



**Minutes – March 16, 2016
Board of Directors Meeting
Waimanalo Clubhouse**

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

Absent: Chase Norton

Guests Present: Mike Algiers, Steve Brown, Keala Dominski, Laredo Muredo, Richard Nettell (via videolink), Udom Stamegna, Jim Yuen

1. Call to order at 7:02 PM
2. Motion to approve minutes from February 2016: Approved unanimously.
3. No change to order of business.

	Officers & Committees	Spokes-person	Notes
Y	President	Barb	
Y plus annual	Treasurer	Guy	
Y	Membership	Lynne	Committee and BOD need to discuss a junior member designation (bylaws restrict membership to 18+).
Y	Trails	Steve Brown	
Y	Schedule	Steve Brown	
Y	Trail Maintenance	Mike	
Y	Clubhouse	Justin	
Y	Endowment	Jim	Current balance: \$10,222.64
N	Website	Nate Luzod	
N	Da Kine Kokua		Alaina has stepped down as chair. Laura Owens has agreed to serve.
Y Plus annual	Entertainment	Hawkins	
N	Property Maintenance	Bob Rob	Low attendance (12) at last workday. JB updated electrical system. Bob, Steve, and Reese renovated office space. Discussion about termite control (tent vs. spot treatment).
N	Conservation	Quintin	
N	Books and Records	Chase	
Y	Public Relations		Chase has stepped down as chair. Barb is filling in until a new chair is identified.

4. Old Business

- A. 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 March on Endowment Fund only. Certificate of Good Standing shows we are incorporated (thru 8/11/26). We need someone longer-term to manage the account and be primary signer. Jim suggests Stuart Ball, with co-signer either Grant or Joyce Oka for the Vanguard account. Board passed identical motion unanimously.
Report on Preservation Fund is still outstanding.
- B. At the Jan 2016, a motion was approved to convert the small room on second floor of clubhouse into an office. It has been completed (see Prop Maintenance oral report in table above).
- C. At Feb board meeting, a motion was approved to establish an ad hoc nominations & elections committee, with Myrtle Wong as chair. The goal was to solicit nominations for 3 board member spots (which will become available in April 2016) and seek volunteers for open committee chair positions (PR, Property Maintenance). However, Myrtle declined. Justin will fill in for the elections part of the job, and Quintin volunteered to solicit more nominations.
- D. HTMC code of conduct is to offer guidelines on appropriate and inappropriate behavior during hikes and other club events. A draft produced by a subcommittee was sent to all hike coordinators and revised based on feedback received.
Motion: To approve the code of conduct, subject to future changes as deemed necessary, and post it on the website. Approved unanimously.
- E. Motion to transfer \$600/month to Fidelity for investment (\$200 each) into the Club's current mutual funds -- Spartan 500 Index Fund, Intermediate Bond Fund, and Fidelity Equity Dividend Income Fund. Guy to research answers, send his findings to the board at least a week before the April board meeting, and board will reconsider the motion at its April meeting.

1. New Business

- A. Motion to approve 9 new members (listed below) and reinstatement of 1 member (Elena Miyahira, membership expired 2013).

Juliet Azan
Tiranda M. Brown
Bob Hayes
Kristen Gagesch
William Keegan
Nora Kelly

Deana Nelson
Patrick Ohara
Maya Sunpongco

Note: Indigo Biggins is not currently eligible for membership, as he is under 18. Barb to follow up with Hawkins & Membership Committee.

- B. Motion to authorize entertainment committee to purchase a portable mic system such as [this one](#) (estimated cost is \$50, including shipping). On hold to see whether the mic we have is sufficient (it works and is in the office). Barb to follow up with Hawkins.
 - C. As requested by Steve Brown, a motion was presented to appoint a social media watchdog. This was motivated by difficulties in obtaining a KS Right of Entry permit due to social media posts by HTMC members and guests. Approved unanimously, with Quintin appointed. Steve B provided Quintin with table to record posts; Quint to report to board on a monthly basis.
2. Announcements:
- A. Annual meeting is April 3 at 2 pm.
 - B. Next Board Meeting is April 20 at 7pm.
 - C. Nigel Robertson's daughter, Lisa, is looking to hold a celebration of his life at the clubhouse – May 14, followed by a potluck.
3. Adjournment at 20:15pm.

