Outrigger Santa Cruz Board of Directors Meeting

July 20, 2026
5:40pm-7:30pm

Approved August 31, 2026

Board Members in attendance:

Jenny Scala, Michele Pomroy, Phil Crowley, Kay Miyamoto, Michelle McKinney, Rachel Anticoli, Gayle Bensusan, Samantha Garcia, Eddy O'Connor, Carter Jones, Pam Myers, Lawrence Gunn, Sabine Dukes

Board Members absent:

Forrest Monroy, Nicholas Carver

Non-Board Members in attendance:

Leslie Eurs-Rahn, Jackson Rahm, Peter Hester, Ruthie Romero, Cheryl Golich, Nicole Tsao, Lisa Heckman, Colleen Sparkman, Lori Chavez, Laurel Robinson, Alice Benet, Bruce Neill, Matt Love, Lisa Franklin, Lisa Johnson, Dave Kraemer, Tom Kelsey, Creedence Shaw, Mike Glosney, Teri Carino

Meeting begins: 5:40pm

1. Paddler Welcome
    a. Rachel shared a quote about Canoe Community

Agenda Items

2. Treasurer/Budget– 15 minutes (Michele P)
    a. Michele P reported that the CD at Bay Federal is reaching its three-month limit and the BOD will need to decide how to reinvest/spend the funds
    b. At Bay Federal, the checking and savings accounts total $26,092 with $51,000 in the 3-month CD which expires on 7/28/26
    c. The Club currently has 216 members
    d. Team Snap is increasing fee for all groups at $10-$20 based on how many users are in each group
    e. Possible use for $51,000
        i. Lawerence and Phil suggested a UL Canoe $30-35K plus fees – OSC could put down a deposit now and take delivery in January
        ii. We have about $80,000 in liquid funds for such a purchase
        iii. We have quotes from two boat makers but need more and to get feedback from steers people about which model would be best for our club
        iv. Rolling over the CD for another 3 months was suggested
        v. Lori suggested administrative support – on a future agenda
        vi. An additional Spec canoe
        vii. Phil will get new quotes for Outrigger Zone Malolo and ER Canoes and send them out for discussion at a future meeting – Sam suggested steers people try out the two models at neighboring Clubs; there is interest on steers people's parts
        viii. Just in case, the Treasurer will hold onto $10,000 for a deposit on a new UL canoe
        ix. Carter asked about space; do we need to make space by selling a spec or put another canoe on the beach and pay additional rent

f. Samantha motioned to roll the money into a new CD. Carter seconded and the motion carried unanimously

3. Community corner
    a. Rachel expressed appreciation for Gayle and Leslie for their support with community events
    b. On June 15 the Juniors crews performed a beach cleanup with Save Our Shores
    c. Rachel would like to offer a winter adult beach cleanup
    d. On Juneteenth OSC partnered with Black Surf SC. Appreciation was shared for the 5 canoes, as well as Pam R and Michele P for decorating the canoes
    e. On June 26 and July 21 OSC offered paddling with 14-15 year old Jr. Lifeguards at Cowell Beach
    f. July 11 Shared Adventures: OSC coordinated participations of 4 outrigger clubs: 4 canoes; 48 trips; 154 guests
    g. On July 16 OSC hosted a teen group for Jacob's Heart clients. Family groups will be invited for a future event
4. Coach corner
    a. Sabine reported that the Men's team is rebuilding and was successful at the sprint races
    b. Men's team members have asked for technical support/coaching; Amy Culver is available, as are Sabine and Rachel M; Clinic availability is being researched. Appreciation for Amy for July support
    c. Race season is going great; for the Sanctuary Race, Rachel M spent more than 15 hours to make sure everyone who wanted to race had a seat
5. Rec program update and New Paddler Day
    a. Ruthie expressed appreciation for volunteers for New Paddler Day and the 13 new paddlers
    b. Ruthie and Pam are managing Rec and shared appreciation to Phil for keeping the program supported in the past years
    c. New Paddlers are being encouraged to sign up for Learn to Paddle class
    d. Only one drop in is allowed before having to become a member (put on website-Pam M)
    e. August will offer the next New Paddler Day
6. Ohana discussion
    a. Laurel presented the BOD with the intention of elevating Hawaiian culture and connection with others. Some Kapuna members feel disrespected and excluded which weakens trust among Club members. She recognized the efforts and knowledge of many of the Kapuna of the Club for their contributions to OSC. She made several suggestions for improving communication and inclusion in the Club. After discussion the following agreements were made:
        i. Use Team Snap Email and Chat for all Club communications and all members should have access to information that contributes to the betterment of their paddling
            a. Some discussion regarding standardizing membership fees occured
        ii. The topic of recognizing Lokahi co-ed practices as official race practices will be revisited in the winter with planning for any changes before the 2027 racing season begins
        iii. Re-establishing the Code of Conduct Committee will be an item on the next board meeting agenda
        iv. Establishing a committee to revise the Club's mission statement and create a vision statement that reflects all members will be an item on the next board meeting agenda. Laurel offered some sample mission and vision statements
7. Equipment
    a. Lawrence reported that all the canoes are functional
    b. Ho'o has a series of cracks in the bottom yet is not leaking. It will need to get fixed before too long
    c. The iakus are still being repaired; Lawrence asked if members are okay with blemishes as long as there are no structural issues
    d. Matt and Carter working on radio storage and it's going well
    e. OC1s are in working order
    f. Kanani has a little leak that Lawrence can't find
    g. The storage box doesn't fit the equipment that needs to be stored so it will be donated. One set of iakus is stored at the warehouse and a second set may be moved there as well
    h. The Jacob's Heart iaku/boat connection is working even though it still makes noise

