



**Minutes – January 20, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting
Waimanalo Clubhouse**

Board Members: Guy Archer, John Braum, Barb Bruno, Chase Norton, Laura Owens, Bob Robinson
Absent: Quintin Bray

Others present: Mike Algiers, Steve Brown, Keala Dominski (7:15), Richard Nettell

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM
2. Motion to approve minutes from December 2015 approved unanimously.
3. No change to order of business

Written report? (Y, N)	Officers & Committees	Spokesperson	Notes
Y	President	Barb	
Y	Treasurer	Guy	
Y	Membership	Lynne	
Y	Trails	Steve Brown	
Y	Schedule	Steve Brown	
Y	Trail Maintenance	Mike	
N	Clubhouse	Justin	Dec & Jan report will be available at the February Board meeting.
N	Endowment	Jim	No change to the Endowment balance to report.
N	Website	Nate Luzod	
N	Da Kine Kokua	Alaina	
Y	Entertainment	Hawkins	
N	Property Maintenance	Bob Rob	
N	Conservation	Quintin	
Y	Books and Records	Chase	
Y	Public Relations	Chase	

4. Old Business

A. A security camera system for HTMC clubhouse is available commercially for about \$500 which will record 24 hours. The Board is still undecided as to whether such a system is needed.

B. The bylaws committee recommendations have been completed and a special membership meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 PM on January 30, 2016 at the clubhouse. This was announced in the newsletter and to the email listserv.

C. At Aug 2015 board meeting, a motion was passed to open an account with Vanguard for the investment of the endowment and preservation funds. Jim Yuen is reviewing the forms and will report to the Board in February.

5. New Business

A. Approval of 3 new members: (see membership report). Accepted unanimously.

B. Approval of donations received: \$110 (see membership report). Accepted unanimously.

C. Several board members (Bob, Guy, Laura) have terms ending in 2016. HTMC has had a nomination committee (NM) charged with soliciting nominations. Richard Nettell will

- i. Find out who is on the nomination committee (NM).
- ii. Update the google drive accordingly.
- iii. Ask the NM to seek nominations for 3 board member spots as well as seek volunteers for open committee chair positions (PR, Property Maintenance).

D. Motion: To hire Alison Nelson to perform the 2015 HTMC Accounting Audit. (Her proposal was emailed to all board members for review prior to the meeting.) Approved unanimously.

E. Motion: To convert the small room on second floor of clubhouse into an office. Approved unanimously. To be completed before the annual meeting.

5. Announcements:

Next Meeting is Feb 17.

6. Adjournment at 8:20pm.

Books and Records Report - January 20th 2016
Committee Chair - Chase Norton

During the month of December,

- B&R worked with the entertainment committee to provide photos and imagery for the Luau.
- Camera - \$499 - \$899
- Discussed and working with Nate Luzod regarding a members only release of scanned images for viewing.
- Set up a meeting with Peter Young to bring him into the committee. He expressed extreme interest of helping with archival purposes in exchange for access (not rights) to our history.

HTMC Entertainment Committee Report
December 2015/January 2016

December 19, 2015

Event: HTMC Holiday Luau

Topic: Reviving a historic tradition at the HTMC Clubhouse

Attendance: 80

Donation: \$34

Expenses: \$435.46 (please double check \$ with Guy Archer as he wrote the checks)

HTMC HOLIDAY LUAU EVENT DETAILS

Entertainment:

MC: Larry Lee

HTMC Club Song performed by: Richard Bailey & Elaine Lemons

Musicians: Bernard Kalua & Daughter -. \$200

Door Prizes:

Patagonia - two backpacks & two rain jackets - donated (via Thea)

Go Banana's - two kayak rentals, two filtered water bottles, two dry bags - donated

Cairn - Surprise of backpacking goodies in a box (Donated)

McCully Bikes - two gift certificates

Cash Prizes - \$20 x 3 envelopes - total \$60 from an HTMC member

Books - A Hiker's Guide to Trailside Plants by John Hall (Donated 6 copies)

Book - The Hikers Guide to O'ahu by Stuart M. Ball \$17.26 (via Amazon)

Kangaroo Emergency Thermal Blankets (Pack of 10) \$8.95 (via Amazon)

