



MINUTES: JUNE 22, 2016 (7:00PM)
Board of Directors Meeting
Waimanalo Clubhouse

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

Others present: Mike Algiers, Steve Brown, Jim Yuen.

1. Call to order at 7:05 PM
2. Motion to approve minutes from May 2016: Approved unanimously.
3. No change to order of business.
4. Reports:

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

5. Old Business

- A. Board of Directors retreat. Given that the board has only one completely new member and that it is difficult to find a time for board members to meet outside regular board meetings, it was decided that the president would e-mail members and ask for specific goals and/or concerns for the board to address. The responses will be discussed initially at the July board meeting.

6. New Business

- A. Motion to approve Chelsea Abril, Austin Cohrs, and Jeff Tanaka as new members (see membership report). Passed unanimously.
- B. The club needs to consider the cost of sending out glossy-print newsletter when many members probably prefer to read and download the material from

the web page. Signing up for the paperless preference on the webpage appears to be problematic, and the president will follow up on this. One solution may be to ask those who want to continue to receive a hard copy to pay more for their annual membership dues.

- C. The president will follow up on the suggestion that we offer HTMC sponsored first aid responder courses for HTMC members.
- D. There is a problem with out of state and off island hikers contacting officers via the web page about finding hiking partners etc. It was decided that the president needs to add an explicit notice on the web page (see president's report) and make the officer email addresses on the web page available to HTMC members only. A similarly clear notice on the web page should direct local TV companies and other media outlets seeking comments (on hiking accidents, for example) to the designated PR person.
- E. Motion to renew our annual subscription to the American Hiking Society (\$50). Passed unanimously, but member benefits need to be posted on the web page.
- F. Need to update list of those able to access HTMC google docs. President will endeavor to contact Chase Norton to ask for a report on the computer, scanner, and scanned material.

7. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting is July 20, 2016

8. Adjournment at 8:10 pm.

June 22, 2016 President's Report

1. Board Retreat: I have consulted the Vice-President on this issue. Given that the Board has seen only one new member since the last retreat and that finding a time we can all make has proven difficult, I ask that individual Board members e-mail me their particular concerns and/or wish-to-do items for the upcoming year. We can then discuss these at the July meeting (and if more complex issues are raised, we may decide to start the July meeting a little earlier).
2. Newsletter: The membership committee, in a recent email, seemed to be of the opinion that the glossy quarterly newsletter, sent to members by snail-mail, is not only worth continuing in that form but that the annual dues exist largely to cover the associated costs. I am not so sure that many members want to receive the printed newsletter (and if they do, then not necessarily on such expensive paper). Most of the people I have asked prefer an e-mailed version (or would simply consult our webpage). The webpage link to allow members to opt out of the printed newsletter does not seem to be working properly. Should the Board consider reviewing current practice and/or asking those members who wish to receive the newsletter in hardcopy format to pay additional membership fees (\$5) to cover the expenses?
3. First Aid Courses and Certification: Some HTMC members are certified through work, but most aren't. Hike coordinators should be as qualified as possible to deal with trail-related injuries or health events. Perhaps we should hold training sessions and encourage members to attend (on a potluck Saturday?).
4. Out of State Hikers E-mails: I have received two emails (and so did Steve Brown) from hikers seeking help with finding hiking partners (one listed his hiking qualification as completion, on his last visit, of the Haiku Stairs at 3:00AM to beat the guard). I am worried by the implications of some of these emails and, as the main source for them, the list of email contact addresses on the club website. To me, these addresses should be available to members only. I would also suggest we have a disclaimer on the website--something like the following:

To Non-Members and Out of State Hikers Seeking Information on Hiking on Oahu:

Please do not contact HTMC (or this website) with general hiking questions.

The website calendar lists those HTMC weekend hikes which are open to the public, and non-members and visiting hikers are always very welcome to join us on those occasions. However, HTMC does not organize, endorse, or promote any other hikes. Nor does it (or this website) provide a discussion forum or any link between non-members/visitors wishing to hike and individual HTMC members.

FYI: One of our members, Stuart Ball, is the author of the book *The Hiker's Guide to O'ahu*, available at all the usual outlets, in which you can find detailed descriptions of the state trails open to the public.

