

OUTRIGGER SANTA CRUZ BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2013 (APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES)

Present at the meeting: Jean Bathke, Gayle Bensusan, Bob Darling, Tami Hetke, Dena Levy, Nise Louie, Dave Loustalot, Kay Miyamoto, Pam Myers, Ruth Romero, Ericka Sleight, Lynn Soriano, Cat Steele, Dan Sweet, Amy Waynar

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m. (2 minutes)

- I.1. Passed out sign-up sheet.
- I.2. Reviewed agenda.
- I.3. Welcomed club members Lynn and Tami

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT (5 minutes)

- II.1. Reviewed & approved January Minutes: First by Ruth, Second by Kay, Approved by Board.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT (10 minutes)

- III.1. Bob Darling presented his first Treasurer's report.
- III.2. Motion by Kay, Second by Ruth to approve treasurer's report. Board voted to approve.

IV. ON GOING BUSINESS (6 minutes)

IV.1. Kudos corner (1 minute)

- IV.1.1. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAD aka David A Dyc. Thanks to DAD for filling the flat tire on the wheels.
- IV.1.2. Thanks to Kay Miyamoto for picking up West Marine Youth Boating Grant card & Philip Purpuri for picking up inflatable.
- IV.1.3. Thanks to Julie Newbold for obtaining inflatable for us as a donation from West Marine!
- IV.1.4. Thanks to all who have bailed canoes.
- IV.1.5. Thanks to Kim Sides for tightening rigging on the Mirage.
- IV.1.6. Thanks to Kim for updating Google sites.
- IV.1.7. Thanks to Bob Darling & Rod Cahill for towing trailer for repair estimate.
- IV.1.8. Thanks to all who donated clothing for Keiki/youth paddlers.
- IV.1.9. Thanks to Jeri Ann Smith for updating our website.
- IV.1.10. Thanks to Gayle Bensusan for printing the 2013 waivers.
- IV.1.11. Thanks to Bob Darling for hosting the coaches meeting & to Leslie Eurs for hosting the women racers meeting.

IV.2. Coaches Corner (5 minutes)

- IV.2.1. Dave Loustalot reported on Men's racing meeting.
- IV.2.2. First practice for combined men and women crews will be Saturday February 23rd.

IV.3. Equipment (3 minutes)

IV.3.1. Bob Darling reported that Makani akua will be ready with new paint and fiberglass repairs in time for practice on February 23.

IV.3.2. The estimate is a bit lower than the final price because of damage discerned by the painter. Unexpected costs for repairs were for the front and rear manus which were cracked where they attach to the hull and a couple of seats were cracked. Also, noted that an interior Poly Coat may be needed.

IV.3.3. Our covers need to be replaced and/or repaired to protect our investment in newly painted canoes.

IV.3.3.1. Makani auk would be the first to get a new cover.

IV.3.4. Now that Makani Akua is painted, Dan will plan to letter Outrigger Santa Cruz, canoe name and canoe number on both sides.

IV.3.5. Our huki has been repaired by Jude. He can bring it to the Redwood City Wave Chaser but we need someone to pick it up.

Bob and Gayle offered to check in with Becky Sox and Robert since they may plan to race. If no one else plans to go to the race, Bob volunteered to pick up the Huki. The bid was estimated at \$950 but no firm bid has been made yet. Jude will write up the paperwork. The Huki got a new ama, iakos, cables, and self-bailers were fixed.

IV.3.6. We need another set of wheels. Pam is checking prices and sources. Prices run around \$850.00.

IV.3.7. Pam has talked to members of other paddling clubs to find out where their clubs buy their amas. We are in line for new iakos for Makani akua from Ryan Pogue but his shop is backed up.

IV.4. Club Store (2 minutes)

IV.4.1. Bob has not done anything further with the club store. He plans to talk with coaches to determine what kind of jerseys we will want for teams before he places an order. He plans to place an order in April so that racers will be ready for the first race in May.

IV.4.2. Dan Sweet is open to creating a new logo and asks for input from paddlers on style and design elements for the artwork. Please submit ideas to Dan.

V. UPDATES & NEW BUSINESS (46 minutes)

V.1. Holopuni adventure with Matt Muirhead (10 minutes)

V.1.2. Lynn attended the meeting to present the concerns that she and Phillip have considered.

V.1.3. Requirements for loaning our sailing canoe:

100% full insurance coverage; a monetary amount to go towards our storage fees; length of time the canoe will be gone; is trailer rated for safety and good condition; finish the iakos before the canoe leaves so that it is water-ready when it returns; provide iako covers, a copy of the insurance showing full coverage for water and land; photos of the journey for our club website. Pam read to the board the letter that Phillip wrote:

If we decide to approve the request, there should be some clearly defined fair benefit to the club for accepting the risks to equipment involved. Matt generously offered some good ideas already. The sailing program does need help with rent fund-raising, varnishing iakos, and ordering iako covers right now. The club might benefit from photos or video of the trip, or a feature on our website. The Holopuni is our single most costly piece of equipment, so I think we should balance the benefits versus the risks carefully, rather than just vote yes or no. If the club is fairly compensated, the canoe fully covered with insurance, and is returned in as good or better condition, than I would consider approving the request, but I think no club member should be freely given club equipment to use in private high risk situations.

V.1.3.1. Discussion: Dan pointed out the conditions of the journey: 1,080 miles one way on rough roads, damage to trailer, wear and tear on the canoe. Gayle pointed out that the sailing canoe was given to our club as a gift, not something we as a board want to take lightly. Pam called a friend who drives to this site every year and inquired his opinion: he said the road is paved, its a two lane road, never drive at night because cows sleep on the asphalt. Motor home owners drive the journey all the time. Pam suggests that it is a great opportunity to put the canoe to use on a international adventure. Bob felt that Reed who gave us the canoe would be thrilled to see it used. Dave L pointed out that the people who are making this journey treat the canoe as a living soulful being. Dave L suggested we as a board consider the concerns and communicate further questions to Pam by email.

