



KCC Bylaws Stated Purpose: The primary purposes of the CLUB are educational and athletic. The CLUB shall strive to revive, develop, and perpetuate Hawaiian culture and traditions through instruction and training in outrigger canoe paddling and related Hawaiian cultural activities.

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 14, 2023

PLACE: Teshima's 7:00 am breakfast

BOARD MEMBERS: President Terry Trinidad, Vice President Peter Lasich, Recording Secretary Jody Wheeler, Treasurer Vern Bieraugel, Membership Secretary Carolyn Carter, Athletic Director Ramona Crivello, Directors at Large: Jane Bockus, Mike Carion, Jessie Chambers, Emma Chandler, Dick Roberts, and Dave Yamagata.

Ramona Crivello, Jody Wheeler, Emma Chandler, and Dick Roberts were absent.

Felicia Graham was present.

CALL TO ORDER: Having a quorum present, President Terry Trinidad called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of June 9, 2023, were approved by motion. The minutes of June 4, 2023, were changed to reflect Dave Yamagata's statement that he did not resign from the board.

MOKU/HCRA: MOKU is getting ready for the HCRA State Championships to be held in Hilo in August. The parking will be expanded onto Hawaii state property. The oli will be taught to all youth in all clubs at the MOKU Championship Regatta on July 22nd in Hilo. Carolyn reminded us there would be Women/Men 70's races at the upcoming Championship regatta. Lane draws have to be made by 5 pm Sunday, July 16.

Merchandise: Carolyn will send out the link to State merchandise. When we order online, she will be able to pick up the merchandise if we make a note in the order. There will be a merchandise booth at the event to purchase items and/or pick up a pre-order.

There was a discussion about whether or not we wanted to sell KCC merchandise at the event. Carolyn said we could put up an extra pop-up in the parking lot. The fee for the selling of club merchandise would have to be paid prior to the MOKU Championships. Peter said he would talk to Sherri to see if she wanted to transport our club shirts over to Hilo to sell.

There was a general discussion about approaching MOKU regarding the way regatta races are started in the future (black flag warning at start), but no motion was made. There are Kai 'Opua races for the keiki scheduled for July 29th, with no required fees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vern Bieraugel distributed the Profit and Loss statement from January through June and the Treasurer's Reports for May and June. Total income YTD is \$128,967.55 with total expenses at \$99,294.47. We are on target/in line in terms of total funds available.

Money Matters:

Peter questioned whether any expense was attached to a hotel reservation in Portland that he noticed on the website calendar. No one present was able to shed any light on the calendar listing.

It was determined by consensus there would be no fee required for Coach Charlie to use canoe rack #101 (Yasmin Vatter's loan to club) for the duration of the racing season and he can be added to the wait list if he would like a permanent rack at KCC.

Wayne has submitted his expenses for his work on Makani Kai. There was a temporary misunderstanding at Marine Supply about whether or not we had an account there that Wayne could charge against. Terry said it has been cleared up.

Peter reminded the board that all income from the recycling effort is earmarked for the Senior Men Racing Program. However, Vern will leave 'recycle' as a line item on the youth budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Escort Boat:

The discussion continued from the last board meeting about the condition of our current escort boat, engine, and trailer. The escort boat committee reported there is rust on the trailer and it needs repair/refurbishment. We may need a new trailer; it was agreed that we would not purchase a steel one. Vern and Peter believed that the boat was okay, but that we should have someone look at the engine. Discussion of a possible jet ski purchase was postponed.

Donated Boat:

Vern reported that he found an identical boat (to the one donated by Ileana Sanchez-Anderson) selling for \$90K. He suggested that it might be worth repairing after all.

It was determined that we need to provide Ileana with the necessary KCC tax information and request the Title and Registration for the boat and trailer. Carolyn volunteered to follow-up on this. Nothing more will be done until we acquire Titles to the boat and trailer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RACE: DLNR has not yet imposed a fine for setting the flags on the reef. Some concern was expressed about not yet knowing what the expenses were for Kai 'Opua and Kai 'Ehitu in the three-way agreement to share expenses equally for setting the lanes for the west side regattas. Terry will follow up.

Peter informed us that he had received the resistance training parachutes. Terry said that there are only five canoes still available for the Lili'uokalani Race - 3 for the men and 2 for the women. The sign-up window for the double hulls is not yet open.

Carolyn urged board members to attend the piko at the regattas to show support for the youth and for our club. The youth coaches did not require the youth paddlers to attend the oli training sessions at the Puna regatta. Since the youth of all the clubs will do the oli together at the State Championship opening ceremonies, it was agreed that an effort must be made by the coaches to insure the youth learn the oli.