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Clubhouse Committee Report for the Month of February 2016

1. The clubhouse took in \$526.00 for the month of February:
 - a. \$234.00 from HTMC members
 - b. \$292.00 from guests
2. There were 10 cases of people using the clubhouse for the day. This does not include:
 - a. 37 people for entertainment night.
 - b. 6 people for the board meeting.
 - c. 4 cases of people showing up to help maintain the clubhouse.
3. There were 41 cases of people staying at the clubhouse overnight.
 - a. 39 cases of members including the clubhouse resident.
 - b. 2 guests.
4. One member just left the clubhouse after staying 5-days. We recommend he not be permitted use of the clubhouse over night or as the sponsor for day use.

There were no other incidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Ohara

HTMC Clubhouse Chair

HTMC Entertainment Committee Report
February/March 2016

HTMC Clubhouse Events:

February 27, 2016 - Mahalo to Thea Ferentinos and Justin Ohara who led this event

Movie Night: WILD

Subject: Personal story of hiking the PCT

Attendance: 15

Donation: \$0

Expenses: \$0

March 10, 2016

Presenter: Katie Ersbak

Subject: Faroe Islands: The Land of Maybe

Attendance: 52

Donation: \$67

Expenses: M.P Lei Shop \$10

Supplies: Plates, Forks, Napkins (Costco) \$38.19

Total Expenses January/February - \$48.19

Upcoming Expenses:

Discussing the possibility of purchasing a small inexpensive mic system that is wearable to give Bob Tyson an occasional break from setting up his big cumbersome sound system.

Website Event Page Progress:

Nate Luzod created a test site for the new Events page on the HTMC website - thank you Nate for your time and effort! We are in the process of finalizing the content and excited for it to go live. People will be able to sign up directly on the site to present and bring the correspondence needed to organize events to a minimum.

HTMC Membership Report

March 2016

New Member Nominations:

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Indigo Biggins

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Sponsor Signatures:

Jennifer Hammack & Udom Stamegna

Hawkins Biggins & Guy Archer

Larry Lee & Janice Nako-Piburn

Steven Poor & Quintin Bray

Jim Yuen & Deena Gary

Pamela Scott & Ken Suzuki

Dale K. Yoshizu & John B. Hall

Ralph Valentino & Justin Ohara

Dale K. Yoshizu & Arthur Young

Dale K. Yoshizu & Steve Rohrmayr

Reinstatement:

Elena Miyahira

Expiration Date:

2013

March Donations - \$ 22.50

Committee Notes:

We will be mailing out reminders within the week to 67 members that didn't renew their membership.

Phyllis Lam (Cox) became a Lifemember.

**March 2016 Board Meeting
Public Relations Committee Report
(submitted by Barb Bruno, since we don't have a chair)**

Since Chase resigned as PR chair, I've been temporarily replying to PR emails (until we get a new chair). Here's a summary of the past month's correspondence.

- 1) A prospective hiker asked if we allow dogs on hikes. I said sorry, but no
- 2) Exchanged a bunch of emails with the hanai niece of Dick Davis. She'll be visiting Hawaii and wants to hike Likele & visit the clubhouse on April 16. As she was interested in talking to people who might know her mother (who recently passed) or Dick Davis, I put her in touch with several old-time club members. Justin kindly agreed to meet her at the clubhouse.
- 3) Received emails from 2 or 3 non-members, asking for general info about hiking with us.
- 4) Thea put me in touch with videographer Andrew Agcaoili (www.shibbystylee.com), who offered to make a HTMC video, which we could use to promote the club and he could use to build his portfolio. This could happen in April – stay tuned!

