

KOA Meeting Minutes

April 19th, 2019

Niumalu Canoe Club Hale

Call to Order

6:10pm called to order

Roll Call Clubs

- West Kauai - present
- Kilohana - present
- Hanalei - present
- Namolokama - present
- Hokualele -present
- Koloa - present (arrived 7pm)
- Pu'uwai - present
- Kaiola - present
- Niumalu - present
- Kawaikini -
- Kukui'ula - present

Roll Call KOA Officers

- Peter Chow -present
- Dana Miyake -present
- [race secretary]
- Tenley Ueda -present
- Rocco April -present
- Brian Curll -present

Special Meeting KOA Council of Clubs regarding States Race on Kauai (KOA Hosting)

Dana Miyake Intro: Talked to Joel Guy

1. Told her that Hanalei CC and NaMolokama CC are not in favor of having states here this year.
2. Also the traffic at Hanalei bridge is a concern
3. Boat ramp at black pot has congestion there (can launch from Anini)
4. Idea for having meeting to avoid something like the Molokai Wahine "we don't want you" signs problem

Peter Chow Intro:

1. We got reprieve from last time, good thing because we had floods and would not have been able to host. Also talked to county gov't about new venues. Reps from Hanalei CC and NaMolokama CC were supposed to meet to work on issues. Contacted new mayor (Kawakami) to make sure county is still on board. This week many messages from North Shore reps relaying hearsay from unsubstantiated sources about not wanting the race to be here. If this is legitimate complaint, should have been brought up a year ago.

Hanalei CC initial statement (Kauai Fu and Kapua Chandler from Hanalei CC):

1. Coming from a place of reserve and uncertainty
2. Many new things are happening in the community right now and in the months to come. With this news the idea of having more things piled on could be a hardship
3. Lack of communication and not knowing what you don't know. Paddling community has not communicated intent
4. Mainly want to be in on the conversation
5. North shore clubs are not at 100% and also their numbers are down. So the normal amount of help they have will not be what they have this year. Capacity to help is down.
6. Need to stay in the loop

Leggs Yokotake Comments (Hokualele):

Requesting that lines of communication open up in the form of emails to all islands and their associations to update them in regards to preparation and planning to attend state races in Hanalei.

Brain Curl (KOA VP/Puuwai President)

Suggested informational video(s) sent to off island clubs/associations enabling them to visualize what the community is experiencing after the flood and the current state of ongoing redevelopment. He also suggested to get the "Hanalei Strong" logo be used to illustrate a sense of pride for the community as well as the entire island.

Leggs suggested that the video(s) be placed in the hands of either HTA or the County of Kauai.

Ui Wu (Hanalei Civic Club/Hanalei CC) would like something in video form be ready for release by the opening of Weke Rd (date TBD but around June/July).

Lori Parraga (Kaiola rep/paddler) was in agreement that this would instill pride in the community.

Dana Miyake (acting KOA Race Director/Puuwai Women's Coach/paddler) has everything mapped out for participant parking, canoe parking, weighing of canoes site, shuttle bus pick and drop off along with options/alternatives ready to present to HCRA board members. She is waiting for the County and HCRA for their approval. She suggested we use our 3-4 regattas to be held in Hanalei as trial and error tests and practice to prepare for States and NaPali.

Kapua Chandler (Hanalei Civic Club/Hanalei CC/paddler) would like KOA to run the shuttle system during these regattas and to get paddlers feedback.

Dana and Peter Chow will work on getting permits from DLNR for all parking and site options.

Ui in order to decrease traffic in the area ,asked if the Farmers Market could either cancel their Saturday market for that day or possibly be a vendor at States.

Dana suggested that they try to move the market to the Friday before at Hanalei's Art Night.

Sale Potts (Koloa CC) suggested weighing of canoes be performed at Nawili Harbor are they come off the barge.

Peter stated that canoes arrive at different times making that unfeasible. Weighing them at the proposed site at Pine Trees/Waioli Park would be a more favorable site. That way canoes could be weighed and rigged all at one site. It also has direct access to the beach.

Dana, Peter and Brian suggested trying to hold the races at Pine Trees. There is plenty of room to stage the entire event there.

Peter will ask DLNR to add Pines Trees as an alternate site for regattas.

Ui suggested to get the entry road(s) to Pine Trees be paved with coral 2 days prior to States.

In closing:

1. Dana will provide updates to Ui and Kapua.
2. Ui wanted to remind people that it was not about "us". She was concerned about their community, their aina.
3. Peter and Leggs expressed their appreciation and were glad to hear the concerns of Hanalei CC/Civic Club and to find common ground to meet any challenges facing us in the near future.

Meeting adjourned: 7:34pm