Entertainment Committee Report
June 2016

May 27, 2016

Event: Auckland Tramping Club

Subject: Sister Club in New Zealand inviting HTMC members to partake

Attendance: 62 people

Donation: \$28

Expenses: \$0 (Jeanne Furukawa made lei's for entire group!)

June 4, 2016

Event: Gear Exchange and Show & Tell

Subject: Share info/experiences/preferences re: hiking & camping gear

Attendance: 20

Donation: 16

Expenses: \$0

June 18, 2016

Event: Cayoneering Hawaii

Subject: Exploring Hawaii's remote waterfalls on Big Island, Maui & Oahu

Attendance: 55 people

Donation: \$55. Please note that \$50 went to the clubhouse for payment for Big Island presenter & guest to stay overnight 2 people @\$20 each + \$5 sheets = total \$50

Expenses: \$0 (Ti leaf lei's made for everyone)

Additional Expenses May/June:

ION BlockRock sound system via Costco purchased on 5.27.16 for \$157.06 as agreed by board at earlier board mtg.

HTMC Annual Membership Committee Report for

2015

Total members 525

Breakdown by membership type:

Regular 511

Associate 14

Breakdown by dues type:

Yearly 301

Add'l Family Member 60

Lifetime 164

Deceased members:

Nigel Robertson

Clyde Noble

New Lifetime members:

Christine Lanning

Monique Yenamandra

Total new members 56

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

1. We exchanged emails with 5 people during this month. Topics covered include:
 - Interested in joining a hike (general hiking questions)
 - Interested in becoming a member
 - A Navy command asked for recommendations on hikes with historical value, and volunteer opportunities with the club
 - Is there a club like ours on the big island? (2)

2. I will be away for almost the entire month of June with limited email access. During this time, Udom will take the lead on replying to PR emails.

Schedule Committee Report for BOD Meeting, 6/22/16

The committee met on June 8 and reviewed the final format of the 3rd quarter schedule. A number of corrections provided prior to the meeting by Barb Bruno had already been incorporated. A few minor corrections were made, including an adjustment to the length of the default time and location information for the entertainment write-ups, which will reduce the length of each of the 7 write-ups by one line.

HAWAIIAN TRAIL & MOUNTAIN CLUB
HIKES CONDUCTED BETWEEN APR 20, 2016 & MAY 18, 2016

APR 24 SUN 9 AM KAHANA VALLEY, COORDINATOR LARRY LEE
MEMBERS - 17, GUESTS - 9, KIDS - 0

Larry's report –

The trail is in good shape thanks to the trail clearers and Ken's marines. The last were out by 3 p.m. Justin assisted me.

Comments:

1. Recommend putting in schedule: "Reservations are not required. Just show up at the designated time." Reason: I received quite a few unnecessary calls and emails for reservations.
2. Recommend putting in the schedule for future Kahana Valley hikes: "Expect mud and slippery conditions, mosquitoes, stream crossings and possible rain." Reason: These are always the conditions on this hike and quite a few guest hikers (and some members) were not prepared. Many were lucky that Justin had cut hiking poles for them.
3. Meeting at 9 a.m. works well. Hike is short, so there's still plenty of time to complete hike.
4. Recommend stating prominently in schedule and in pre-hike announcements for all hikers to wait until after the coordinator's orientation before leaving to hike. (Or, at least have it stated for all of my future hikes.) Reason: The fast hikers left before the orientation. I was able to only stop Barney's car before realizing the rest, Janice, Don and Steve Haus, had already left. After telling Barney to wait next time until after the orientation, I let him go. 1) The other hikers watched as they were driving off to the trailhead and it wasn't fair that they had to wait for the orientation, since everyone is anxious to start the hike. 2) Also, it's disrespectful and rude to the coordinator. 3) Those who leave early miss important info re trail conditions and routes, and other special info that may pertain to the hike. 4) The practice creates an elitism and a privileged class among the hikers. 5) Those who leave early are not present to acknowledge the waiver agreement.
5. I forgot to send you the sign-in sheets and donations (\$24) for my last Kuaokala hike on 3/12/16, so I'm sending you both sets of sheets and a check for \$53.
6. I left my ribbons up on the loops, but removed all at the 4-way Junction and at the fork at the bamboo grove. Reason: The Nakoia loop is well marked anyway and you can't get misled so the ribbons do no harm but help as confidence ribbons. The lower valley loop needs the ribbons for anyone hiking there, especially, at the stream crossings. The ribbons at the junctions were removed so there is no suggestion as to which way to go and the decision to go in any direction is left to the discretion of the hiker.

