

Akau Hana Club and Board Meeting Minutes 2.17.2010

1. Call to order: (6:30 PM, 2 minutes)
1.1. Passed out sign up sheet. Reviewed agenda. Welcomed all club members.

2. Roll call and agenda review for board meeting: (6:32 PM, 3 minutes)
2.1. Passed out sign up sheet. Attendees listed on sign-up sheet are:
Gayle Bensusan, Kay Muyamoto, Nichole Robbins, Jeri Ann Smith, Dave Dyc, Cata Gomes, Kim Sides, Ruth Romero, Julie Quale, Tony Francis, Pam Myers, CatHeron Steele.
Since Cat was late, Jeri Ann initially took minutes. Kim is the time keeper.

3. Secretary's report (6:35 PM, 5 minutes).
3.1. Reviewed, and based on Gayle's additions that she will submit, minutes from previous month were approved.

4. Treasurer's report (6:40 PM, 10 minutes)
4.1. Kim presented the treasury report. She passed out report. The report is similar to last year with the same categories. Kim specified \$11,000 for boat allocation. We have a small balance of \$400. Dues are not coming in well. 27 people have paid or started a payment plan. We had some discussion about securing parking passes for free passes. Kim volunteered to talk with the harbor master when she paid the bill. Julie proposed accepting the treasurer's report. Gayle seconded.

5. Old business:

5.1. Coaches corner: Tony reported for Bob whose report was incorporated into the minutes, as follows:

5.1. a. All Coaches are in place for 2010:

Men: Robert (Head), Dave L. & Dave W.

Women: Matt (Head), Leslie E., Amy C., & Becky Sox

Rec: Lynn (Head) & Pam

Keiki: Nick (Head) & Tracy

Small Boat: Judy (Director) & Becky

Note: No Novice Women's Coach. It was decided that the Novice Women will be incorporated into the Women Racers, although we will run Novice Women Crews at Races if we have the numbers to fill a canoe.

5.1. b. Cata also doing rec on Wednesdays

5.1. c. Note: Race Coordination will be watched over by Bob Darling as Jeri-Ann has resigned that position. He will use the great tools Jeri-Ann created for that position.

5.1. d. Current Race Program Practice Schedule: The Men and Women are Practicing on Saturday mornings rotating early and late shift each week. This week, Feb. 20, Men are early and Women are late. The change time for canoes is 10:00am. The early shift can start at any time in the morning, to be announced each week by the coach, but must have the canoes back at the ramp by 10:00am. The late shift must be ready to go at 10:00am and can practice as long as they want (to be announced by the coach each week). Mid-Week Practices will start the week of March 15 following the start of Day Light Savings Time on

March 14. Same Practice Schedule as last year:
Men: Tu / Th / Saturday early-late rotation
Women: Mon / Wed / Saturday early-late rotation.

5.1.e. In conjunction with practice schedule, it was noted that there has been much activity with small canoes. It was also noted that the Wednesday rec time slot currently goes to 5:30.

5.1. f. Safety Officer Report: Lisa Storer and Susan Ashley have resigned as safety officers. These positions are now open for nominations. Any safety issues? Should we seek replacements? Safety Officer duties include: Verify that radios are operating, bailing buckets are in place, life jackets in good condition, equipment in shape. Dave Dyc reminds us that there is a receptacle in the shed to charge batteries, where switch for outside light is located.

Jeri Ann nominated Ruth. All approved Ruth as safety officer.

5.1. g. Should we continue with coaches corner and/or place it later in the agenda? or just streamline and have others report prior to the meeting. (6:50 PM, 10 minutes)

Jeri Ann stopped taking minutes at this point and Cat took over.

6. Kudos corner

6.1 Thanks to all who bailed canoes. Thanks to coaches for launching race season with bbq. Thanks to Cat who will loan her canoe to club for month of March while she is in Indiana. Book the canoe through Judy Sintetos. Use notebook in box on dock to sign out and sign in. Thanks to Amy Waynar for her fund raising activities last year and for getting rid of E-Waste. Kudos to Cata and Ruth for representing club at January NCOCA meeting. Kudos to Julie Quale for taking secretary's minutes in January.