Justin Ohara Donation +\$25

Decorations:

Poinsettias (5) for table decorations \$29.28 (via Koolau Farmers)

Nametags \$4.15 (via amazon)

printed holiday luau program - 100 copies on green paper \$37.70 (via UPS Store)

Donation: Ti leaf lei's with orchids by Mrytle Wong's friend Ruth Ikeda

Lei's for volunteers: \$61.30 (via MaunaKea Lei's & Flowers - Thea)

Food:

Plates & Cutlery \$29.82 (via costco)

Justin Ohara donation: +\$75

Warming trays & Sterno \$47 (via costco - Keala)

HTMC HOLIDAY LUAU LOGISTICS

Seating:

- Under the Hau tree shelter: 8 picnic tables & benches
- Under Myrtle Wong's 20'x20' tent: 6 tables (2 picnic with benches & 4 donated folding tables & htmc plastic chairs)

Entertainment

- (2) 10x10 tents - donated by Thea Ferentinos
- Sounds system set up provided by Bob Tyson (speakers upstairs & downstairs)
- HTMC hike looping slideshow of images of 2015 hikes donated from members

Welcoming Table - 10x10 tent - donated by Larry Lee

Food Served:

- downstairs: savory food on 3 long tables
- upstairs: dessert
- Members prepared from scratch guided by Myrtle Wong: Squid Luau, Laulau, Poi, Kalua Pig & Haupia (Roy Tanaka via fallen HTMC coconuts)

January 16, 2016

Event: Linny Morris

Topic: Trek Salkantay six-day Mountain Lodges of Peru & Machu Pichu

Attendance: 35

Donation: \$36

Expenses: \$8

Ongoing goal 2016:

Working with Nate Luzod to add an EVENT page to the HTMC website. The page will help promote the events, provide information to members and non members and hopefully entice presenters to sign up to volunteer for future presentations. This system will make the Entertainment Committee run more smoothly and efficiently.

On the page:

1. List of events
2. General information about HTMC events
3. Clickable sign up form for future presenters

HTMC Membership Report

January 2016

New Member Nominations:

Marissa Berman

Heather Fry

Haifan Huang

Sponsor Signatures

Larry Lee & Jennie Chadbourne

Justin Ohara & Peg Foster

Dale Yoshizu & Udom Stamegna

January Donations - \$ 110.00

Committee Notes:

Margie Stercho donated \$50, although she isn't a member and plans to join this year because she says "Your club looks very well organized and has good variety of trails to hike".

President Report – January 2016
(submitted by Barb Bruno)

1. Jeannie Furukawa has invited Auckland Tramping Club (ATC) to come to Hawaii in late May, to celebrate our new sister relationship. Assuming they come, they will be staying at the clubhouse May 21 (potluck that evening) and May 22 (day hike). Then, she'll be leading a Haleakala backpack.
2. Kamehameha Schools and the State of Hawaii are no longer listed as additional insureds on our insurance policy. This is in violation of our right of entry agreements. Wil (our insurance liaison) is working with the insurance company to correct his error.
3. I've very much enjoyed serving as HTMC president for the past year – thank you for the opportunity. I will not be seeking reelection next year, and I encourage other board members to run.

Public Relations January 2016
Committee Chair - None

During the month of December, Chase Norton requested to resign from the chair of PR due to being a board member and chair of another committee. He has requested that we allow the use of the email communication services set up by Nate Luzod to search for a new chair.

Schedule Committee Report for BOD Meeting, 1/13/16

The committee selected the preliminary hikes, coordinators and trail maintenance dates for the 2nd quarter. For the special request from Barb for a hike on May 22 when the Auckland Tramping Club, hosted by Jeannie, will be joining us, we picked Kamananui. We included Lanipo among the hikes, at the request of Karen. For National Trails Day on Saturday June 4, Stuart will be leading Kealia.

Steve is tracking the comments he has received in response to change to no meeting at the palace. There have been one negative and one positive.

