

Keauhou Canoe Club

Board Minutes October 19, 2025- Approved



Date: 10/19/2025

Time: 8:00 to 9:30

Location: Kauhale I Ke Kula Uka, 73-4515 Hina-Lani St., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 by President Bill Armer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 14, 2025 board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Vern Bieraugel

Digital financials were provided via email. Highlights:

- 10 new members added (\$1,300 revenue)
- Check from Kai 'Opua CC for Lilio canoe rental (\$950)
- End-of-season expenses: Men's Program (\$675), Kids Program (\$1,875.82)
- Loss of (\$2,542.53) for September; (\$18,744.01) year-to-date

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT—Stacey Wood

Reported positive feedback from a member. Discussion on waiver process and renewal timing.

Renewals begin in December; main challenge remains collecting signed waivers. Two insurance carriers in use. Forms will be reviewed and updated.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT—Cat Mikkelsen

Website: Paddle time clarification needed (6:15–6:30 arrival; 6:45 launch). Will distribute.

Newsletter: In progress.

Website Video Project: Ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS

Regatta Finish Line Project

Status update: installing anchors. Jack's Diving Locker coordinating placement; Hawai'i Concrete providing materials. Project moving forward.

IRONMAN Report — Vern and Ramona

Ironman 2025 volunteer efforts completed successfully.

535 total volunteer hours recorded. Ironman to expedite payment this year.

Scholarship, Men's, and 'Ohana funds to determine allocations.



MOKU Proposed Rules and Bylaws for 2026

Meeting scheduled for November 1 at Outdoor Circle.

MOTION – Loan MOKU \$10,000 to support regatta course implementation expenses. Approved.

Upcoming Maintenance

- Continue major tree trimming
- Gravel upper driveway (coordinate with boatyard owner)
- Ramp maintenance under review

NEW BUSINESS

Konawaena High School Canoe Program Partnership — Bill Armer

KCC met with Konawaena High School Athletic Director, Kellye Krug, regarding use of KCC canoes and grounds for high school paddling practices.

Vern Bieraugel designated primary contact (October 2025–January 2026).

MOTION – Approve partnership with Konawaena High School for shared use of KCC facilities and canoes, with oversight by Vern Bieraugel and installation of 12 storage lockers (donated by Outrigger Hotel). Approved.

High school program will remain operationally separate from KCC; club equipment and vehicles may not be used without prior permission.

Safety Considerations — Andy

Concerns raised about recent safety zone violations and improper standing in canoes.

Consensus reached: verbal warnings for first violations, written notice for repeat issues.

Recommendation for refresher steering certifications; Cindy maintains current list of completed huli drills.

Goal: retraining partnerships for returning steerspersons and annual certification updates.

Election Report

Bylaw amendment measure failed 83–17. Discussion held on voter turnout, process, and lessons learned. Planning for December election continues.

Cat sent letter to election committee asking for clear clarification of schedule and for communication protocol that will affect newsletter and announcements.

Race Course Flags and Fundraising — Bill Armer

Update: Kai 'Opua has invested \$30,000 in the Kailua Pier Regatta course; estimated total cost \$75,000–\$80,000. MOKU managing funds.

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Proposal for KCC contribution and coordination with legislative contacts for matching support.
Workgroup formed: Bill, Cat, Vern.

MOTION – Authorize up to \$8,000 toward Kailua Pier race course fund, marked as loan, with additional \$8,000 in matching funds contingent on external commitments. Approved.

Need for Race Director

Chris volunteered as Race Director for the Abbot Galaher Annual Fundraiser (November 22). Dave will assist. Event proceeds to benefit community food baskets.

Budget Discussions — 2026 Dues

Vern proposed revisiting membership rates.

Discussion held on single vs. family rates, youth pricing, and capital needs.

MOTION – Increase annual individual membership dues to \$140 for 2026 to support capital outlay.
Approved.

Youth membership to remain at \$35 (through age 18), and 80+ membership rates remain untouched.

Budget Discussions

Status report

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Letter from Peter Matlock responded to.

Member Comments

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EXECUTIVE SESSION