V.1.3.2. Actions taken by the Board:

V.1.3.2.A. After considering the issues raised at the meeting, members are asked to send questions to Pam that need to be addressed before we decide whether to loan the sailing canoe for this journey. Questions need to be sent by February 13th. Questions to Pam need go to Pam by Wednesday February 13th.

V.1.3.2.B. A reasonable monetary amount for renting the sailing canoe would cover the cost to the club of storage on the beach, iakos and iako covers. This would run approximately \$1,500.00

V.2. Steering certification & revision/updates.

V.2.1. Matt's classes: art & skill of steering and a towing clinic (10 minutes)

V.2.2. Class schedule: February 24-- 4 hours; March 2 or 3 -- 6 hours; March 9 -- 6 hours. Follow-up day in April -- 6 hours.

V.2.3. Steering certification: Rec paddlers, Women racers, Men racers will certify as groups. Google site needs to be updated to reflect current reality. Steering clinic will bring all steerspeople to the same baseline, then the training starts at the group level. Steering Certification will be done by Pam M & Lynn S. for Rec Paddlers, Matt M & Dave W. for Men's racers, and Yoko and another person Yoko decides for Women racers.

V.3. Voting via email (3 minutes)

V.3.1. Board agreed that email vote is not feasible for issues that have not been discussed and reviewed by the Board.

V.3.2. An email vote may be used if an expense goes over \$100 and the expense has already been discussed.

V.4. Save Our Shores Beach Clean-up days (5 minutes)

V.4.1. Dates were set for three dates.

V.4.2. Beach clean-up on March 17th, June 4th, and third date TBD.

V.5. West Marine Grant (2 minutes)

V.5.1. Youth Boating Grant gift card obtained from West Marine for youth groups. Kay will take charge of finding water shoes and proper clothing for youth paddlers. In addition, Nise will call Paddle Me and Patagonia to see about possible clothing donations for Youth Paddlers.

V.5.2. Inflatable boat was donated by West Marine and will be stored at kay's house. This could be used for a coaching boat.

V.5.3. Discount reminder from West Marine. Also a thank you note needs to be sent to West Marie for their donation to the club.

V. 6. Trailer work recommended (2 minutes)

V.6.1. Bob D secured an evaluation of the trailer. It was suggested that we keep the cradles and consider carpeting them.

V.6.2. Check electrical & brakes: Bob D got an estimate to upgrade our trailer that would come to around \$1,800.00.

V.6.3. The suggested work is a new axel and surge brakes for \$1,700 and new lights for \$150.00. If a trailer does not have brakes, then the towing vehicle must be able to stop the rig in compliance with DMV specifications to prevent an accident.

V.6.4. Action taken by Board:

V.6.4.1. Dave Loustalot motioned to have the work done on the trailer, Kay seconded, and board voted to go ahead with the work.

V. 7. Santa Cruz Port District meeting schedule (3 minutes)

V.7.1. This meeting will deal with People Powered Craft and is scheduled for Tuesday February 19 at 6:30 for people powered craft.

V.7.2. It is recommended that we attend the meeting: Pam plans to go.

V.8. Parking Passes for Y2013 (5 minutes)

V.8.1. Who gets the two passes: by historical precedent, Head coach and President.

V.8.2. Board decided to take the additional two passes and offer them for sale among board members.

V.8.3. Names were drawn from a hat and the passes will go to Amy W. and Dan Sweet for \$75 each. Should more passes become available, next in line are Dena, Ericka, and Kay, in that order.

V.9. Towing Vehicle for club (3 minutes)

V.9.1. Report on pros and cons of renting a van/truck for towing canoes.

V.9.1.1. Amy W checked rental locations but did not find options for towing our trailer.

V.9.1.2. Dave L spoke with Independent Rental Company located at 217 McPherson Street, Santa Cruz, CA (west side) 831-426-0900. It is possible to rent a 3/4 ton truck and cost would include insurance. We just schedule our dates. Dave ran the numbers and the cost per paddler would be close to what we now pay: at \$50/day, \$29/mile with first 100 miles free, the amount comes to \$9.00/paddler/day, including gas.

V.9.1.3. Through our towing clinic, the Board would verify which members have the qualifications to tow.

V.10. NCOCA report (5 minutes)

V.10.1. Pam gave the report. Ruthie and Dave L both attended along with Pam.

V.10.2. Race schedule is being finalized, waiting for sites to be approved. Bernie the president wants to grow the sport and wants to make it a spectator-friendly sport (live streaming on the water), fund-raising events, and ocean stewardship. World sprints will be held in Rio de Janeiro: Want to have a category of "elite" paddlers.

V.10.3. We should have a waiver not only for paddlers but for anyone participating in our activities including towing.

V.10.4. At NCOCA, clubs were reminded to get 2013 waivers completed and paddlers registered for racing.

V.11. Our Website(3 minutes)

V.11.1. JeriAnn updated the website.

V.11.2. Ericka is learning the program in order to take on the responsibility of maintaining and updating our website.

VI. On Hold (3 minutes)

VI.1. Lettering the OC2 (Mahina Elua)

VI.2. NEXT MEETING - March

VI.2.1. The regular date conflicts with the Hula Hoike which is scheduled March 10.

VI.2.2. Date for meeting: March 17th at 12 noon, after beach clean-up. Someone will need to make agenda and send it out to the board because Pam will be in Hawaii. Someone will need to get the key for the meeting room.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Submitted by Secretary Cat Steele

