

Akau Hana Club Meeting Estimated Total Time: 145 minutes

Present at the meeting were: Gayle Bensusan, Dave Dyc, Tony Francis, Catalina Gomes, Dave Loustalot, Kay Miyamoto, Pam Myers, Julie Quale, Kim Sides, JeriAnn Smith, Lynn Soriano, and Catherine Steele.

I. Called to order: (5:00 PM, 2 minutes) 5:10

I.1. Club & Board combined.

I.2. Roll call and agenda reviewed for board meeting:

(5:02 PM, 3 minutes)

I.2.1. Passed out sign up sheet. Reviewed agenda. Kim kept us on time and Cat took meeting minutes.

II. Secretary's report (5:05 PM, 5 minutes) 5:12

II.1. Reviewed and MSP to approve July minutes.

III. Treasurer's report (5:10 PM, 10 minutes) 5:20

III.1. Kim passed out treasury report.

III.1.1. Safety Net proposal: to increase to \$4,500 from \$3,200 due to increased expenses for same services/needs, effective Jan, 2011. MSP

III.1.2. Keiki Camp earned over \$700 and Wai Uli fundraiser produced \$900. Keiki Camp should show as an "Account Receivable".

III.1.3. Kim reported that the Aloha Festival booth raised over \$1,000 for our club. From the festival earnings, 5% which amounts to \$63.00 will be paid to the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department.

IV. Old business: (5:20 PM, 10 minutes) 5:30

IV.1. Coaches corner: Head Coach Bob Darling was not present but sent his report by email and covered the following items.

IV.1.1. Monterey Bay Crossing: Bob requested that the Coaches have their crews organized by Friday of this week (i.e. September 24th). MBX coordination will be handled by Bob through September 28th; from then through race day, it will be coordinated by Pam -- thank you, Pam.

IV.1.2. Bob will focus on identifying our 2011 Coaching Staff in October, with the goal of announcing our coaches by November 1.

IV.1.3. For the Club End of Year Party, Bob asked to be included in the plans for a "thank you" presentation to the coaches and an announcement of our 2011 coaching staff.

IV.1.4. As to the men's "Tahiti" Race Plans, at the present there is talk but no concrete plan or commitment.

IV.2. Kudo's corner: (5:30 PM, 10 minutes)

IV.2.1. Congratulations to the Catalina racers. Thanks to Dave Waynar for towing and for setting up the pump. Thanks to coaches for organizing the race.

IV.2.2. Thanks to Tracy and Nick for dreaming up, organizing, and bringing to fruition the Keiki camp and to all those who helped, and for entering the keiki crews in the Aloha races. The keiki camp earned over \$700 for our keiki programs.

IV.2.3. Thanks to all who helped at the Aloha festival booths and races. It was financially quite successful. In a follow-up email received by the Secretary on September 28, Board President Tony Francis acknowledged all those who helped at the booths and at the races: Cata, Ruth (coconut slayer), Brooke, Cat, Lisa F., Nise, Kirsten & her son, tina Wallis, Ravi, Rena, Kay, Gayle, Lorri, and Robert. Kudos to all who helped bring the canoes to and from the wharf: Brooke, Raluca, Nise, Ruth, Philip, Ravi, Stacey, Lorri, Tim, Robert, Lisa S., Renee, Lisa F., Cat, Matt, Dave L., Rikki, Susan A., Stacey, Gayle, and Tracy. And, thanks to all who stroked

and steered at the Aloha races: Tim, Dave L., Gayle, Matt, Tracy, Lisa F., Robert, Philip, and Ravi.

IV.2.4. Thanks to Lynn and Philip for seizing the initiative to raise funds for the sailing canoe program by designing, producing and selling some great-looking shirts and hats. Lynn presented the Board with a check for \$900 from sales.

IV.2.5. Thanks to Bob, Pam, Matt, and Tony for arranging for replacement of our canoe hull.

IV.2.6. Thanks to Dave Dyc for getting Makani Akua repaired after it crashed into the rocks.

IV.3. Equipment plans: (5:40 PM, 10 minutes) Dave Dyc reported on equipment status.

IV.3.1. Tony suggested meeting with Dave Dyc after Monterey Crossing to come up with a budget for equipment maintenance and repairs.

IV.3.2. Tony needs to follow up with Tim to find a location for painting Maka Nui.

IV.3.3. Dave Dyc volunteered to find a proper place to store the "Green Monster" and in keeping with his word, the "Green Monster" is now stored behind Cat Steele's garage on Mountain View Avenue.

IV.4. Club name change: (5:50 PM, 15 minutes) 5:45

Tony presented results of vote on name change and discussed next steps.

IV.4.1. Tony announced that 69% of our members voted to change our club name to Outrigger Santa Cruz.

IV.4.2. Discussion of a "new brand" for our club ensued and Dave Loustalot shared an anecdote about hats printed with "Outrigger Santa Cruz" while at the Catalina Island race in Southern California.

IV.4.3. Next steps: Club must vote on a proposal to change the name in our By Laws, then file name change with IRS and state of California, and create new domain name for our website, report to NCOCA and other canoe organizations, and bank account.

