



**Minutes: MAY 18, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting
Waimanalo Clubhouse**

Board Members: John Braum, Quintin Bray, Barb Bruno, Richard Nettell (via videolink), Laura Owens. **Absent:** Udom Stamegna, Guy Archer

Others present: Steve Brown, Keala Dominski (partial meeting)

1. Call to order at 7:03 PM
2. Motion to approve minutes from April 2016: Approved unanimously.
3. Any change to order of business?

Written Report? (Y or N)	Officers & Committees	Spokesperson	Notes
Y	President	Richard	
Y	Treasurer	Guy	
Y	Membership	Lynne	See new business
Y	Trails	Steve Brown	
Y	Schedule	Steve Brown	
N	Trail Maintenance	Mike	
Y	Clubhouse	Keala (for Justin)	
N	Endowment	Jim	
oral	Website	Barb for Nate Luzod	Website committee chairs, BOD and email forward up to date
Y	Da Kine Kokua	Laura	
Y	Entertainment	Hawkins	
Y	Property Maintenance	JB	See new business
N	Social Media Watchdog	Quintin	
Y	Public Relations	Barb	
Y- need to upload	Books and Records	Udom	

4. Old Business

- A. Board of Directors retreat. In person retreat on hold; Richard to start email conversation.

5. New Business

- A. Motion to approve 2 new members and reinstate one additional member: (see membership report). Passed unanimously.
- B. Motion to approve \$150 in donations (\$100 general donation to club; \$50 cash to acknowledge efforts of trail-clearers, to use however they like)

- C. Motion to reimburse Ken Suzuki for printing costs for plant booklets, for distribution on his hike (\$5/color and \$3/black and white booklets, for a maximum cost of \$144 per hike for 18 participants) [Steve Brown]. Passed unanimously.
- D. Motion to distribute membership list, with or without phone numbers. [requested by Membership committee]. Board recommends that a membership list is distributed in the 3rd Quarter newsletter without phone numbers. Passed unanimously.
- E. Review of Website/Email updates
 - 1. Minutes & Reports uploaded to website? [Quintin]
 - 2. BOD members updates [Nate]. Completed.
 - 3. Committee chairs [Nate]. Completed.
 - 4. Email forward [Nate]. Completed.
- F. Review of google drive [Barb]
 - 1. Structure
 - 2. Review guidelines (bylaws, standing laws, BOD guidelines)
 - 3. Committee reports (naming, format, period covered)
- F. Motion to approve a budget of \$1,500.00 to do tent termite fumigation. [first 2 years, will retent for free; next 3 years will do spot treatment] Passed unanimously. [JB]
- G. Motion to approve a budget of \$1,600.00 for ground termite treatment. [5 year contract to rebait stations; cheaper in the long-term] Passed unanimously. [JB]
- H. Motion to approve contract with Starfarms Services to trim coconut trees, to be done every 6 months at a cost of \$660 initially. (note: future costs will be \$440 every 6 months). Passed unanimously. [JB]
- I. Motion to approve \$150 donation,
 - A. \$100 received at Kaau crater hike.
 - B. \$50 for trail-clearers from Allen ShiromaPassed unanimously. [JB]
- J. Issue with some prospective members (~4 total) thinking they can just sign up to become members by paying their dues on website. Membership committee may refund these funds, less paypal service fee.

6. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting is June 22th. (Barb & Guy not present) [Richard to notify regular meeting attendees and post new meeting date on website]
 - B. July 16 Best of Honolulu event. Perhaps HTMC should participate? [JB].
Barb out of town; JB & Richard to lead event. Barb to provide PR materials.
7. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Clubhouse Report May 2016

1. The clubhouse took in \$617.00 for the month of April:

a. \$192.00 from HTMC members. b. \$425.00 from guests. 2. There were 47 cases of people using the clubhouse for the day. This does not include:

a. 55 people for entertainment night. b. 10 people for the board meeting. c. 4 cases of people showing up to help maintain the clubhouse. 3. There were 53 cases of people staying at the clubhouse overnight.