President Report – March 2016
(submitted by Barb Bruno)

1. Thanks to Wil Kawano (our insurance liaison), our liability insurance has been renewed with Kamehameha Schools and the State of Hawaii as additional insureds. Cost was \$1480.
2. We now have three vacant committee chair positions – Public Relations, Da Kine Kokua & Nominations/Elections. Soon, we will have a fourth (Property Maintenance). We need board members to actively recruit for these vacant positions, and to temporarily fill in until we find new chairs.
3. The annual meeting will be held on April 3 at 2pm. We will vote on 3 open board positions. So far, we have 2 nominees. I requested and received blurbs from both nominees, and forwarded them to the newsletter editor (Richard). We need at least 1 more nominee. Nominations may be taken from the floor.
4. Just a reminder that this is my last meeting as President. Please consider running for President.
5. At the first board meeting of the year (April), we will need to reappoint all committee chairs, liaisons & officers. I emailed everyone to ask (a) If they'd be willing to serve again? and (b) To please review their list of committee members, and update as needed. I've been updating the google doc ("Summary of Committees and Officers") as they report back. Attached is the updated list (as of last night), with responses (updates or confirmations) shown in bold.
6. I've been creating SOPs for the President, so the next President knows what they need to do. Latest version on google drive.
7. Worked with subcommittee to draft code of conduct, and we revised it based on coordinator feedback (see old business)
8. Continue to support the Trust of Public Lands (TPL) in their effort to purchase ~3,000 acres in the Helemano area of Central O'ahu (which was approved last year by the board). This time, Mike Algiers & I wrote a letter in support their \$2 million proposal to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 6 Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Program). See attached letter.

Attachment 1 – Code of Conduct (last updated March 15)

Attachment 2 – Letter in support of Trust of Public Lands proposal to US Fish and Wild Life

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February 29, 2016

Irene Sprecher
Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, HI 96813
Irene.M.Sprecher@hawaii.gov

Dear Ms. Sprecher,

Please accept this letter in full support of the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) proposal to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 6 Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Program). The proposal, in the amount of \$2 million, is to support current TPL efforts to purchase ~3,000 acres in the Helemano area of Central O'ahu.

Access to the Poamoho section of the Ewa Forest Reserve and the Poamoho Trail to the Ko'olau Summits has historically been problematic due to private ownership and landowner concerns about liability and trespassers. From the perspective of the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club (HTMC), the proposed acquisition of ~3,000 acres promises to be a massive boost to hikers, conservationists and general outdoor enthusiasts. This is why the HTMC Board of Directors meeting voted unanimously to support the project.

Each year, the HTMC Trail Maintenance Crew puts in approximately 200 person hours in maintaining the Poamoho Trail, providing access is available. We anticipate continuing this effort into the future as in-kind services, which we offer at no cost to this proposal. Should the opportunity to build additional trails on this land become available, we would welcome the opportunity to explore collaborations to build and maintain new hiking trails. Such trails would be useful not only for recreation, but for species and watershed management.

Best regards and aloha,

Mike Algiers, Trail Maintenance Crew Leader
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Schedule Committee Report for BOD Meeting, 3/16/16

The committee reviewed and revised the schedule for the 2nd quarter.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the future of the printed schedule. Should we even have a printed schedule? What purpose does it serve? How many copies are really needed? If we do away with the printed schedule, what about the newsletter?

The schedule costs a lot of money, and many people don't use it.

The coordinators are giving out fewer schedules than previously.

The on-line version is more flexible with regard to changes. If we change what we are going to do, we will have to address those who have the printed schedule (incorrect information), and may show up at the wrong place, etc.

If we reduce the number of mailings, we may go below the bulk mailing limit, which would cause the cost per piece to go up.

Business cards with the QR code are good PR, and a good substitute for the schedule, since they provide a direct link to the on-line schedule.

We could ask the coordinators how many schedules they think would be good for their hikes.

We could send out emails with the schedule as an attachment.

If people really want a printed schedule, we could ask them to send us a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If we don't print schedules, we should pass on the reduced operating cost to the members in the form of a membership fee reduction.

Some older members look forward to receiving the schedule and newsletter in the mail.

We could change completely to electronic format, and ask anyone who wants a printed schedule to let us know.

We could get input on the question from the members at the annual meeting.

The committee decided to include the following on this quarter's schedule:

We're considering doing away with the printed schedule. Visit the website (Newsletter Signup at the bottom of the home page) to receive an electronic copy.

For now, it was decided to continue printing the schedule.

