



**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:** May 12, 2023

**PLACE:** Teshima's 7:00 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.

Emma Chandler was absent.

Felicia Graham and Sherri Carney were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** With a quorum present and a busy agenda, the meeting will be called to order early at 7:20 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of April 14, 2023, were approved as distributed.

**MOKU/H CRA:** Sherri Carney and Jessie Chambers attended the MOKU meeting. MOKU is looking at the Palafamala paddle to determine if it conforms to the H CRA rules. Regatta's will start with "Hawaii Pono I" being sung. If you want ultralights to be inspected, it will be a \$75 per canoe fee.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Vern Bieraugel passed out the April treasurers report. Expenses of note were the website work order of \$4,775 and merchandise reorder of \$4616. Still receiving membership dues. Paypal reports are not available until the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month so the treasurer report on dues can be a month behind.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Walkie Talkie Solar Panel:** Mike Carion said that all the parts and batteries have been received. He is working with Joe Chambers to install the solar panel and install the walkie talkies. Vern offered the bucket truck for the solar panel installation as he doesn't feel that it is safe to walk on the roof of the Halau. Mike, Joe, and Vern will coordinate.

**Escort Boat update:** Ramona did not have an update on the repairs needed for our current escort boat. Terry Trinidad received a call from Andrea Shirley, and they have a zodiac boat that they would like to donate to the club. It needs some repairs. Terry and Dave Yamagata will go inspect it and see if it is something the club could use.

**Volleyball Court update:** Peter talked to Kimmie of the Volleyball group to see if they were interested in moving to Magic Sands court. The Volleyball players have been more respectful and leaving a pathway for the OC1 and OC2 canoe paddlers to get to and from the beach. There is still an issue with the dog. Apparently, the dog bit a spectator, but the dog was on a leash and tied to a chair and the person was warned not to touch the dog. Discussion was had on “Dog on Leach” signage. Terry Trinidad said that it is up to us to take care of the volleyball court as it is part of the land lease.

**Draft Agreement between canoe owners and club use:** Terry talked to Peter Olson about a draft agreement between canoe owners and club use. Peter told him that when we add a canoe to our insurance that is the agreement, and we don’t need any more than that.

**Honu Triathlon:** The senior men racing team will be doing the transition bag area on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The women are doing the T-1 and T-2 aide stations all day on Saturday. Ramona was also asked about water patrol, no details yet. The women are doing water patrol for the Triple Crown Swim Race Sunday at Hapuna.

**Steersmen Committee appointee:** Sherri Carney will take over the Steersmen Committee in Dick Roberts absence. She is currently working on an agenda for training.

**Paddle Making update:** Dick Roberts reported that 6 kids had completed their paddles. Silvester Orosco (Keiki coach) got gifts for the adults that volunteered to help on the project. This is a popular activity that Dick would like to continue to offer if interest is still there.

**Beach Coordinators:** Dick will continue as the “Head Beach Coordinator” while he is on the mainland. He has coverage for his Tuesday and Saturday shifts. Jessie Chambers compiled a list of all the current beach coordinators and distributed it to the Board.

**New Member Orientation:** With Dick off island Sherri Carney and Carolyn Carter have volunteers to take over the New Member Orientation. It will continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Race: Founder’s Regatta, May 27<sup>th</sup>.** Terry passed out a list of tasks and asked Board members to review and decide which tasks they were going to take responsibility for. The tasks were assigned, and the board will be asking members for help with bake sale, morning set up, clean up after regatta, musubi making, and other tasks as needed. The menu will be handled by Terry, Dave, and Ramona.

Lane Flags for Regatta: 15 blocks have been set and the next 15 will be place Sunday. The 3 Kona clubs are splitting the cost of about \$1800 for the divers and equipment.

Parachutes (Sea Anchors/Drift Anchors) for resistance training: Peter said that Westside Marine did not have the smaller Sea Anchors, so he did not purchase them. Ramona found someone line for \$37. She asked for the purchase of 5 and the board approved.

**Membership:** Carolyn reported that we now have 836 paid members and 1142 members in our database. She wanted clarification on coach membership fee compensation. Ramona listed: Edrick and Amy Crane (Family membership), Kathy Kaai, Sylvester Orosco (Family membership), Ramona, John Rodrigues, Dave Yamagata, Moke Hauanio, Ka'eo Peterson and Kua Nolan.

Carolyn asked the board to clarify the policy on Long Distance racing paddlers. Do they need to be members to race under Keauhou? The board has a policy that to race regatta for Keauhou they must be a paid member.

A motion/second was made; To race Long Distance under Keauhou Canoe Club you must be a paid member of the club. After a long discussion of the pros and cons of enforcing membership for LD racers the board approved the motion.

#### **Public Relations/Communications:**

**T-Shirt Sales:** Hat update: Will bring to next meeting. Polo Shirts delayed to next meeting. Patches that were discussed at the last meeting are not a popular item and the committee decided not to pursue them.

**Halau and Grounds:** Peter reported that the clean up day went well with 45 members participating.

Vern reported that he was getting calls that the generator was not working. When he checked it out the issue was no propane! The instructions for starting the generator are taped to the shed wall, but of course it needs fuel to run. He suggested that we consider getting a bigger propane tank.

**Canoes and Equipment:** Yellow Matahina: Still there and still asking to be moved. Terry said he discovered that the boat might belong to Kihei Canoe Club on Maui.

Wheels: Joe Chambers has the parts for the next set of wheels with more on order.

Koa Canoe Refinishing update: The Koa will be ready for regatta. Now at Kai Opua Halau for varnishing.

Dick said that there is now a "Rigging Horse" in the Halau to practice how to rig a canoe. It is a good training tool.

Cradles: New cradles are being built/rebuilt and painted.

**Youth Education & Cultural Awareness:** Noe Campbell and Denise Russell continue to educate the Keiki paddlers each week. The lei hui is working on the adornments for the Makani Kai.

**Scholarship Committee:** We have received 1 application with 2 others on the way. The scholarship committee will review and announce the awards.

**Social Events Committee:** Noe Campbell will be the next speaker at the birthday potluck. The potluck was moved up to May 18<sup>th</sup> because the week of the regatta was already very busy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Memorials:** Betsy Merritt has agreed to take over Memorials for Jane Bockus.

**Huli Race Postponed:** Tim Roberts determined that the Huli Race would have better participation when the snowbirds return. He asked the board to reimburse him for expenses in the amount of \$3,411.44. It was moved and seconded that the club reimburse Tim for the expenses. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Terry determined that the action did not require an executive session.

The club received a letter from Lori-Lei Rawlins banning Ramona from the island of Molokai and any racing or race group associated with her. The letter claims that Ramona disrespected her family, told falsehoods, and made a bad name for herself.

The board discussed the ramifications of the letter. Ramona said she tried to reach out to Lori-Lei to make things pono, but Lori-Lei has not answered her calls and texts.

A motion was made and seconded that the board would write a statement of support for Ramona. The motion carried and Jessie Chambers volunteered to write a statement of support.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 9th