a. 32 cases of members including the clubhouse resident. b. 21 guest cases. 4. We did work with the High School Hikers to get coverage under their insurance while they were using the clubhouse. We also worked with them to ensure they follow clubhouse rules while using the clubhouse. We are glad to report the High School Hikers were a wonderful group to have. 5. The clubhouse committee has curtailed usage of the upstairs as a sleeping area in the

past year due to incidents that have highlighted safety concerns. The clubhouse committee is also reviewing the current capacity of the clubhouse while reviewing reservation requests and extended stay requests. A request to reserve the clubhouse for extended stay of 10 people over a two week period was not acceptable due to size of the group and length of the stay.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Ohara HTMC Clubhouse Chair

Da Kine Kokua for May 2016

Sent out 3 cards for the month of April –

- 1) Emerson Knowles – thank you for donation
- 2) Glenn Kiyabu – thank you for donation
- 3) Alaina Fukui – Condolence on passing of father

Laura Owens
Da Kine Kokua

Entertainment Committee Report
May 2016

April 23, 2016

Event: Documentary: Sons of Halawa

Subject: Hawaiian Culture explored on Molokai

Attendance: 15

Donation: \$15

May 7, 2016

Event: Games Night

Subject: Creating a fun relaxing atmosphere

Attendance: 20

Donation: unknown - money collected into lockbox

Expenses: \$0

HTMC Entertainment Committee - Third Quarter Events July.August/September 2016

July 2nd

Presenter: Rasika Gopi - teacher at YogaOpenSpace.com

Title: Hatha Yoga by Rasika Gopi

Description: Come join us for a hatha yoga class that will support your hiking practice. Tune in to your breath in a moving meditation, all levels welcome! Bring your own yoga mat.

July 16

Presenter: Nina Pullella a.k.a. Nina Cucina

Title: Expanding your lunch box for the trail

Description: Tired of bringing the same lunch & snacks on your hikes? Come explore creative and healthy recipes with Waimanalo Co-Op chef Nina Pullella. She will share recipes, give a cooking demonstration to help you create delicious foods that can be brought along on hikes.

July 30

Presenter: Barry Peckham

Title: Learn How To Play With The Universe - Visual Astronomy

Description: Introduction of John Dobson and how he changed cosmic perceptions for regular folks. Also, what sorts of things you and the ancients can do to enhance your experience of the night sky. Telescope viewing and laser pointing to follow (outdoors) using one of Hawaii's largest portable telescopes (8 feet tall).

August 13

Event: Movie Night

Title: Meru - a documentary film

Description: In the high-stakes game of big-wall climbing, the Shark's Fin on Mount Meru may be the ultimate prize. Sitting at the headwaters of the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, the Shark's Fin has seen more failed attempts by elite climbing teams over the past 30 years than any other ascent in the Himalayas. *MERU* is the story of that journey—one of friendship, sacrifice, hope and obsession. Featuring mountaineers Conrad Anker, Jimmy Chin and Renan Ozturk

August 27

Presenter: Keala Fung

Title: Long-distance Self-Supported Wilderness Travel

Description: Aloha! in 2012 Keala thru-hiked the Pacific Crest Trail (6 months, around 2600 miles) solo and in 2014 she bikepacked (like backpacking, but with a mountain bike) the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route (2 months, the route itself was 2700 miles also solo).

September 10

Presenter: Debbie Halbert

Title: Crossing the North Sea

Description: In 2014 and again in 2016 I participated in the Bergen to Shetland regatta which is a 200 nautical mile sailing race across the North Sea. Twenty foot waves, 20 knot winds, icy water, beautiful fjords, windswept landscapes, puffins and Shetland ponies were all part of this adventure.

