**LHCOCC General & Racers Meeting**

**Tuesday, 3/13/18 5:30 PM**
Agenda and Minutes

In attendance: Larry, Angie, MJ, Debbie, Lani, Jan, Cathy, Diane, Michele, Gary, Mary, Kehalani, Pam

1. Meeting comes to order: Time 5:35
	* 1. Pule (Cathy)
2. Acceptance of 1/3/18 Minutes
	* 1. Motion to accept 1stDiane 2ndMJ
3. Prez notes (Cathy C.) Standing in for Jeanne.
	* 1. Your officers and BoD are here to support (Officers- Jeanne, Cathy, Diane, Michele) (BoD- Mary, Jeanne, Cathy, Diane, Michele, Lani, Jan, and Gary) (Coaches- Gary, Mary, Asst. Megan & Angie) We are here for you and can’t correct anything unless you tell us. Download the incident form from the website for any issues. Kudos are also welcome as well.
		2. Amazing Garage Sale – Total raised $1550. Thanks to the folks that donated, cooked, set up, worked cleaned up – a TRUE team effort.
		3. Balloon Fest donation for 2018 - $300. Again, a team effort
		4. BIG THANK YOU’s to the peeps that monitored & updated the swim tests (Jan, Jeanne, Lani, Cathy.) All but two (2) paddlers are up-to-date with their swim test. Until these two paddlers complete this requirement they will be required to wear a pfd.
4. Committee Reports
	* 1. Membership DUES (Cathy C.)
			+ 1. Currently the Board of Directors is reviewing 2019 membership payments. Not raising dues! We are in pretty good financial condition therefore will not be raising dues. Cathy explained the benefits of being a member. Subsection: Race membership dues/fees - the board is considering eliminating the ability to only pay dues when someone paddles or only during race season. Gary has polled other clubs about breaking up fees (recreational vs racers.) Other clubs charge annual fees whether they race or not, and the fees are all year long, just like a fitness club. If you choose to be a member of a health/fitness club you pay dues every month, whether you take advantage of the club or not.

The racing season starts in March and runs until ADR in November. We have ‘members’ that come and paddle and do not pay. Unfortunately, this is one of the reasons these decisions must be made. It is difficult for the club to budget when paddlers pay only when they feel like it. Some feel that if they don’t paddle, they don’t have to pay or they will only pay March – June because they are racers. This is not fair to everyone else that pays their monthly dues whether or not they are racer the case. The exception to the rule is the winter visitors. We must have a separate plan for them, which makes sense.

* + - * 1. Items being discussed in order to assist us in making our commitments, equipment repairs, & other purchases:
1. Discontinuing racers memberships Mar-Sept.
2. Enforcing memberships as a yearly commitment – not intermittent payment unless winter visitor. This is not set in stone. The Board welcomes any and all comments regarding this issue. It will be discussed at the next board meeting, so please send any and all comments and/or concerns to lhcocc10@gmail.com or your Board member.
3. Reminder that hardship, student memberships are available. The definition of ‘hardship’ was discussed. Example: Shorter working hours resulting in declining income. The Board is more than willing to work with a paddler to make the dues fit their budget if they are having a temporary issue making the full payment for their membership.
	* 1. Membership (Cathy C.) Forms are up to date and available on the website. Over 4100 hits to our website.
		2. Clothing (Jan C.) If you are a racer, need to purchase red jersey. Also, remember to wear your RED jersey to ALL club events. (Jersey’s $20, Hats & Visors- $10)\
		3. Website (Michele K.) Emails to start coming from Club email distribution list. BIG TY to Michele for making it easier for the team to send out notifications & info to the members. We have created a Gmail account for the club which is lhcocc10@gmail. For the sake of consistency, emails to the club will be coming from **Lake Havasu Outrigger Canoe Club** instead of individuals. It may take a bit of time until we are 100%, but keep an eye out for this ‘sender.’ If there is a paddler that is not receiving emails from ‘The Club’ please let Michele know.
		4. Equipment/Safety/Training/SCORA (Gary/Mary). Equipment: Canoes are in good shape. Iakos are being refinished. The newest ama needs to be polished, so anyone who can help Gary please let him know. **A family that paddles together and polishes together goes faster together.**
			+ 1. SCORA General meeting 1/20/18 – SCORA has a new Steerman’s test and will be up on the internet soon. This test is required to be taken and passed by anyone that wants to steer in a SCORA race.
				2. Coaching Clinic 3/3/18
				3. Safety, Coaching and training updates - Aquatic Center class: CPR Certification. $40. Steersman need to take class as part of the requirement for Steersman Certification. Race season will increase training, four new steersmen. They are coming along well. Gary will soon schedule an open ocean steering clinic with a club, maybe Marina del Rey. This is part of the Steersman Certification as well.
				4. Yearly Certs distribution (15) - Presented to Larry (level 3), Jan (level 3), Angie (level3),

MJ (racer’s certificate). The remaining certificate peeps will be awarded their certs on the beach.

* + - * 1. Races (to be discussed in the 6:15 Racers meeting) See attached Racer’s Meeting Minutes.
				2. Events (Jan)

3/15 (Event) LHCOCC Leadership 30 people expected, leaving boats on beach. We need volunteers to be there at 1:30. There will be a practice on Thursday after the event.

5/12 (Race) Crystal Pier (see race meeting notes

6/23 (Race) Iron Champs (see race meeting notes)

10/2 (Event) 10th Annual PA Oktoberfest Race. Pineapple Race - new theme: Octoberfest. We’ll bbq brats, promote. More info from Jan as we get closer.

1. General Practice Times
	* 1. Tue / Th / Sat 8:00 – 9:30 AM EFFECTIVE SAT. 3/17/18
		2. Th PM practice 5:15 PM- Sunset EFFECTIVE TH. 3/22/18

REMEMBER… when in doubt, check it out… (the website calendar)

1. Open Items Introduction: Kehalani and Kassandra from Alabama. They moved in January and Kassandra has quite a bit of paddling experience from California. Kassandra is 13. They live in Mohave Valley and travel one hour to practice. Welcome Lani and Kassandra!!!!
2. Adjourn Time 6:15

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**Tuesday, 3/13/18 6:15-6:45 PM**
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In attendance: All that attended the general meeting with the exception of Larry

1. Racing commitment fee - $20.00 (non-refundable)
2. Racer DUES MUST BE CURRENT to paddle in any race!
3. Racer must be able to practice with team

Mary and Gary try their best to get everyone a seat that wants to race, but, if we want to be competitive, we may have to conduct time trials for seats on a race canoe. It may not be the best way to build a boat, because all paddlers need to be a good team together, but it is part of the process of building a race boat. Practices were pretty tough on everyone last season. We don’t want to lose people in the club practicing too much.

All new steersperson’s should be able to steer a short course this year. We should have two long course canoes at iron champs this year, if not two, we’ll have at least one. Our training programs are teaching every paddler eve seat with the exception of seat six (6.) Training will start next month (April) for all races.

1. Discuss & vote for races we want to support
	1. May 12 San Diego Crystal Pier
	2. May 19 Santa Barbara. (Rig Run)
	3. June 2 Marina del Rey (Kahanamoku Klassic). Maybe borrow canoes, which is cheaper for club.
	4. June 23 San Diego Iron Champs
	5. The club will be sending out an email to find out what races the club, as a whole, wants to race.
2. Options & cost for racing:
	1. Taking/storage provisions for our equipment (Canoes & trailer) (approx. $400)
	2. Borrowing other club canoes ($10-20 per person donation to perspective club)
3. Adjourn at 6:40