APR 30 SAT 8:30 AM KAWAEWAE, COORDINATOR DAYLE & JACQUE TURNER
MEMBERS - 10, GUESTS - 14, KIDS - 2

Dale's narrative –

- **10 members:** Dayle Turner, Tom Whitaker, Rich Johnson, Maya Sunponglo, William Coke, Rob Robinson, Jennie Chadbourne, Judy Park, Larry Lee, Marisa Benson.
- **14 guests:** Nathaniel Harter, Jason Heleski, Jason Tsukamoto, Daniel Dawson, Sue Nixon, Brent Nixon, Erin Nakashima, Yogesh, Matt Stiles, Bill Snyder, Michele Koenig, Philipp Walter, Jay Harty, Krista Harty.
- **2 kids:** Wyatt Coke, Noah Harty

We parked on Malulani Street then walked up Kokokahi Place to the trailhead at Friendship Garden. We then hiked from Friendship Garden to the highest point on Kawaewae Ridge (aka Kokokahi Ridge or Oneawa Hills). This is 1.5 miles and close to 1000 feet of elevation gain. We continued another half mile on the ridge from the high point, descending to a saddle then climbing once again to another high point. A handful of folks turned back there. Meanwhile, the rest descended a spur ridge to an area by Kawaewae Heiau, with a few even visiting the heiau.

From the heiau, instead of contouring in the foothills at the base of Kawaewae Ridge, there was a steep climb (900 foot elevation gain) back to the high point of Kawaewae Ridge on a trail that was recently re-opened. It is suggested that we continue to use this steep trail as part of the Kawaewae hike in lieu of the contour trail which has become beset with access issues.

In my prehike briefing, I could have done a better job describing the trail, especially the steep ascent back to the high point from the heiau. At least one hiker told me she would not have descended the trail to the heiau if she had known about the steep climb thereafter.

Assistant: Larry Lee

MAY 1 SUN 8 AM (MEMBERS) WAIANAE-KAALA, COORDINATOR UDOM STAMEGNA
MEMBERS - 18

Udom's narrative -

I got to the meet up point BOH about 7:15AM having breakfast and a cup of joe :) About 7:40 it began to rain but hikers still trickling in, by 8am I have 17 hikers signed up for the hike.

I gave my speech and then we convoyed up to the trail head. Since it's an in/out hike, I was the sweep.

I caught up with Ms. Rudy at the end of the road, she started early and didn't sign in and made her turn around down in the valley before the big climbs (she kept in contact via walkie/talkie).

5 hikers went up as far as the 3 poles and turned around from there, 12 hikers continue to the summit, it was clear as a bell, overcast, with some very nice breeze.

On my way down the clouds started to roll in, we got rained on before we hit the "Boulders" around 2pm. With some precaution we got through it safe and sound. We got back to the cars about 4:15pm, everyone was already down and gone. I was with Richard Bailey and Elaine Lemons.

Great day for hiking Kaala today, perfect weather, not hot and everyone who make it to the summit had a 360 views. The Lobelia was blooming and we saw lots of snails.

The trail clearing crew did a great job clearing and putting in steps on the erosion section. Big Mahalo to them!!

MAY 8 SUN 8:30 AM WAIMALU DITCH, COORDINATOR JUSTIN OHARA
MEMBERS - 17, GUESTS - 13, KIDS - 0

Justin's Notes -

The Waimalu hike went well despite an oversight on my part. The website listed Kaahumanu Street instead of Kaonohi Street as the trail head. Fortunately, Larry Lee noticed the error and met anyone who went to the top of Kaahumanu Street and redirected them to the Kaonohi Street trail head. As a result, all but one person was able to make the hike. There were 28 hikers on the hike. The hiking conditions were one of the best I have seen for the Waimalu ditch hike. The trail was cleared wider than usual all the way. The trail was also dry despite rains earlier in the week and the day started out with a cool

breeze. Except of the trail head error there were no incidents and everyone was safely out by about 2:00 PM. Many of the regulars commented this was the best Waimalu ditch hike they recall. Thank you trail clearers and Larry Lee.