September 24

Presenter: Becca Frager

Title: Oahu Search and Rescue

Description: Oahu Search and Rescue (OSAR) is a nonprofit devoted to wilderness search, rescue, and education. Learn about OSAR and the importance of SAR worldwide.

**May 2016 Board Meeting
Public Relations Committee Report
Period Covered: April 2016
(submitted by Barb Bruno)**

1. Welcome Udom to the PR committee. The committee now consists of Udom, Thea & Barb.
2. We exchanged emails with 8 people during the month of April . Topics covered include:
 - General hiking questions (2)
 - Do you allow dogs?
 - Do you hike on weekdays?
 - Is there a club like ours on the big island?
 - Which hikes have plane crashes?
 - Can I bring a group of 50-100 to volunteer on trail-clearings?
 - One person from Auckland Tramping Club visit asked a logistical (non-hiking) question
3. Christi Moore (who is the hanai niece of Dick Davis) visited the clubhouse, hosted by Keala and Justin. She sent a thoughtful thank you email.

1. Housekeeping.

I met with Nate to check that he would be updating the website to show the new officers and committee chairs. After some delays, this should now be complete (thanks to Barb for following up in my absence). Signatures at the Bank of Hawaii have also been updated.

2. Patrick Rorie Article

We were informed of some of the repercussions to Patrick's article in the last newsletter at the April meeting. I wrote a response to clarify that this was an opinion piece and not HTMC policy and submitted it to the army conservation program and the Dale Turner UH listserv. I naturally also cc'd Patrick. He was a little upset and asked if he could post his submission on the HTMC website. I told him he could ask the board officially to agree to that request but that I would not support it--not because of the ideas presented but because I do not imagine the Board will want members to use our website as a blogging opportunity. As of May 17, Patrick has not submitted such a request to me, but however this issue proceeds, I feel the Board does need to ensure that the rules for publication in the newsletter are clear, as are the uses members can make of our website.

Property Maintenance Report May 2016

The club house is still standing! Ha

1. We had three termite companies come out and give quotes for fumigation

Quotes are attached.

Aloha is the cheapest fumigation price.

We are still waiting on additional ground treatment prices

We would like to get this accomplished this summer. Can we get a budget approved so we can move forward? \$1,500 for fumigation and \$1,600 for ground treatment.

2. Trimming of coconut trees need to be done. Starfarms Services has done this in the past and can do the 11 tall trees for \$660.00. Cost is higher because the coconuts are large. If we keep a schedule of every six months the cost will be \$440.00 for trimming the 11 trees.
3. The lighting in the hau arbor needs to be fixed and or arranged so that there are no extension cords and taped up cords.
4. Installing an outlet for the washing machine and remove cord passing thru the wall
5. We are thinking of putting a 'FIX IT, PLEASE' book on the desk for members to note problems in. Helpers can check off what they took care of and date.
6. We would like to have the workdays put on the on-line calendar for people to see and come out and help

7. We would like to into start replacing the existing jalousie windows upstairs with the vinyl type

Schedule Committee Report for BOD Meeting, 5/18/16

The committee met last week and reviewed/revised the hike and entertainment writeups for the 3rd quarter.

They reviewed the information on the Waianae endangered plant exclosure incident. See the trails committee report for more details.

The only members in attendance were Stuart Ball and Steve Brown.

HAWAIIAN TRAIL & MOUNTAIN CLUB
HIKES CONDUCTED BETWEEN MAR 16, 2016 & APR 20, 2016

MAR 20 SUN 8:30 AM PUPUKEA-PAUMALU, COORDINATOR FRED BOLL
MEMBERS - 24, GUESTS - 4, KIDS - 0

Fred's note - The Pupukea-Paumalu Hike went well with no incidents to report.

MAR 26 SAT 8:30 AM KAIPAPAU MAKAI, COORDINATOR RON MILLER
MEMBERS - 14, GUESTS - 4, KIDS - 0

Ron's report - This hike went very well with no incidents to report. The weather was perfect and visibility was excellent. All participants made it to the second bunker and enjoyed lunch with magnificent views of the windward side.

