bay Crossing is coming up, Sunday September 27.

We will have a men's and a women's crew participating in the Molokai Race, Sunday September 27 and October 11, respectively.

Bob's not aware of any safety issues occurring over the last month.

5. Kudo's corner:

1.) Congratulations to Catalina racers. Thanks to Leslie Eurs and Jan Shriner for coordination of the event. Thanks to Amy and Dave for prepping the canoes prior to the race. And most importantly, thanks to our coaches for training and setting up crews.

2.) Thanks to Tony for prepping Maka Nui's iaokos. Thanks to John Aiman for sanding both iakos and varnishing them.

3.) Thanks to Amy Waynar for Tony Gora race coordination.

4.) Thanks to Cata for coordinating the Aloha Festival. Thanks to all helped host the Aloha Festival.

5.) Thanks to Philip for finishing work on the shed.

6.) Congratulations to the Novice crew for their first place finish in the Angel Island race, and Kudos to Bob for accompanying them at 5am in the morning. Also, congratulations to the men's crew for their 2nd place finish.

7.) Thanks to Amy Waynar for organizing the fundraiser for women's racing

program.

8.) Thanks to Ruthie for collecting the E-waste and recyclables at her place.

6. Equipment plans: Amy W. reports: We will switch amas of Ho'omaikai and Bruddah Nappy. The ama with the plug belongs to Bruddah Nappy.

John Aimann reports that the lamination of Maka Nui's amas was coming apart. Tony fixed it with epoxy.

Ho'omaikai has new seats.

Dave put paddle holders into Makani Akua.

John Aimann is in the process of fixing the splash guard of Ho'omaikai.

Bob will set a date for painting the shed. He has the information about the color for the paint so it matches the other harbor buildings.

7. Fund Raising: Amy reports: The Luau fundraiser raised about \$2,300 for the women's racing program. The book sale brought in \$200, the recycling efforts \$125, so far. We will continue with these collections, also with the E-waste collection. The money raised from the Luau was used to pay for part of the chase boat and race entry fees for the Women Catalina racers, more precisely, \$60 per racer. The rest will be used for the women Molokai racers to offset part of the costs for entry fees and chase boat fees.

Dave Loustalot is organizing a fund raiser on September 23 for the men's racing program to offset part of the costs of the Molokai race. There will be a golf tournament, dinner and a raffle.

Dave Waynar has designed a 2010 calendar with paddler pictures that we will sell for \$25 a piece. 160 pieces were ordered. The manufacturing costs are \$10 per piece. The proceeds will offset the costs of the men's molokai race.

Judy does not yet have the final numbers on how much money we raised at the Aloha Festival.

A discussion about a general club policy for fund raising events follows. Bob suggests that we create the position of a fund raising officer who develops a policy and apprises organizers of fund raisers of the rules. We will try to fill this position in the course of the up-coming board elections.

Cata requests that the proceeds from the Aloha Festival go directly toward painting Maka Nui. Tony suggests to postpone the discussion to agenda item 12 (canoe painting).

8. Monterey Bay Crossing: We host the Monterey Bay Crossing race on Sunday, September 27. Six crews are confirmed. Among them are 5 coed crews with different numbers of men and women (from 4 women to 7 women). With these crews we will more or less break even. Linda Dressbach

and Marcia from Pu Pu 'O will be race officials without charge and Linda Dressbach and Ron Marates will supply an official's boat without charge. The after race party will take place at the London Bridge Pub, close to the Monterey wharf.

9. Business Cards: Postponed to next meeting.

10. Insurance: Bob is making a list of all our equipment, including canoes, and what we paid for it. Bob needs the help of club members that were around longer with the club.

11. Elections: Board terms are up for Robert Boltje (Secretary), Bob Darling (Head Coach), Amy Waynar (Equipment manager), Judy Sintetos (Treasurer), Catherine Steele, Meghan Thomas, Dave Waynar. Remaining board members are: Gayle Bensusan, Pam Myers Ruth Romero, Tony Francis, Kim Sides, Jeri Ann Smith, Cata Gomes. Suggested elections process:

1. Club members nominate board of directors candidates (by Oct. 17).
2. Club members will be sent email ballots (or US Postal mail ballots for those without email accounts) listing all Board of Director candidates (by Oct. 21).
3. Every club member votes for the specified number of board member openings (by Nov. 6). JeriAnn and Gayle volunteer to count the votes.
4. The top vote getters will fill the openings on the board of directors.
5. The new board members will meet and elect officers for the open offices (i.e., Treasurer, Secretary, and Head Coach) from the newly elected board of directors (Nov. 8 meeting).

Kim motions to accept this process, Bob seconds, everybody approves.

12. Painting Canoes: O'kalani has an opening to paint one of our canoes as early as we can deliver one to them. Ruthie informs the board that we could do some prep work ourselves to reduce the costs. Dave suggests to have O'kalani do the prep work, because we are too busy at the end of our racing season to coordinate another event; everybody agrees on that. Tony suggests to have Maka Nui painted first, and only have it painted white. After that, Dan Sweet would help with getting the artwork on the canoe, using a vinyl cutter and gel coat. A decision on which canoe we will paint first is postponed to the next meeting. When we have updated account balances we could even decide to have more canoes painted.

13. End of Season party: Jeri Ann proposes weekend of October 24/25. We will send out an email to ask if anybody would volunteer to host it.

14. End of year review meetings: Jeri Ann proposes a board review meeting for November 8, possibly before the board meeting. Everybody

agrees on the date. Gayle will find out if the harbor meeting room will be available. We might need a second date, as last year. We might also want to separate the review of last year and a planning meeting for next year at separate dates.

15. End of Season fundraiser: Tobey volunteered to organize an end of the year fund raiser, possibly at Kumbwa. Most board members feel it is already too late to get started on it. Dave suggests to have a kick-off party instead, for next year's season.

16. Next meeting: The next board meeting will take place on Sunday, October 18, at 5pm in the harbor room.

17. Meeting retrospective: Everybody was happy with this meeting.

18. Adjournment: Bob motions to adjourn the meeting, Ruthie seconds, everybody approves. Time: 7:13pm.