

OSC October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
\*\*Denotes decisions made during the meeting\*\*

Meeting: 1 October, 2023; Called to Order 1703h, Adjourned 1840h

Board Attendance: Tai Boutell, Kay Miyamoto, Leslie Eurs, Eddy O'Connor, Theresa Mulder, Bruce Neill, Amy Miyakusu, Pam Myers (via phone), Gayle Bensusan, Kim Chamlin (via phone), Allison Marino

A quorum was present.

Members were in Attendance: Carter Jones, Phil Crowley, Cheryl Golich, Leisl Ludington, Alli O'Neill, Jean Bathe, Dan Heras, Christin Arias.

Kudos: To Volunteers for Coastal Watershed Cleanup work, Lei makers for Hokulea, Theresa and Debbie for travel races, Volunteers for the bachelor party, All Coaches - especially Theresa and Debbie, Allison for coordinating Coastal Watershed Cleanup, Debbie Lockett, the Jellies, Coaches - especially Theresa and Debbie, Folks for MBX day, Coaches and others for Tahoe, Dave Lockett for help at Tahoe, participants for Aloha Paddle, Leslie for participation in a memorial service,

\*\* July minutes were approved\*\*

Treasurer's Report: Not submitted. Tabled until a further meeting.

Pro-rated Dues: A discussion about proration of dues was had. It is a very difficult thing to track from the accounting.

\*\* The BOD unanimously decided that as of January 2025, dues will not be prorated.\*\*

Annual membership dues will not change for 2024.

Environmental Report: Allison reported on three aspects of the environmental activities of OSC: 1) Seymour Science Center Engagement, 2) Reducing Wastes at Races, 3) Coastal Watershed Council engagement.

She hopes to coordinate a Discovery Event at the Seymour Science Center in mid-November; it will be for about 16 people; the BOD and perhaps coaches and Rec Leaders.

Waster Reduction at races - there are no major changes for now, but we will continue to attempt to reduce single-use plastics at race events.

The Coastal Watershed Council is a good fit for OSC engagement. The next activity will be 11 November, 2023 from 10-12. There will not be conflicting Club paddling activities.

Travel Race Logistics: A discussion was had regarding the coordination of the Queen's Race. This year, given the number of racers, the coordination was good, but we seek ways to make it less work

for coaches. It is VERY DIFFICULT when people drop out without a long notice. The pros and cons of self (team) coordination were discussed. The BOD recognized that it cannot be totally self-coordinated. It was pointed out that this is really not a board-level decision. The BOD will discuss again in February.

Steering Training: The Club wants and needs to have folks certified to be steerers. We have two training programs - one for women's race team (Kim) and one for anyone in the club (Leslie). The two programs will coordinate with one-another; and neither should temporally conflict with existing paddling programs; no steering class can be scheduled before noon on Sat or Sunday.

Club Survey: Kim, Allison, Sabine, and Tai will develop and execute a survey to better understand what the members of the club want from OSC. There will be separate sections for race teams and recreational paddlers.

NCOCA Meeting: The 10/1/2023 meeting was attended by Kim; her notes from that meeting are appended at the end of these minutes. The next NCOCA meeting will be Nov 19th.

NCOCA Race Committee Meeting: Attended and summarized by Gayle. The NCOCA is looking for a race safety lead - someone that already has this type of job like an EMT, Firefighter etc. They also need more boats and captains for long distance races.

The NCOCA is looking for one or two individuals from each club that can help out at sprints

The 2024 sprints will be hosted by Kilohana, Capital and SFOCC (San Francisco). OSC will be responsible to host Sprint Regattas in 2025.

The Race Committee is considering a change to the rules that would allow people 15 years and above to race in both Open and Junior divisions; so they may get more experience.

Most races will remain the same in 2024 as they were in 2023.

BOD Elections: To date, we have 8 nominations for the 7 open board positions - we will have an election for the first time in several years. The nominations close on October 14th. On October 17th, an election notice will be sent to membership. Voting will be open until Oct 31st. Gayle will tally votes and announce the new board members.

Equipment: Keiki needs repairs; Tai is seeking time when Homer can get her in. We received \$650 from the collision that occurred during the Monterey race. \*\*The BOD unanimously agreed to spend up to \$5000 to match the Harbor's cost to replace the current ground covering with artificial turf - provided the turf selected is an appropriate turf.\*\* Tai will coordinate.

Fitness Paddles: Fitness paddles will begin on 11/18. Tai will coordinate. They will be open to all club members, but they are performance-oriented paddles for those who are capable of strenuous paddles.

End of Year Party: At Pono 5:00 - 8:30 pm.

Kim will coordinate and get flowers. Carter will coordinate the Set-Up team. Phil will be the announcer. Amy M. Will be the stage manager. The Pirates were suggested to be the Clean-up Crew (Tai will

confirm with Callye). Jeanie will be the on-the-floor hospitality host. Leisel will coordinate the raffle acquisition and groupings.

Eddy raised the point that we need to continue to grow and foster a culture of engagement within the club - that members need to be of service to the club. This will be an agenda item in January's meeting.

The next BOD meeting (a closed meeting) will be 3 December 2023.

Kim Chamlin's Notes from the NCOCA meeting:

- 1.) Pule
- 2.) Role Call - 3 clubs not present
- 3.) Introductions
- 4.) President's Report - race schedule is in progress; the race committee will meet on this off-cycle. Tim asked that everyone share 1 good thing about the season and 1 thing that needs improvement. We all went around and shared our thoughts. Positive themes were: marshalled canoes, new registration technology, the website, & paying race fees electronically. Things to improve on: BBQ permit at regatta sites, more safety boats at long distance races, some clubs are struggling with getting more people on the water to race.
- 5.) Secretary's Report - (Sorry, I couldn't follow her and didn't take notes.)
- 6.) Treasurer's Report - Linda updated the group about [USA ORCA](#) national championships and qualifying for attending the World Sprints in Hilo in 2024.
- 7.) Race Report
  - V1 Race - Something to build on since there is no wave chaser series
  - Viva Aloha - Tide was flooding so there was pressure on the channel markers; a boat was damaged.
  - Monterey - There was a problem on the first turn, a collision during the women/co-ed race. OSC turned in an invoice but that is between the 2 clubs that collided.
  - Santa Cruz - Down a chase boat and the conditions came up so there was a course change. It was not communicated well. Bull horns were recommended for the chase boats. Clearly say the course has changed. (This is when Jr got upset with me because he thought I was in the canoe that didn't listen to him that he yelled at.)
  - Alcatraz & Kula Anela - all good, no issues.
  - Okalani - 10/28 small boat race
  - Turkey Splash - Sometime in Nov
  - MBX - Fundraiser for Maui on 9/30
  - Pale Kai - Long distance on 9/23