Outrigger Santa Cruz Board of Directors Meeting

April 21, 2026
5:40pm-7:30pm

Approved May 19, 2026

Board Members in attendance:
Michele Pomroy, Phil Crowley, Kay Miyamoto, Michelle McKinney, Rachel Anticoli, Gayle Bensusan, Samantha Garcia, Eddy O'Conner, Forrest Monroy, Carter Jones, Pam Myers, Lawrence Gunn, Nicholas Carver

Board Members absent:
Sabine Dukes, Jenny Scala

Non-Board Members in attendance:
Cheryl Golich, Leslie Eurs-Rahn, Jackson Rahm, Jane McKenzie, Creedence Shaw

Meeting begins: 5:40pm

1. **Paddler Welcome –** Carter told Huli the Pineapple story from Johnny's Fruit Stand North Shore.

Agenda Items

2. Treasurer/Budge report –
    a. Michele P reported that there's a correction from the March minutes: 3% increase $1585 rent for April.
    b. Pig Run allocation will need to be increased next year $45 w/paddle $35 meal only. Generally, the Board is in favor of allocating $1500 for the 2027 Pig Run.
    c. Pay Pal is very complex and OSC would like to change the process; the Board will discuss in at a later meeting.
    d. Attorney fees were allocated $1000 and Keiki $400.
    e. Gayle asked about any SCCCU balances. Pay Pal is now going into Bay Fed only. Michele is making payments from SCCCU and will close the account when it's spent down. Paid approximately $6000 for iakos from SCCCU to continue to empty the account. Gayle suggested to move the investment account to a better return account.
    f. How much to transfer to the CD is a question for the Board. The Board will decide how much to transfer after looking at projections for spending.
    g. Motion to transfer $50K to the Bay Fed Titanium Account at 2.75%. Gayle made the motion, seconded by Phil, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Coaches Corner – Carter reported that there was fantastic weather for the Pig Run this year. Crews are arranged for the May Mash Up including one junior crew.
4. Turf Talk – Carter reported that a coordination email has gone out to work out Harbor help and contribution to the site upgrade. Carter has been told that the installation will take 48 hours to complete after the Harbor levels the big electrical box. OSC does not need to move the OC1 racks. Pam asked to clarify the amount that was decided for this project: Not exceed the $30K quote. The Harbor will contribute labor, saving labor cost from the bid. Last month, there was a vote but no motion. The turf company is local and uses sustainable materials.

5. Incident report summary- Creedence reported that most reports are equipment checks with only a few small incidents. Creedence uses a process to mediate each incident and follows up with individual people who file reports. He reminded us that best practice is to be 'present in the moment' and to have 'situational awareness'. No questions were posed and appreciation was offered.
6. Equipment:
    a. Lawrence reported that Jay is finishing the iakos and another set will be done soon for Lapa. The Board discussed whether to take another out of rotation or wait until new iakos arrive (shipping on Monday). The Board decided to wait and then we'll have spares.
    b. Ho'o's cracks down the center have been fixed by Jane McKenzie.
    c. There is one unlimited dolly that is not functional and will require $1200 to replace. The Board didn't have to vote on this item as this expense is already allocated in the approved budget. Lawrence will order. Lawrence will also purchase for a spec dolly; it will be shipped to Phil's warehouse.
    d. Jay, Jane and Lawrence all need to submit materials receipts.
    e. Kay pointed out that Kikaha has a scratch that needs to be repaired. Nicholas's contact can repair this when he has more space at this workplace. Almost all the canoes have chips that need to be fixed eventually. The OC 1s and 2s need to be fixed; Paul will send a list to Lawrence. Also, the tarp needs repairs until turf is installed.
    f. The Board discussed what to do with the donated purple OC2, including contacting the Harbor for disposal. Phil suggested that when the new iakos get delivered we should store a spare ama in the packing crate.
    g. Paddles were ordered and are awaiting Property of stickers from Al. Jellies are replacing poor paddles with the new ones.
7. Speaker request: Nicholas interested in hiring a person from the Hanalei Canoe Club to present on safety elements of surfing and open ocean swell while he's visiting family in SC. After much discussion the Board asked Nicholas to ask his contact for a quote. The Board will discuss whether it can support the request for a speaking fee at a later meeting for a presentation in the late summer/early fall. In the meantime, the Board may consider asking a current Club member to do this sort of training.
8. Feedback on Saturday Winter paddle- Jane shared appreciation for the partnership with Rachel.
    a. Survey results standouts: a) more skill building was wanted by many participants b) 7-9 miles intensity was both too much or not enough c) ramp closure and canceling made logistics challenging.
    b. Next year considerations: more skill building by a coach. Phil reiterated the information new paddlers receive upon joining the Club: when new people join, they get a welcome letter that encourages them to stay with Sunday Rec until skills are built.
    c. An ongoing question remains: how do we set skill/experience expectations for paddlers for each program? Item for discussion at future board meeting: program leaders need to be upfront and willing to turn inexperienced people away if their skill level is not a match, while being very clear about expectations of each program. Eddy suggested establishing an application committee that can filter applications and slot new members in appropriately. Phil is currently doing that and someone else should be trained, and guidelines agreed upon. Rachel and Leslie stated that there should be a spreadsheet with every member's ability level and limitations.
9. Other quick updates/discussion:

    a. McKinney reported that guidance and referral forms for background checks Guidance have been sent to all Club members. Bylaws revision will be discussed at a future meeting.

   b. Eddy requested that there be a standing meeting agenda item for Fact Check/Rumor Control/Communication Roundtable so that the Board can understand how decisions were made. Some Board members voiced that the Board needs to be informed about how decisions are made, for example, why certain board meetings are closed, and why was only a handful of people invited to a presentation by a coach, and others were not included. Board members asked that the Board members should be told about decision making BEFORE the event so that they can explain. Board members are welcome to send questions to Leadership if needed. Some board members believe there is a big communication problem with the Club so that all people, especially the board members, are informed about decision making, and the whys.
   c. Lawrence: Shout out to Rachel for leading the Juniors program. Rachel emphasized dry land training before getting on the water and Carter lead huli drills in classroom.

10. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve: Nicholas seconded: Eddy and Pam abstained. The motion carried.
11. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn: Eddy and seconded by Kay. The motion passed.
12. Upcoming dates:
   a. May Mashup at O Kalani – May 2
   b. Rig Run (SCORA)- May 16
   c. May Board meeting May 19
   d. Monterey Hoe Wa'a- May 23
   e. Regatta #1 O Kalani- May 30