IV.5. Monterey Crossing: (6:05 PM, 10 minutes) 6:25

Tony provided update on plans.

IV.5.1. Five crews outside of Akau Hana have registered. One club has a 9-person crew. One club has a 9-person co ed crew. One club has a 10-person co ed crew. IMUA from Southern California wants to do iron and a crew from Vancouver wants to do it. One club has a 9-women crew. Ke Kai plans to send a crew.

IV.5.2. JeriAnn reviewed chase boat assignments: Get information from JeriAnn.

IV.5.3. Akau Hana plans one men's iron crew.

IV.5.4. Dan Sweet is helping Pam design the award.

IV.5.5. PuPu will loan canoes and trailer. Tony will ask Ron in Monterey if he can trailer over some canoes from the Monterey site.

IV.5.6. Kim and Cata will handle registration and food.

IV.5.7. Lisa Storer has booked a shuttle bus for our return trip.

IV.5.8. Sweep boat fees are estimated to be \$600.

IV.6. Elections 2011: (6:15 PM, 10 minutes) 6:10

Gayle went over the board election process.

IV.6.1. Terms are up for Cata, Gayle, JeriAnn, Tony, Kim, Ruthee, Pam. Still on board are Kay, Cat, Dave Dyc, Pam, Julie, Dave L., Bob D.

IV.6.2. Nichole sent in her resignation so her position is open until the end of her term.

V. New business: (6:25 PM, 5 minutes) 6:35

V.1. Blessing new Lightning:

Determine a name and schedule the blessing of our new Lightning.

V.1.2. Motion from Dave Loustalot to name the canoe "Iapa uila" and board voted in favor of this name.

V.1.3. Blessing for "Iapa uila" requested prior to Monterey Crossing. Cata declined to arrange for a blessing. Pam agreed to ask Matt Muirhead to conduct blessing.

V.2. NCOCA Race Committee report:

Jeri Ann summarized meeting: Focus was on reducing the number of races for next year. Proposals were made to reduce Sprints from 6 to 5 races and Distance from 12 to 6 races.

V.3. Murray Bridge work:

Tony reported that there is nothing public yet about the dates or impact of the Murray Bridge work. The board should take this up again when there's more information. (6:40 PM, 10 minutes)

V.4. End of year party: (6:50 PM, 10 minutes) 6:45

Should we plan for an end-of-year party? Board agreed "Yes", before the Thanksgiving holiday rush. Pam agreed to send out an email to see who will host the party.

V.5. Fund raiser for Tami: (7:00 PM, 5 minutes) 6:47

V.5.1. Tony will explain the funding for Tami to go to the International World Championships in Poland and how our club might help with funding. Make personal tax-deductible donations to SCORA for adaptive paddlers. Tony will send out information.

V.5.2. JeriAnn proposed that our club make a \$100 donation to SCORA on behalf of adaptive paddlers. MSP

V.5.3. Tony will notify NCOCA that we have made this donation and encourage other clubs to also make donations.

V.6. Community support: (7:05 PM, 5 minutes) 7:10

Cat is offering a proposal. Can our board/club offer a "1-hour canoe adventure for four" as a silent auction item in an effort to raise financial support for long-time county resident, organic farmer Kenny Kimes who recently lost his arm in a farm accident? Cat understands that there will be an event to support his family on October 1 at the Pacific Cultural Center on Broadway in Santa Cruz. The family's insurance has a high deductible. Board agreed as long as a crew is identified. Cata volunteered to steer and Cat will stroke. Cat will prepare a "certificate" for the silent auction.

V.7. Beach Cleanup: deferred until next meeting.

Cat is offering a proposal. Pilkington Creek flows through Seabright neighborhood, past the "whale museum", and into the ocean at Seabright Beach. There are two dates for organized cleanup and habitat restoration scheduled in October. There is opportunity for continual year-round work, including replacement of invasives with native plants. Cat is wondering if our club would like to participate in some manner as a club since it is in our paddling area, would give us name recognition with our new name, make contacts for us, and be a community service relevant to our club's mission. (7:10 PM, 5 minutes)

V.8. Tony Gora race reviewed by board: 7:15

V.8.1. In future, Dave Dyc will make it mandatory to launch from ramp, no beach launch.

V.9. Next meeting agenda items: (7:15 PM, 5 minutes)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 10. Any agenda items to add to our next meeting?

VI. Meeting retrospective: (7:20 PM, 5 minutes)

VI.1. Should we make any changes to our meeting organization or process?

VII. Delayed for Future meetings:

VII.1. Update on our club's OC-2: The canoe name is _____ and means "Double Moon". It was named and blessed when Chris McGinnis was President. Cata will verify the Hawaiian name and tell Cat so that it can be recorded in Board minutes. The name needs to be lettered on the canoe and should be added to our website.

VII.2. Liability Insurance:

Should we get liability insurance for our directors? Should we get accident insurance for club members?
(Dave L.) (5 minutes)

VIII. Meeting adjourned: 7:20