MAR 27 SUN 8:30 AM (MEMBERS) KAWAIOLOA RIDGE, COORDINATOR DARRELL TERUYA
MEMBERS - 12

Darrell's report - Mostly clear skies, warm day. Good trail conditions except near the summit. Start time 9:15A. Last hikers out 4:00P with 12:30P stipulated turnaround time. Was fortunate to have Wil assisting. Thanks to Tony Morlock for providing us with the combination to the gates on the road leading to the trailhead.

APR 2 SAT 8 AM WAIMANO POOL, COORDINATOR RICH BAILEY
MEMBERS - 8, GUESTS - 4, KIDS - 0

Rich's report -

Left trail head by 8:15am. Good idea to start this hike early since it can get crowded. Very little wind and lots of vog in the mountains. I lead the group in while Elaine sweep. It took us about 20 mins to reach junction with summit trail. We continued right down to Waimano Valley and after about 1/2 hour arrived at the bottom. Trail was very dry but in fairly good condition all the way down with only a few ungraded spots that could use some maintenance work. At the bottom we found no water flow and the pools were pretty low. Some other non-HTMC hikers had dogs swimming in the pools but no hikers ventured in. We had snacks and chatted for about 15 mins before I lead group back up the same way we came in. Took less than an hour to return to trail head. Saw quite a few people headed to the "pools" on our way back. Everyone seemed to have a good time and Elaine and I got lots of compliments on leading the hike and creating a sociable atmosphere for people. Thus at around 10:15am successfully ended my first HTMC hike as a coordinator.

APR 10 SUN 8 AM LANIPO, COORDINATOR KAREN LILIKER
MEMBERS - 21, GUESTS - 12, KIDS - 0

Karen's report -

Assistant: Quintin Bray

Twenty members and eleven Guests met at Lanipo trailhead at 0800. Hike briefing was given and a majority of hikers began hiking by 0810. After a few late arrivals Quintin and I departed at 0820.

Conditions were good with light winds and a mostly dry trail. We had a combination of sunny and overcast with a couple light rain showers to cool things off.

Since Lanipo is an out and back hike about half of the hikers opted to turn around before reaching the summit. Everyone who got to the summit departed well before the 1200 turn-around time, so Quintin and I started the sweep at 1210 and finished the hike at 1445. Everyone had already departed and car licenses were checked. Several people had texted us that they made it out ok.

Many hikers commented on and thanked the trail clearers for the exceptional condition of the trail today. Thanks to all those that helped clear the trail!

APR 16 SAT 8:30 AM MOO KAPU O HALOA, COORDINATOR JOHN HALL

MEMBERS - 36, GUESTS - 84, KIDS - 0

John's narrative –

Assistant: Peter H. Kempf

Attendance: 36 members, 84 guests, Total = 120 people.

Donations: \$ 131.00 (expected for 84 guests, \$ 252.00)

