**LHCOCC General Meeting Thursday, May 17, 5:30pm**

**Agenda and Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm.

Pule by Larry. Thank you Larry!

Acceptance Minutes from 1/3/18 Gen Mtg 1st: Mary 2nd: Jan

In attendance: Jeanne, Jan, Larry, Paul, Debbie, Diane, Michele, Angie, Gary, Jackie.

1. **PRESIDENT WELCOME**

LHCOCC.com - We have a new feature of the website, which is a sign up for two free paddling sessions on the Home Page, as well as information and link to/about the Pineapple Race coming in October.

* + 1. Minutes from previous meetings are located on the web page under forms/meeting minutes
    2. Videos: Rigging Iako and Ama, Huli recovery, John Puakea paddling videos – great videos to watch!
    3. 2 free Paddling Sessions coupon, Pineapple race Information – See above.
    4. Calendar: make sure you look for time and cancellations. Jeanne will be keeping up on the calendar.
    5. Clean up Storage area, cutting weeds, pick up trash…. Before Sat am practice 5/19 6am??? Yes! Saturday, 5/18, there will be a clean-up party at 6:00am. An email will be sent out tonight to all club members asking for help.

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** (Cathy, Chairperson / Mary Co-Chair)

Dues are due at the beginning of each month, before the 10th.

If racing, make sure you are current. Members are excluded from racing if dues are not current! If you have a hard time making your dues, please have a discussion with a board member.

**Clothing** (Jan) for sale: Jerseys $20. Hats & Visors $10. We have had the red jerseys for two seasons now (time flies when you’re having fun paddling) and maybe it’s time to take a look at another color. Jan will look into this towards the end of the year. We have quite a few hats, so it was strongly suggested that any new color should blend with the colors in the hats. Waste not – Want not.

**Website**  (Michele) In addition to the website, to make it more interesting and to reach more club members, a colorful and interactive ‘newsletter’ will be sent on an occasional basis. Lots of ideas were discussed regarding a ‘newsletter’ to reach those in the city, such as MCC, ASU, and the like. This ‘newsletter’ will develop over time. If club members wish to see something in the piece, let Michele know.

**Equipment/ Coaching / Safety / Training / SCORA / Races** (Mary & Gary)

**SCORA** (Mary or Gary) Mtg 1/20/18 – All racers have been registered. SCORA apologizes for the technical difficulties.

**Swim Test**: All members that needed to take the swim test did. Thank you – All have completed their tests, and Angie completed hers twice. She’s an overachiever. ☺

**Training and Coaching:** (Gary)

* + - * 1. *Marina Del Rey training on 4/28,29*. We had a comprehensive padding instruction day at MDR, complements of Calvin. You can view the video on our website at [lhcocc.com/vids/educational/stroke](https://www.lhcocc.com/educational). The coaches are going to make the *‘****Holy Paddle Stroke Drill’*** part of every session. The stroke is the Hawaiian stroke, which is used by some of the most successful teams. If we want to be more competitive in our races we need every paddler to stroke the same stroke. Gary feels that by next year each one of the paddling club members, whether racer or recreational, will be using the same, successful technique.
        2. *Steering Program* – All participants are doing very well, and Gary is pleased with the commitment. Some are to the point in the program that they’ll be moving on to the V1. Certifications will be presented after ADR in November.

**Equipment: (Gary)**

* + - * 1. *401: Ama* has been fixed, had a big crack. Expensive. DON’T DROP THE AMA. We can’t paddle our boats without an ama, so please take care when handling them. They can crack easily and the repairs are very expensive. The repair bill for the 401 ama was close to $500.00.
        2. *New foam on seats.*
        3. Take Iakos off 402 to refinish and put on subs. We may do this the same day we have the yard clean-up, which is Saturday, 5/19, at 6:00am.
        4. *Update on OC-6 Unlimited.* BoD committed to $1300. Personally.

Need matching from members??? Open to all for discussion.

Many club members have voiced the desire to obtain another, lighter canoe, possibly an unlimited of some kind. Luckily, and thanks to members paying dues on time, as well as fundraisers like the garage sale and Pineapple Race, we have approximately $6,000 tucked away for equipment. These funds could be used, in part, for a new canoe.

