



Meeting Minutes: Board of Directors meeting

Date: May 11, 2025

Time: 8-9:30 am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Armer, President; Leslie Wood, Vice President (via Zoom) Vern Bieraugel; Treasurer, Cat Mikkelsen, Recording Secretary, Stacey Wood, Membership Secretary, Directors at Large: Andy Branch, BC Celello (via Zoom), Ramona Crivello, Gary Leveque, Jody Wheeler, Dave Yamagata, Chris Vasquez

Members in attendance: Bob Darling requested to address the board about canoe racks. He requested that if members paddle in long distance races that they not be allowed to have a canoe rack. The board explained that we follow HCRA rules. If a member has a HCRA card with our club, they can have a canoe rack. If they move their HCRA card, they need to move their canoe.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion passed to approve April 13 meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We got a big donation in April, from LavaMan of \$3,000.

Last month the board approved an Ohana fund expense for Thera Nogada, and we received thank you cards.

Vern spoke of various expenses that we have. Canoe repairs, mostly the new numbers for MOKU, repairing the Ford van. We have more expenses coming up for the Chevy AC.

For the month, positive cashflow of \$1,000.

The club remains very liquid, with \$237,800 at our disposal, including funds at Merrell Lynch. Also Sandy and Vern figured out how to let people pay for items with Paypal using a QR code.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT—Stacey Wood

677 members.

15 new adults

Sent welcome letters to the adults.

2 requests to scatter ashes, and



Several visitor/guest paddling requests.

Purchased/installed suggestion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Races and Events:

- **KCC long distance race May 24**
Fourth event of regatta season/3rd at Kailua Pier

Race Planning

[Here is the spreadsheet for the race. Should we use it?](#)

- Date: May 23 (12 days from meeting)
- Course layout being finalized - likely similar to previous years
- Adding new keiki race (under 12) of ~1.2 miles
- Discussing moving some categories between short/long courses
- Logistical planning for tents, food, bathrooms, etc.
- Aiming to have canoes/setup on pier Friday before race

Follow up with hotel about canoe storage options for race

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT—Cat Mikkelsen

Website Video Project: Met with BC, collaborating with the Culture Committee.

First video interview is Jane Bockus, scheduling it next week. Need more names.

Facebook:

- Establishing Racing Pictures page - possibly Facebook. Racing pictures focus.

Newsletter: Cindy wrote newsletter, Edited by Fern, formatted and finished by Cat.

T-shirts: Worked with Gary to integrate new QR code into a “how to sell tshirts” description to go into the Beach Coordinator folders. Thanks to Vern and Sandy for making this happen.

Communication: Putting together a “monthly meetings” poster for the halau.

NEW BUSINESS

New Post Office Box Number and New Letter/document templates with address update

Upcoming Regatta Planning:

- Rent house for regattas in Hilo

OLD BUSINESS

Status of day sticker and key to Kailua pier for Dave Yamagata.

Guest Paddler Pilot Program—Gary

Motion 1 Approved Guest Paddler Pilot Program for 3 month pilot program.

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Gary will present pilot program.

3 month trial period approved

For friends and family of members in good standing

Guest host member is required to take responsibility and ride in same canoe

Limit to 3 guests per visit, up to 3 days per guest

No monetary fees allowed per insurance requirements

Up to beach coordinator discretion

Waiver form and process developed

Recommendation on second Matahina Unlimited—Vern

Motion 2: Approved. Canoe on Keauhou grounds now follows bylaws. It has a number and name, is set up with Keauhou insurance, and approved for use if we need it. People need to ask Chris.

Cultural Program Development

- Framework being created for youth/keiki cultural education
- Focuses on Hawaiian knowledge, practical skills, teamwork, personal growth
- Aims to integrate more Hawaiian cultural elements into youth program
- We now have a Journal Club.

See additional actions in Addendum

Facilities/Equipment

- New unlimited canoe (Matahina) added to club fleet
- Discussing tent/equipment needs for races and general use
- Some wear noted on existing tents

See additional items in Addendum

SAFETY

See additional items in Addendum

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Communications received by the Board since the April 11 Board meeting



Moved to Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 9:35 AM

Executive Session 9:40 AM

ADDENDUM: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Race:

- 44 youth paddlers, and still growing (+4)
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- 18 year boys won gold in the recent race.

Beach Coordinator Report:

- Beach Coordinators reviewed and collaborated to develop the proposal for Guest Paddling.
- They have appreciated the current Board Charter in including their voices in this development.
- “Safety Tip of the Month” April was, “When the canoes are up on wheels, ALL conversations must stop.” May Tip: “If you are paddling in an OC-6, you should have done a Huli Drill with Baili and Sherri.” Also teaching how to bail.
- Dick Roberts has been offering long distance paddles to the pier in a double hull on Wednesday mornings after rec Paddle concludes.

Full Life was a big success with Beach Coordinator Nancy Regan at the helm organizing the seating for two double hulls and an OC-6. **If you have not paddled for the Full Life first Thursday each month, you are missing out on a one-of-a-kind experience.** Full Life is part of KCC’s Kuleana to reach out to the community and offer experiences in paddling. Denise Lindsey and Debra Trinidad also help with the water and land activities.

Events:

Nice Pau Hana and

Safety and Steering:

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Steering Recommendation to Board: All steersmen and OC-6 paddlers do annual huli.

- Next Huli Drill. 5/18/2025 9:00 am
- Next Steering Workshop 5/26/2025, 9:00 am. Working towards quarterly schedule



Youth, Education, and Cultural Awareness:

- Committee has several new members.
- Historical paddle to start this coming week, from Bill. Bringing back the cultural paddling tour of Keauhou Bay.
- Established new Journal Club to discuss peer-reviewed articles about paddling techniques and recovery, Hawaiian music, Hawaiian/Polynesian history, outrigger canoe history, and more. First meeting is June 3 at 9:13 to discuss research report on outrigger paddling. Polly Peterson and Kris Ichii.
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- Gary and Cat did first pass of structured enrichment program topics for keiki. Please review.
- Gary planning meeting with Kam schools employee to inquire about who they think we should work with culturally.
- Jody working to set up kumu to visit club and supervise lei disposal.
- Gary planning on beginning to visit keiki paddling in next week or so. Perhaps short amount of time once a week.
- Continuing to look at other items.

Canoes and Equipment:

Report on: 5/6/2025

- All 191 Racks are assigned. No racks are available for members on the Move Up List or Wait List at this time.
- There are 27 Members on the Move Up List and 22 Members on the Wait List for Racks.
- 8 Members on the Move Up List have moved to a new Rack.
- 14 Members on the Wait List have received Rack assignments.

New Paddler Orientation:

Saturday, May 31 meeting had 8 attendees.

All set up to happen every month. Poster at halau.

Articles and By-laws

No report

Special Board Functions:

MOKU meeting



Kamehameha Schools:

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Small group with plenty of food and a general talk story session. Warm and relaxed. Next birthday brunch is May 30. Speaker from Kuleana Rum to talk about sugar cane varieties and the rum making process. Unfortunately no samples of rum!

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