Trail Maintenance Report Dec 2015 to Jan 2016
(Submitted by Mike Algiers)

The following trails were cleared from late December 2015 to mid January 2016

20 Dec 2015 Kahekili (14 participants) This trail seems to be getting increased usage, so it is not as densely overgrown as in past visits. We had one weedwhacker and a hedgetrimmer for the lower portion of the trail, but the higher sections, where climbing is required, the clearing was done by hand. A small group of 5 cleared all the way to the waterfall, and the trail is passable. There is a new large fallen tree blocking the trail at one point, and a detour around it was required. In the future, perhaps some of it can be sawn away. The group at the bottom of the trail did some grubbing and put a switchback in one steep section. There some ropes in places which other hikers have put up, and they seemed to be in good condition (one bad rope was removed).

27 Dec 2015 Wahiawa Hills (22 participants) Because of the preceding heavy rain, there was concern about water level in the stream, so the group went counterclockwise, where the majority of the work was needed, and no stream crossing was required. The recent forest fire has left the ground bare in many areas, and an old contour trail was spied, which had previously been hidden by vegetation. A small group explored it for a distance, and feel that it could be a new hiking route up to the dam. When we reached the stream, it wasn't as deep as we had feared, so we easily crossed it and cleared to the usual lunch spot at the swimming hole. One crewmember had come clockwise, and reported that there was a large fallen tree which has taken out part of the trail, making it a bit dicey. Next clearing of this trail may require the digging of a by-pass.

3 Jan 2016 Godek – Jaskulski (17 participants) We normally start this trail at the basketball court, but it was decided to lead this hike differently this year by walking into the valley on the carriage road, and starting the hike at the State trail. This was to take advantage of the fact that the upper portion was somewhat cleared during the search for lost hiker Moke Pua. By clearing the upper portion of the trail it was felt that more of our hikers would be able to reach the summit, which they are not usually able to do. One weedwhacker made it at least half way there, and the remainder was cleared by hand, and is very passable.

10 Jan 2016 Mt Olympus (24 participants) Most of this trail is in clear condition, since it is getting heavy usage. We encountered MANY hikers throughout the day. Two weedwhackers cleared well beyond the fork (one machine lost a bolt & quit). There was a State sign which was falling over, so it was anchored more securely. The upper part of the trail is becoming very eroded and rutted. We tried to stem the damage by cutting some water drainages and installing a few wooden step, but the trail needs much more attention.

17 Jan 2016 Waianae Water Walls Water (20 participants) The crew weedwhacked the tall grass and followed this complicated maze of trails, clearing by hand, and marking the intended route. The main trails get little use except by hunters, and there are side trail which the hunters create which confuse the issue. The biggest achievement was just finding the proper way back out. But the proper trail is cleared well enough for the upcoming Club hike.

HAWAIIAN TRAIL & MOUNTAIN CLUB
HIKES CONDUCTED BETWEEN NOV 18, 2015 & DEC 16, 2015

NOV 21 SAT 8:30 AM PUU O HULU, COORDINATOR STUART BALL
MEMBERS -3 , GUESTS - 2, KIDS - 0

Stuart's report –

The turnout was low because of the dire weather prediction and a flash flood watch. Actually, the weather wasn't all that bad - cloudy with a Kona breeze and occasional rain and whiteout.

Lynne and I marked and cleared the trail on 11/19/15. In October a volunteer group against breast cancer had painted one of the bunkers pink (not so good), but had removed most of the trash from the bunkers and cleared the switchback trail (very good). We took out some more trash, so the trail looks nice. This hike has become very popular with locals, tourists from Ko Olina, and various meet-up groups.

NOV 22 SUN 8 AM (MEMBERS) PUU KEAHI A KAHOE, COORDINATOR BARB BRUNO
MEMBERS - 11

Barb's report –

We had 10 hikers join us on today's very wet hike, including Doug (who assisted). They may have looked like drowned rats, but they all got out safely. Today's plan was to do Puu Keahi a Kahoe (up Powerline; down Moanalua Middle Ridge). However, it was very wet, with more rain likely to come judging from the radar map, and the USGS water gage levels were high. Therefore, we decided to switch up the plan and hike Bridge 1 instead, which turned out to be a very good call - thanks to Mike and Janice for making this suggestion.

When we walked along the road toward the Bridge 1 trailhead, it seemed like we were walking in a stream. I had never seen the road so wet, and several hikers (who were long-time HTMC members) concurred.