The Ranch people were quite concerned about our hike this Saturday, since a cruise ship was in port and they expected a large party of visitors to be entertained on the property. They asked us to post a map of the area behind the buildings where they wanted our people to park, on our web site, and gave me permission to put up a sign at the entrance to the Ranch indicating the way to the pavilion where we meet. They also asked me to be sure that everyone understood that there would be no vehicles available to pick up exhausted hikers, so that anyone who began to tire should turn around and walk back under their own power while they were still able to do so. I cautioned the group not to try to flag down any of the jungle-buggies for a ride, as this really annoys the Ranch people and is unfair to the paying guests. Peter and I arrived at the Ranch a bit before 7:30 AM and I posted the sign at the entrance and set up our sign-up sheets on a table in the pavilion. Other people began to arrive very shortly and by 8:00 AM we had quite a mob. Mao, the young man from the Ranch who agreed to come with their waiver forms and to collect the Ranch fees, had met us at the entrance, and I expected him to meet us at the pavilion soon, but he did not arrive there until 8, and soon had a long line of people signing in and paying. It appeared that he might still be signing people in until well after 8:30, when we wanted to start the hike, so Peter suggested that he should start off with the faster people who had signed both forms and were ready to go, while I waited for the rest and the ones who wanted to go at a slower pace. As it turned out, my group was only a few hundred yards behind his when we left. Before we left, I read the legal caution from our attorneys and went over the instructions about Ranch vehicles, as well as giving a brief account of the significance of the ahupua'a of Kualoa in old Hawai'i. Then we all hit the trail. The time was a little past 8:30 AM. Peter led and I acted as sweep. My group reached the first look-out point just as Peter's group was ready to leave it. I discussed the names of the peak and ridge, and what they meant, and the creation legend involving Haloa, and then we followed the first group. At the next look-out I stopped to drink my cappuccino and pointed out the Nanahoa pinnacle, and gave the legend about its origin. Then we continued. The trail was in very good shape, thanks to the efforts of our trail crew and other volunteers two weeks earlier. My talk about monitoring their own fitness and turning around when appropriate seems to have been efficacious, since all the hikers I was following appeared to be in good shape, and none were really lagging. At the final road junction, where we follow a jeep road up to the trail leading over the saddle, I found Teena Urban (one of our Solemates hikers) waiting for me. We planned to turn around at this point and return together. Peter had gone to the top of the saddle and made sure that everyone had reached that point and descended the other side, and then he returned to our side. Ideally, I would have preferred to follow the group over the saddle and down Ka'a'awa Valley, although this is getting to be a rather strenuous length of hiking for me now, but Peter, who ordinarily would have led the group down Ka'a'awa, was just over a cold, and wanted to cut the day short, as he didn't feel completely recovered. I had ridden out with him. So we 3 returned to the pavilion, arriving there about 11:30 AM. Hikers who had completed the entire circuit began coming in very shortly, and we must have had 8 or 10 already back before noon, a very good pace for a hike of well over 7 miles, some of it on fairly rough trails. I should mention that there was some confusion over who was or wasn't a member of the Club. Apparently, there is a Hawai'i Hiking Club (or something like that) which is Pat Rorie's New Hope Church group, I think. (Pat wasn't there.) Many of these people seemed to have the idea that as a "sister" club, they could sign our sheets as members, and quite possibly some of them did. Peter kept telling them to sign the Guest sheet, and most of those did, but they may have felt that as "members" they didn't need to donate the \$ 3.00 that we request, which may account for the relatively small fraction who did donate (entirely speculation on my part) although at the time it seemed that I was being deluged with contributions! Anyway, Peter and I left shortly after noon. I wish I had been able to follow the last of the hikers down Ka'a'awa Valley, as I should have, although once they had descended from the saddle and reached the jeep roads there seemed to be very little possibility of mishap, and with a group this size, strung out over

several miles of road, it is impossible for the leader to keep an eye on any but a small fraction of the group in any case. I trust that everyone arrived back at the cars safely, and have heard nothing to the contrary. It was a lovely day, not too hot, and with a bit of a shower near the end of the morning. In all, I think it went quite well.

APR 17 SUN 8 AM (MEMBERS) MANOA MIDDLE, COORDINATOR STEVE DAVIS
MEMBERS - 12

Steve's report – 12 people hiked Manoa Middle today including myself. The rain was on and off all morning, often heavy. 1 person made it to the summit ahead of everyone else and completed the loop across the summit trail and down Olympus/Kolowalu. 8 of us made it to the summit of Manoa Middle and returned back the same way after the rain got heavier and we started hearing what sounded like thunder coming from the windward side. The remaining three made it part of the way up and turned back. Everyone was out by about 12:30 making it an early day. Everyone enjoyed the hike and there were no incidents. Thanks to Justin for his assistance.

