

Akau Hana Board Meeting, October 18, 2009

(Harbor meeting room, 1 hour 54 minutes)

1. Call to order and roll call: Tony calls the meeting to order at 5:10pm. Robert is taking notes. Kim acts as time keeper. Board members present: Gayle Bensusan, CatHeron Steele, Bob Darling, Pam Myers, JeriAnn Smith, Tony Francis, Cata Gomes, Ruth Romero, Kim Sides, Amy Waynar, Dave Waynar, Robert Boltje (12). Further club members present: Dave Dyc, Kay Miyamoto.

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

3. Treasurer's report: Kim hands out a spreadsheet with current numbers. At the moment the club has \$9,535 on the checking account and \$3,304 on the savings account. Amounts for fundraising and Molokai expenses are included. After subtracting the amounts to be put aside for a canoe purchase and reserve, we have available funds of \$5,139. Cata motions to accept the treasurer's report, Amy W. seconds, everybody approves.

4. Coaches' corner: Bob reports: There will be meetings with women and men coaching staff and Bob is hopeful to have a plan for next year in place very soon. At the moment no training program for the winter is set.

Safety report: On October 17, an OC-2's steering went out and it had to be towed in by a 6-women crew. In the commotion Pam's steering blade must have been lost in the water. Ruth motions that we use club funds to replace it, Cata seconds, everybody approves.

Pam reports about RecPaddle plans: We want to have the traditional RecPaddle (open for new-comers) only for two Sundays a month and have a pure club RecPaddle the other Sundays. Tony says he will change the web site announcement accordingly. We have additional RecPaddle times Wednesday and Thursday at 4pm.

Amy W. will get tires from Sears to put the canoes on once we move them to the parking lot.

5. Kudo's corner:

- 1) Congratulations to all Molokai racers.
- 2) Thanks to Cat for organizing the women to move the sailing canoe before the storm.
- 3) Thanks to men and women who moved canoes before the tsunami.
- 4) Thanks to Lisa S. for arranging buses for the Monterey Bay Crossing.
- 5) Thanks to Bob D. for arranging chase boats for Monterey Bay Crossing.
- 6) Thanks to Dave L. and Dave W. for their fundraising for the men's Molokai

race.

- 7) Thanks to Cata and others who bailed our canoes after the storm on Tuesday.
- 8) Congratulations to the Monterey Bay Crossing racers.
- 9) Thanks to Bob and his shed painting crew.
- 10) Thanks to Amy Culver for hosting the women's end of year party.
- 11) Thanks to John Aiman and Theron for repairing Ho'omaikai.
- 12) Thanks to Yoko and Becky for repairing the canoe straps.

6. Equipment plans: We have a Wiki page on the club web site on which little chores are listed that need to be done. JeriAnn volunteers to keep the list updated. Everybody is encouraged to pick one of these items and to work on it.

Boat painting: An email vote among board members conducted before this meeting resulted in first painting Maka Nui, and then Ho'omakai. Since the towing of the canoe got postponed, Tony presents this again at this board meeting and motions to paint Maka Nui first this season, Dave W. seconds, everybody approves. The plan is to paint her white and Dan Sweet will help to get the wave design on.

7. Fund Raising: The Aloha Open golf tournament resulted in a net gain of \$1,418, the calendar sales brought so far about \$800. Both amounts went toward expenses for the men's Molokai race.

8. Monterey Bay Crossing: Tony reviews: The Monterey Bay Crossing got rave reviews from the NCOCA at today's meeting. We made more than \$400 on the race, but only by the generosity of Linda Dressback, Ron Maratas and Sue Pearson. Without that we would have had a loss. One of the chase boat drivers, Ivor, did not want to take the money he should have got for ending up helping two crews. Tony suggests to give him a gift certificate for \$200, Dave W. motions to do that, Gayle seconds, everybody approves. Also, we have left over money from chase boat fees for chase boats that ended up breaking down. JeriAnn suggests that we should give the money back to the affected crews. Dave W. makes the motion that the money is returned to the paddlers that did not have adequate chase boat service. JeriAnn and Tony offer to match the donation for those who want to leave it with the club. Amy W. seconds; one board member abstains, everybody else approves.

For next year, August 28, would be open to host the Monterey Bay Crossing. This way it could be used as a prep race for Catalina. Dave W. motions that we hold the race next year in any case, Cata seconds; one abstain, everybody else approves. We will still have to decide if we conduct it in the format of a race, or an adventure run. Dave makes the motion to host it on August 28, Kim seconds, everybody approves. The board agrees that August 21st should be a back-up date.

9. Business Cards: Postponed to next meeting.

10. Insurance: Bob made a list of purchase prices for canoes plus upgrades (sprayskirt etc.). We have a choice how much value we put down on the insurance policy (maximum is the purchase cost plus upgrade). Dave W. asks Bob to figure out how much a difference in the insurance premium the maximal versus smaller values would make. Bob agrees and will report at the next meeting.

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 and Dave Waynar by the end of the year. Remaining board members are: Gayle Bensusan, Pam Myers, Ruth Romero, Tony Francis, Kim Sides, Jeri Ann Smith, Cata Gomes. There are up to 8 open positions and 7 nominations: Dave Dyc, Kay Miyamoto, Dave Loustalot, Bob Darling, Cat Steele, Nichole Robbins, Julie Quale. Jeri-Ann motions that we accept all nominations to become new board members, Dave W. seconds, everybody approves.

The new board members will meet and elect officers for the open offices (i.e., Treasurer, Secretary, Head Coach, equipment manager) from the newly elected board of directors (Nov. 8 meeting).

12. End of season party: The end of the season party will take place Sunday, October 25, at Pam's place. Everybody thanks Pam for opening her house again. An email went out with details.

13. End of year review meetings: The year end review meeting will be combined with the next board meeting and take place November 8 from 1pm to 4pm, with a short break and the regular board meeting following. This is decided unanimously after a motion by Tony, seconded by Dave W.

14. Club name change: Tony relates how our club name 'Akau Hana' has no real meaning in Hawaiian, or at least is grammatically incorrect. The board reflects on the question if one should discuss a name change further. A majority is in favor of these efforts.

15. President's/Board's Award: Dave Loustalot suggested a yearly award honoring a general club member for her/his contributions. The idea is that this person should not be on the board and not a coach, because they get recognition through their positions. It should also not be a recognition for race results. Instead it should be for a broader contribution to the club. Dave W. suggests to call it the 'Ohana Award'. It is suggested to start this year with a framed award, signed by all board members. Everybody agrees. Tony will collect nominations via email until Wednesday and the board will vote by Friday via email.

16. Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held Sunday, November 8, at 4pm in the Harbor meeting room.

17. Adjournment: Amy W. motions to adjourn the meeting, Judy seconds, everybody approves. Time: 7:04pm.