    i. Dad needs repair or better/new iakus
8. Steering Program
    a. Jenny expressed appreciation for Lori for her 1-year commitment as Interim Lead; Colleen will take on that position
    b. Lori sent a report to all Club member on July 14 summarizing the current state of the Steering Program
    c. Gayle asked how someone becomes a mentor or evaluator. Candidates must have 3 years' experience as a steer person
    d. There are 15 mentor/evaluators
    e. Supervising/trainer must have 1-year experience and interest in training SITs for Spec canoes. After 1 year they can complete competency checklist for accreditation for UL & double hull canoes
    f. Lori shared appreciation for Ruthie, Kay and Tracy for becoming mentors/evaluators
9. Election committee
    a. Jenny announced that Jane M, Doug B, Cheryl G all agreed to serve again and will put out call for wider participation. Jenny will serve as the Board member.
    b. A Club-wide vote on approving the amended Bylaws is likely to occur earlier than November so that people can have clearer choices about how many board members will need to be elected
    c. There will be 2 elections in 2026
10. Learn to paddle class
    a. Pam has posted a class schedule and cost on website for five, 2 1/2 hours classes
    b. Additional website change is needed: "must complete waiver online here" & "provide contact info/age" & Pam's contact info. Pam will work with Paul on making these changes
    c. The class can have 18 students, and 5 coaching steers (like Tai) are needed
    d. Dates for the LtP class are Oct 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, beginning at 8:45 am
    e. Pam would like to partner with another leader.
    f. The Club will need to do a Harbor permit
11. Annual party
    a. Michele P reported that she has received a quote from DJ Enrique DelMar and required security for the Elks Club: $620 with security guard – Michelle M motioned to approve this expense, and Eddy seconded. The motion passed.
    b. The planning committee has asked the race coaches to push awards to another venue
    c. Planning Committee (MP, MM, Jane K, and Brigit) will meet soon
    d. The event will take place on Nov 7; 150 people are needed to cover the costs including the food, staff, DJ and Security
12. Other quick updates/discussion:
    a. Five safety videos are released and ready to go up on the website
    b. These videos will also be sent to all new paddlers with their welcome email
    c. Jenny will send an email to the Club membership when the videos are posted to the website
    d. Video production cost was $1000
13. Consent (items below)
    a. Carter motioned to approve the consent agenda. Eddy second and the motion passed
14. Adjournment - Eddy motioned to adjourn; Carter seconded the motion and it passed
15. Consent Agenda:
    a. Approve May 2026 minutes
    b. Email vote on bylaws: Motion that the OSC Board of Directors approves the 2026 OSC Bylaws as revised. 10 board members voted in favor of the motion.
    c. June 2026 financials (Attached)
    d. Upcoming dates:
        1. Keiki Camp, July 20-24th (9-noon, except Tues 8:45-11:45)
        2. Sanctuary Challenge, July 25
        3. NCOCA Board meeting, Aug 2
        4. Round the Rock, Aug 8
        5. New paddler, Aug 16
        6. Kula Anela, Aug 29
        7. Next OSC Board meeting Sept 22nd
        8. Annual party, Nov 7