There was some discussion about the possibility of combining the schedule and trails committees. This would require a bylaws change.

Trail Maintenance Report
For the period mid Feb to mid Mar 2016

The following 4 trails were maintained during this reporting period:

21 Feb 2016 Kawaewae (Friendship Garden) (21 participants) The crew was scheduled to clear the Kaunala on this Sunday, but we were informed by the coordinator that the Kaunala trail had been cleared by the State, and was in good enough shape, and that he would touch it up himself prior to the scheduled hike. Therefore, we switched the clearing to Kawaewae. The crew climbed to the top of the ridge, and then at the fork, half of the crew continued clockwise on top of the ridge, and the others descended to the valley, intending to clear counterclockwise. However, later in the morning, that 2nd group radioed that they had encountered some new “no trespassing” signs. Rather than proceeding, some retraced their steps, and others hiked out to the residential neighborhood, and then back on the road. On the way up to the ridge. The crew installed some wooden boards in the badly eroded gully, to form steps, and to slow further erosion....they were disappointed to learn that someone had later ripped them all out. (!)

28 Feb 2016 Konahuanui (26 participants) The crew went up both routes (the contour trail, and the ridge route), and cleared both. The weedwhackers worked on the contour trail, and the ridge was cleared by hand. There were a number of independent hikers on the trail, The weather was good, so the crew members who reached the summit of K2 were rewarded with a view (which is unusual, since the summit is usually enveloped in clouds and mist). Since the weather was so good, some of the crew continued on to the K1 peak as well. There were some existing ropes, which were in good shape.

06 Mar 2016 Kiapapau Makai (28 participants) Once again, the crew split into two teams at the first junction, with some of the crew clearing the trail out to the bunkers, and the remainder clearing the longer route, following the ridge leading over to Koloa Gulch, where they exited. Both routes were well cleared.

13 Mar 2016 Kawailoa (21 participants) Because of the locked gates involved, the crew all entered and exited together. Since this trail gets very little use, it was fairly overgrown. We had 3 weedwhackers and a hedge trimmer to work on the early portions of the trail, but the lead group used hand tools to proceed. It got increasingly dense, and by the 4 mile mark it was almost impassable, and it was even difficult to tell where the trail was. Because of time restraints, that was about as far as we were able to open the trail before we had to hike back out. That is also as far as the coordinator wishes to lead the Club hikers on the day of the scheduled hike. Perhaps next year we'll be able to extend it further (?)

HAWAIIAN TRAIL & MOUNTAIN CLUB
HIKES CONDUCTED BETWEEN JAN 20, 2016 & FEB 17, 2016

JAN 24 SUN 8 AM MT. OLYMPUS, COORDINATOR STEVE DAVIS

MEMBERS - 33, GUESTS - 25, KIDS - 1

Steve's report –

Great hike yesterday, although it got a little hazy and hot in the afternoon we had great views from the summit. 33 members and 25 guests joined us on the hike. A few turned around very early, but most made it all of the way to the summit.

Having no palace meetup worked well for this hike as we were able to start at around 8 AM before people got too antsy. It also allowed us to enjoy more of the hike in the morning before it got too warm. The last hikers made it out at about 1:30.

Thanks to Justin for helping sweep.

JAN 30 SAT 8:30 AM WAIMANO TUNNELS, COORDINATOR STUART BALL

MEMBERS - 21, GUESTS - 25, KIDS - 0

Stuart's report –

It went well. No incidents; perfect weather - sunny, warm, light breeze; trail clear and dry.

I'd like to thank Lily Naramatsu's Saturday group for trail clearing, plus Fred and Mi Cha Boll, and Ed Mersino. Lynne and Janice started early and put up additional ribbons and signs.

JAN 31 SUN 8:30 AM WAIANAE WATER WALLS, COORDINATOR STEVE ROHRMAYR

MEMBERS - 24, GUESTS - 24, KIDS - 0

Waianae Steve's report –

46 brave soles showed up today. The slowest finished in 5 hrs and 50 min. No one got lost for long. I gave my cell number out and got a few calls. Cell phones work better than walkies in this valley.