MAY 14 SAT 8:30 AM WAIMEA VALLEY, COORDINATOR PETER KEMPF
MEMBERS - 10, GUESTS - 6, KIDS - 0

John's report for Peter –

The day was overcast and threatening, although in fact, there was virtually no rain until we were driving home, and the cool weather made for excellent hiking conditions. We met in the first parking lot at 8:30 and Peter described the hike. He collected the Park fees and had the hikers sign the Park waiver forms, while John had them sign the HTMC forms and collected donations from non-members. A little before 9:00, Peter led the group up toward the trailhead while John turned in the Park fees and waivers at the entrance kiosk and then joined them. Our plan was for John to climb to the top of Kaluahole ridge and idle along that ridge ready to escort any hikers who wished to turn back rather than doing the loop down to the cars again, while Peter took the rest around the loop.

One hiker, Janice, suffered from asthma and was as slow climbing the side of the ridge as John (with his A-fib) was. John stopped at the top to drink his cappuccino while Janice and her husband, Roy, continued on. She was able to maintain a reasonably good pace on level or downhill sections. John then continued up the ridge at a leisurely pace and caught up to them in about ½ hour. We were making fairly good time and they wanted to do the loop, so I stayed with them and we reached the bottom where we had to cross the stream by a little after 11:15. Unfortunately, at this point, I was confused about where to cross, and we floundered around in the brush for about 45 minutes trying to find the continuation of the trail. I finally realized that Roy had been right in the first place in thinking that a ribbon on our side marked the crossing even though the ribbon on the far side was not evident until we were half way across. This error on my part meant that we did not catch up to the rest of the group while they were paused for lunch.

However, we did cross successfully and found the trail up the far side, and stopped for lunch on the soft needles of the ironwood grove. Then we continued to the top of Kalaha'e ridge and down the jeep road. The Park is building an enclosure on the top of this ridge for native forest restoration, and this fence blocks the switchback trail that we built a few years ago to avoid the rock-fall and undercut part of the old trail, so we had to revert to this old trail (which is not really a problem) to gain the switchbacks through the coffee trees that takes us to the road out at the bottom of the valley. We returned to the parking lot about 2:30, an hour or so after the bulk of the hikers had emerged.

Incidentally, when we were clearing the trail a week or so ago, I ran into a young guy who looked like he was Hawaiian, who was leading a young couple on a tour. We talked a bit and he said that the South ridge was not Kaluahole - that that was the ridge the wind farm was on, so I don't know what the correct Hawaiian name for the South ridge is, if he was right about this. I think the Park people said it was Kaluahole, so we might as well use that name.

MAY 15 SUN 8:30 AM (MEMBERS) KAAU CRATER, COORDINATOR RALPH VALENTINO
MEMBERS - 15

Ralph's narrative –

14 hikers parked back in Palolo Valley (near the Meditation center) for today's hike.

Skies were partly cloudy, and there was a light rain in the previous 24 hours, but nothing to be concerned about.

Just prior to 8:30 (most of the hikers were there by 8 am) I advised the hikers of the dangers of this trail, basically falling/slipping or the trail crumbling beneath them.

Off they went by 8:35.

The trail sections were very well cleared by the TM Crew, and even where no clearing was performed, the trail was in good shape due to heavy traffic. In 3 different weekends, I've counted well over 20 hikers (beyond HTMC people) on this trail on any given weekend day.

We walked up the stream, climbing past the first 2 waterfalls, and up the third to the crater. Most of the group continued to the right up the ridge to the summit trail. Others headed left at the crater junction to cut the hike short and hike out down the ridge.

The views at the summit were partly cloudy, but views did open up. The trail up that ridge was in good shape, with only a few muddy sections giving any issue.

The summit crossover was easy, with a few webbing placed on some downhill sections to help get by. The west ridge going down was cleared almost to the top by some crazy weed whacker, so heading down that side was easy.

Although less than 6 miles, this trail does take time mostly due to the rigors of climbing up next to, or in waterfalls, and the many slippery sections.

This is still a dangerous trail and should be kept in a Members Only status. Although the club turnout seemed small, it is quite a popular trail, and several folks have thanked me personally when I was clearing it (on different weekends). The meeting time of 8:30 am seemed to work out fine, with all exiting by 3:15 pm.

Thanks again to the TM Crew for doing such a good job, especially along that water pipe.

Total Hikes - 6

Average # of Hikers per Hike - 22