We hiked up Bridge 1 trail to Tripler ridge and then walked along the ridge toward the Powerline trail. Everyone made it to the Tripler ridge at least as far as the "Twin Pines" summit. Some made it beyond the Marker 12 summit, but no one made it as far as the Powerline summit. The weather made it very slow going, esp. along the ridge. People had lunch at various points along the ridge, and everyone returned safely. About half the group exited around 12noon; the other half exited by 3pm.

The trail was well cleared beyond the Twin Pines summit, except for a short tall-grass section.

NOV 29 SUN 8 AM WAI AU, COORDINATOR UDOM STAMEGNA
MEMBERS - 19, GUESTS - 5, KIDS - 0

Udom's report –

Very tough !!! 24 hikers came out today to hike Wai au (including John Braum and I). The trail maintenance crew cleared just a tad over 3.5 miles, it was very overgrown with uluhe fern. All but 5 hikers stop where the trail clearing stop, the 5 avid hikers continue on to the summit. The last 2 just came out about 6:02PM, I've been keeping tab on them via text and phone.

Out of 24 hikers, 5 are non-member and I only collected \$11 (1 non-member gave me \$5) so 2 hikers didn't donate.

Laura went to the Palace at 8AM but no one was there so I start the hike about 8:05AM with turn around time at 12:30PM

Over all everyone enjoyed the hike, trail was great (up to 3.5 miles) weather was perfect except in the afternoon when it begins to rain, the summit hikers got wet and they mention trail was extra slippery. This is a nice trail, just wish we could clear it to the summit.

DEC 5 SAT 8 AM KAENA POINT WEST, COORDINATOR STEVE ROHRMAYR
MEMBERS - , GUESTS - , KIDS -

Steve's report –

The Ka`ena West hike went well. Approx 33 people showed up. Not sure of exact number as I already mailed in the sign up sheets. Pretty much divided even between members and non-members. There was a fast group as usual who blasted to the point in probably less than an hour.

I swept going out and lead a group into the sea cave where the road ends and into Battery 409. People really like Battery 409 even those that have been there before. A rope is needed for access and exit. I bring one and remove it after the hike. Some of the shorter ladies need help making the drop into the tunnel.

After exiting the tunnel we walked down along the fence to the north entrance and had a nice view of the native plants making a strong comeback w/the summer rains to add to winter rain. There were a few albatross flying and on the ground.

At the point there were two seals, no not NAVY SEALS LOL.....

We had lunch there and I led one group back to the cars. Some people decided to climb the ridge and view other military sites. Because there is no way anyone can get lost on this hike I didn't stay until all people returned to their cars.

DEC 6 SUN 8:30 AM (MEMBERS) KAWAIIKI, COORDINATOR JOHN BRAUM
MEMBERS - 16

John's report –

All went well and everyone made the whole hike. The weather was good.

First to say that the road after the last stream crossing and before the parking area was covers with large rocks, we were able to get through, but had to weave and bob

The trail was ok. A few muddy areas. There are some areas where the trail was covered with land slide material. Most passable and others we cleared.

I saw lots of signs of pigs digging up roots on the trail, but did not see any pigs or hunters. Maybe they should let hunters catch a few of the pigs

The aqueduct near the dam, footing's eroding at the base of the large arch on the dam side cause by the stream.

DEC 13 SUN 7:30 AM PUPUKEA SUMMIT, COORDINATOR LARRY LEE
MEMBERS - 22, GUESTS - 10, KIDS - 0

Larry's report –

The Pupukea Summit Hike on 12/13/15 went without incident. Despite the long road walk (5.2 mi. RT) and short trail (3 mi. RT), everyone seemed to have had a good time. Weather was sunny, trail was well cleared but very muddy.

The Kaunala section of the hike was skipped since it wasn't cleared or flagged.

Total Hikes - 6

Average # of Hikers per Hike - 21

It has come to the committee's attention that Kamehameha Schools and the State of Hawaii are no longer listed as additional insureds on our insurance policy. This is in violation of our right of entry agreements with Kamehameha Schools and of the annual trail maintenance permit issued by the state. It is requested that the board correct this error.

On Tuesday January 16, Mike and Steve will be attending a planning meeting with the Sierra Club Outings Committee to plan an agenda and discuss topics to be presented to Suzanne Case, DLNR Chair, when meeting with her later.