Total Hikes - 7

Average # of Hikers per Hike – 34

Steve received an email from Ryan Peralta, State Forestry Forest Management Supervisor. Ryan is the one who issues many of the permits and keys that we get from Forestry. Ryan forwarded an email (shown below) from Susan Ching, Oahu Island Coordinator, Plant Extinction Prevention Program, Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit/UH, along with his comments.

Aloha Steve,

Please see the note below. While we are not accusing the HTMC of this activity, it does reasonably seem like HTMC was involved. Could you please make sure that HTMC trail clearing participants do not go inside the Hesperomannia enclosure or similar enclosures during trail cleaning projects? We really appreciate all the work that you folks do, and acknowledge that the best of intentions were there. However, in a worse case scenario, should the plant be harmed during the maintenance by HTMC, HTMC and its participants would have to go to Federal Court. Let's try to avoid that.

Mahalo and have a good day!

Ryan Keala Ishima Peralta

Aloha Ryan,

I just wanted to send a note regarding the Hesperomannia fence at Waianae Kai. We were there April 7th and then again on April 21st. On our second visit it looked like HTMC had been trail clearing. But someone had also flagged along the trail to mark the Hesperomannia fence. We also noticed recent foot traffic inside the fence and someone had broken a few native plants in order to walk down to see the wild plant. There had also been some weed control around the wild plant that I feel was too close for someone to do without supervision.

As a designated manager for this species and for this fence within the Waianae Kai Forest Reserve, I don't recommend folks going inside the fence to view the wild plant or doing any

management without communication/supervision. If they want to view a rare species I am asking that they please contact me or the Oahu Botanist to get a volunteer trip organized.

Mahalo,
Susan

Steve Brown emailed Ryan, “Thanks for the heads up. I’ll make some inquiries about this, and will forward the information on the importance of responsible conduct to the folks doing trail maintenance.”

Steve Brown emailed Waianae Steve, including all the pertinent information from Ryan & Susan’s email, since Waianae Steve is very familiar with the area.

Here’s Waianae Steve’s response –

As for the *Hesperomannia indecent* I doubt if it was HTMC. The Ka`ala hike never crosses the fence as far as I know. HTMC marked w/purple ribbon. If it was any other color it was not HTMC.

If the board or the trail maintenance committee has any additional comments, they will be included in a second followup email to Ryan and Susan.

**HAWAIIAN TRAIL & MOUNTAIN CLUB
Treasurer's Report May 2016**

Fidelity Investments 2016

April

Beginning value as of April 1, 2016:	\$ 86,467.67
Withdrawals (-)	0.00
Change in investment value	+ 964.18
Ending value as of April 30, 2016:	\$87,431.85

Fidelity Funds Account – Capital Improvement:	\$ 33,841.67
Fidelity Funds Account – Preservation:	<u>53,590.18</u>
Total Portfolio Value as of April 30:	\$87,431.85

First Hawaiian Bank [Bonus Checking]

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2016:	\$ 24,239.81
Deposits and credits (+):	\$+ 922.07
Withdrawals (-):	<u>\$ - 207.10</u>
Ending FHB balance as of April 30:	\$24,954.78

First Hawaiian Bank [Free Business Checking]

Beginning balance as of 04/01/16	\$ 100.00
Deposits and credits: None	
Ending FHB balance as of April 30 :	\$ 100.00

Bank of Hawaii

Beginning balance as of 04/01/16:	\$ 10,347.64
Deposits: None	
Ending BOH balance as of April 30:	\$10,347.64

PayPal (payments@htmlclub.org)

Beginning balance as of 04/01/16 :	\$ 3,251.53
Payments received (+): None	
Fees (-): None	
Ending PayPal balance as of April 30:	\$ 3,251.53

Total Balance as of 04/30/2016:	<u>\$126,085.80</u>
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[Total Balance as of 04/01/16: \$124,406.65]

Taxable Fidelity dividends/capital gains (2016):	\$467.39
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