6.1.a. Kudos to Cata who announced that she received "go ahead" from harbor office to put in tropicals near equipment shed. Someone suggested that she might contact Dan Sweet for landscaping resources.

7. Equipment plans:

7.1 Pam provided update on new canoe purchase.

Pam has not heard anything from Ryan, who will probably not be available until March. Spray skirt and rails are included. Yoko will make storage cover.

7.2 Ruth suggests purchase new wheels and cradles. Dave Dyc suggests purchase dollies from Florida for two dollies for \$460 each.

7.3 Tony reported on Maka Nui's paint job.

Waiting for word from Roger to paint our canoe.

7.4. Dave Dyc expressed concern for maintenance of amas. He recommends that he take the amas to his friend who does this kind of work, get all three ready for the season since head womens coach wants to be out of the double hull by middle of March. Charges \$50 an hour, possibly up to 8 hours work. Discussion between Kim and Jeri Ann on allocations for painting, maintenance, repairs. Repair-Maintenance-Equipment is currently one line item in budget.

Budget includes replacement of quick straps.

7.4. a. Board approved allocating \$500 for Dave Dyc to negotiate repair of amas.

7.5. Tony speaks on maintaining iakos: strip, sand, paint all iakos. Dave suggests we plan a work day instead of paddling, do it at the site, and put iakos back in shed. Plan for first clear weekend of March. Mandatory equipment workday.

8. Fund Raising: Review fund raising activity plans for next year.

8.1. Amy resigns from fund raising due to family needs. Kudos to Amy for EWaste fund raising.

8.2. What is plan for EWaste?
Amy Waynar picked up EWaste that was stored in Ruthie's garage.

8.3. How is eScrip? EScrip has made between \$30 - \$40.

8.4. Business cards:
The suggestion for business cards was not reviewed at the February meeting and discussion on this item was delayed to March's meeting.

8.5. Nicole volunteered to find out if a local chain grocery store would support our club.

9. Nick and Tracy propose a short two-week kids summer camp. Need to find out about insurance for the program. Will list program in Parks and Rec bulletin.

10. New Business

10.1. Club name change: Tony provided status of name change committee. Committee met morning of Feb. 17 and chose some of the names that were proposed. Tony outlined the process for making a name change: These names will go out to club members for vote, coaches will ask their crews to discuss the names, then set up time to vote for two favorite choices. Should be determined in time for Hawaiian race season. Only paid members or those on payment plan may vote.

10.1.a. Does the Board approve the process? Tony seeks motion to approve process: MSP.

10.2. NCOCA meeting: Cata and Ruth reported on January NCOCA meeting: Insurance proposal presented by Dave Loustalot. Includes Equipment insurance and will also include Board insurance. NCOCA secured October 3 for Monterey Bay crossing. Club from Moro Bay has a junior crew who wants to attach to a NCOCA club. Cata suggested they paddle under Akau Hana. Discussed ways to get out word to kids and schools about paddling. Kamali'i o ke kai plans to come to Santa Cruz to practice turns on bay, Cata invited them to coordinate with us and we can host a joint bbq and social. Clubs want to bring their keiki to paddle on the ocean.

10.3. Email list: Tony provided update on email list: Alternatives to email list. (1) yahoo group? (2) google group? (3)word press? Advantage: these lists are decentralized and don't require so much administration. Each individual signs up to use a list.

10.4. Luau for Sharon Saul: We have been asked to provide assistance in putting together a retirement party for Sharon Saul She and husband Stewart were founders of Akau Hana. She has worked for some 30 years for Monterey County. The retirement party is planned for April. Cata will attend the retirement party.

11. Next meeting agenda items: Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 14. Any items to add? Cat will be in Indiana during month of March. Nicole volunteered to take notes. Jeri Ann has list of items to add to agenda.