Felicia Graham (Chair, Social Events Committee) reported on the end-of-season Pa'ina scheduled for 4 pm, July 29th. All racing, recreational, and youth paddlers are included. Information will go out via racing group threads, beach coordinators, coaches, website, and newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Carolyn Carter reported that we have 894 paid members. Some racers still haven't signed their club Paddlesport Waiver - only the HCRA waiver. This prompted a discussion about possibly approaching Tim Robertson, our webmaster, to look into the feasibility of a website upgrade that would allow all forms that need signing to pop up on the membership sign-up page so that all signatures would be required before the completion of the member account or fees payment.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Website/FB/Newsletter: It was agreed that our KCC group page on Facebook could use more photos from our recreational paddling community and that the beach coordinators would be asked to encourage Rec paddlers to contribute.

Merchandise: Vern reported that another order for hats has been submitted. He also announced a competition open to all members to submit a design for new shirts. The design can be a combination of old and new, or a completely new design. The Board will decide on the final design based on the recommendations of the committee.

HALAU AND GROUNDS: Peter will schedule a halau clean-up day after the Queen Lili'uokalani race. Vern will schedule a special day for the eradication of the stickers in the parking lot to prevent the spreading throughout the halau grounds.

CANOES AND EQUIPMENT: Mike Carion held a walkie-talkie usage workshop for the beach coordinators. Peter reported the refurbishing of the double hulls is ongoing. It was agreed that Chase is doing an excellent job on his repair of Konawaena. Joe Chambers, Peter Lasich, and Jon Dabel painted the new canoe cradles. Carolyn suggested that the canoes should be re-rigged instead of quick-strapped. Beach coordinators will be reminded to check the repair whiteboard before they send out canoes to see which boats are out of commission. The rigging for canoes on loan for Lili'uokalani is the responsibility of the clubs using the canoes, not the responsibility of KCC.

Canoe Rack Subcommittee: Jessie reported that there are still seven members who have not signed their 2023 Canoe Rack Policies agreement. These are: Lambert Lee Loy, Dave Rammer, Dave Yamagata, Moke Hauanio, George Johnson, Denise Dierich, and John Olson.

SAFETY: Felicia discussed the appropriate administration of Narcan, which is now in the KCC Trauma Bag located in Locker 4. She will create a master list of what is in the bag, using as a resource the Fair Winds list. Felicia has also ordered coban and chemical ice packs. Joe Chambers discussed the Narcan at the beach coordinator meeting. Mike will replace the malfunctioning walkie-talkie. This prompted a discussion about whether we need more walkie-talkies. The consensus was that we do not at this time.

Carolyn reported that there will be two jet skis on standby at Hawaii State Championships, borrowed from the Fire Dept.

YOUTH EDUCATION & CULTURAL AWARENESS: Jessie reported that the Cultural Committee met on July 10th. One of the issues discussed was the conduct of some of the youth/coaches in certain instances during the course of the regatta season. Noe's letter of June 23rd to the Board was passed around for review. The committee recommended that for 2024, culture should be made a required part of Tuesday *or* Thursday youth practices from the start of the practice season until the first regatta, and that coaches, participants, and their parents will meet at the beginning of the season to set guidelines and expectations. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to put this into effect. Concerns expressed were the possibility that not all parents might be able to attend. The language was amended to read 'family member' rather than 'parent'. It was suggested by a few board members that the youth have a written Code of Conduct that will need to be signed. The Cultural committee will be part of the orientation to lay groundwork for cultural education expectations.

Additionally, there will be no piko for long distance races. Noe will review website descriptions of youth activities and cultural programs. She will forward any changes to Carolyn. If the club decides to partner with WHEA again in the coming year, the Cultural committee will have an evaluation and recommendations for the August board meeting. WHEA will be on the agenda for August. Boyd Bond will be speaking on August 18th at Seaquest, with Lili'uokalani as his presentation topic. Noe will prepare the info to be posted to the website and newsletter.

The committee voted to approve the following expenses to be taken out of the Cultural committee budget: Kumu lei maker to teach the lei hui new techniques, \$200, funds to mahalo lei hui, \$300, funds to mahalo piko Alaka'i, \$280, and member enrichment, \$300. The Cultural committee also discussed the condition of Lele Wa'a and recommends that she is in need of repair and respectful care.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Felicia reported that the July Potluck Birthday Brunch will be held on Thursday the 27th, where the decorating of Christmas floats will be planned. Members of KCC who are also Ke Kai Ola volunteers will make a presentation about endangered monk seals at the August potluck. The Cultural Committee will be doing a Hawaiian Language presentation about canoe terminology at a future date. Currently there are about 30-35 members attending the potlucks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carolyn Carter requested to be notified of all scheduled Memorials in order to match the Paddlesport waivers to participants. Vern volunteered to write up a protocol for this. Meredith Ozbil requested via text that her letter to the Board on June 2nd be rescinded. Kat Wilson made a request via text for the Board to set up an ad hoc committee to review the KCC By-Laws. The Board agreed by consensus that we would each review the By-Laws to determine any areas of concern and bring these to our August meeting. At that time, a committee would be formed to work on any changes to be presented to the members at the December meeting for a vote.

NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2023.

Jessie Chambers