New unlimited canoes run approximately $18 to $24,000, and used are $10 to $14,000. That’s a far cry from our $6,000. The Board of Directors has collectively committed to donating $1,300 towards a new canoe. Mind you, this money may or may not be coming out of their own pockets. They may be soliciting donations from those they know in the community, such as friends and business owners. The Board is committed to get what the club feels it needs to keep our club alive and attractive.

But, **IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO BUILD A CANOE**. The Board and the entire club membership need your help with raising funds to go towards an additional canoe. Quite a few ideas were discussed as how to encourage and entice the club membership to donate. A **Donation Drive Committee** is being formed to help make our new canoe dream a reality. The committee, so far, consists of Michele, Debbie, Angie and Mary. If you would like to donate the time and effort to help us in this quest, please let Michele know.

**Racing Season:**

* + 1. 5/12 Crystal Pier SD – Congratulations to Jan for her first race steering the Women’s team! She was complimented by a paddler from Dana Outrigger that had 34 years under her belt. She said she was impressed how Jan held her line! Gary emphasized the importance of training together as a full boat. Not training just every once in a while, but committed to rigorous, consistent training for a race. When paddlers train together they are able to read each other on the water.
    2. 6/2 Marina Del Rey – Larry, Debbie, Angie and Gary are going to farm themselves out for MDR.
    3. 6/23 Iron Champs SD – Contrary to what you may have been told, **NO TEAMS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY CHOSEN FOR ANY RACE AT IRON CHAMPS.** We don’t even know who wants to attend. The coaches are considering building two short course women’s boats. One must be built of the best paddlers to have a chance to place in the race. The other canoe will be those that are good paddlers, but may not meet the (possible) time trial requirements for the main boat. Whichever boat a paddler ends up being in, please perform your best, but the most important thing to remember is HAVE FUN! We’ll all pat each other on the back afterwards and enjoy each other’s company. That’s what this life is all about: FUN!
    4. 10/3 ADR - ADR is early in November (3rd.) We are not going to have race practices during July and August, but will have September and October to get ready for ADR. **ADVICE FROM GARY: If you want to race at ADR, attend every practice you can so you can properly be evaluated for seats.** We won two medals last season, which we are very proud of. This is our water! We should kick some canoe out there. We need to be competitive for ADR.

**Events / Fundraising** (Jan/ Mary)

* 1. Stingray Swim across to Windsor 6/12. Will not participate – Debbie Hyde is coordinating OC1/2 owners to participate in this event. You’ll be hearing from her soon.
  2. LHCOCC Birthday!!! 13 years – Yahoo! We’re teenagers…..finally!
  3. Pineapple Race 10/4 - Jan is the PR Coordinator. Click on the PR graphic on our website to learn more. She’ll be keeping us up to date as more info comes out. PLEASE mark your calendars for the last couple weeks of September as PR Training. Help as much as you can. This event, as desired by the Hospitality Association, is going to become bigger and bigger. They are in discussion about the PR being a large city-wide event! Maybe included in the city winter kick-off plan. We will be getting more and more notoriety with this event.
  4. ADR 11/3 - See ADR above. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, Come to all Practices!

1. **PRACTICE TIMES - T / Th / Sat:** 7 to 8:30 am

Summer Practice Season is here! The following changes to practice times are below:

**MORNING:**  As of Tuesday, 5/22, the morning practices are at 6:00am. **PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINS EARLY TO LOAD BOATS. WE NEED TO BE ON THE WATER AT 6:00AM AND NO LATER!**

The club is doing their best to meet the needs of our working club members, therefore we have added the afternoon/evening practice session each Thursday. Keep in mind, some steerspeeps may be leaving for part of the summer, so if the practice is cancelled it will be because of that or non-participation.

Let’s not have practices cancelled for lack of participation! Keep active and keep healthy by paddling.

**AFTERNOON**: As of Thursday, 5/24, there will be practices at 5:00pm.

During the months of July and August there will be NO RACE PRACTICES. We will resume race practices September to prepare for ADR.

1. Adjourn at 7:03pm Motion: 1st – Jan 2nd – Deb.