FEB 7 SUN 8 AM WAILUPE LOOP, COORDINATOR BARB BRUNO

MEMBERS - 27, GUESTS - 7, KIDS - 1

Barb's report –

Today's hike went great– stream was dry, everyone got out safely and there were no incidents. I don't believe anyone got lost (In the briefing, I warned them that it's super easy to get lost so it's essential to stick with someone who knows the trail). Thirty-five of us hiked in total, including 27 members and 8 non-members. We had a strong group of hikers, with most people completing the loop. The hikers who did not complete the loop went up the reverse way (up from Wailupe, then up Wiliwilinui, then retraced their steps back to the car). Most people exited between 1 and 2 pm.

Although some folks headed off to superbowl parties, about 10 people hung around for an hour or so, sharing drinks, snacks and a sense of success. For several non-members, this was their first summit crossing and they were stoked. No trouble with the neighbors.

Weather. The weather was ideal, with cool, cloudy conditions making the hike up less taxing than usual. It was unusually windy on Hao Street, so I thought the summit might be too windy to do the crossover. During the briefing, I advised against the crossover, unless conditions changed. However, when we reached the summit, the wind had mostly died down.

Suggestion. This hike is open to the public and rated intermediate. Janice and Don suggested this be a members-only hike. As much as the non-members appreciate the opportunity to do a summit crossing, if they aren't strong hikers, they could get into trouble on this hike. I concur with their recommendation.

Mahalo. Mahalo to Richard Nettell, who started at 7:30 to check the ribbons. Mahalo to Larry Lee who assisted, and to Justin Ohara, Wil Kawano and Steve Davis for helping out as needed. Mahalo to the trail-

clearers for making the trail so nice (which made the going easy) and to Steve B for all of his behind-the-scenes work (which makes coordinating easy). Everyone's work is very much appreciated.

FEB 13 SAT 8:30 AM (MEMBERS) PALEHUA LOOP, COORDINATOR WIL KAWANO

MEMBERS - 15

Wil's report –

The hike went well. All fifteen (including the coordinator) completed the entire hike without any problem. The weather was great, and thanks to the efforts of seven volunteers on January 30, the sections from the parking area down to the contour road and back up Ka'aikukai Gulch were adequately cleared. We met at Makakilo Community Park at 8:00, carpoled to the parking area at the top of the gated road, and were back at the parking area by 3:00. Thanks to Justin Ohara and Stuart Ball for their assistance. Arthur Young and Stuart succeeded in finding some happy face spiders, creating smiling faces for many nature photographers in the group.

FEB 13-15 SAT-MON (MEMBERS) MOKULEIA CAMPOUT, COORDINATOR JOHN BRAUM

MEMBERS - 8

John's report –

The campout was good. We had good weather.

The trail was in good shape due to the efforts of the trailclearers.

It is interesting that this state trail is not well marked. Without our flags (that we took down) it would be easy to get lost on the road or other side trails. Even some of the people who have been on this trip may times missed a turn (they figured it out because they knew the route). There are some narrow areas along the trail that one needs to be careful while hiking.

The NARS camping area was in good shape with the clearing. The stream down Mokuleia trail was running as a possible water source. The bees were busy in the Mango(?) tree that was blossoming.

Overall everything was in good shape.

FEB 14 SUN 8:30 AM (MEMBERS) KAHEKILI, COORDINATOR THEA FERENTINOS

MEMBERS -

Thea's report –

Beautiful weather, great trail maintenance work in evidence in particular at the re-established lower switchbacks at start of hike and major saw-work to reroute below a big blowdown/slide that took a bite out of the contour section just prior to the stream/falls/pool/gully overlook of the valley, where we end the hike.

This is a really short fast hike, some completed it in 2.5 hours. A couple who had done it as a loop before wanted to crossover to come down Pu'u Manamana. Club member Bernice reported a month or so ago the swath connecting to cross-over was in decent shape. Given this report, the hikers prior experience, and ideal weather (sunny, trades, dry conditions) I was okay with four hikers taking this route - they got out in under four hours. Which was faster than last hiker out, who dragged her feet enjoying views, sawing down invasive trees blocking ocean views and removing a tree trunk laying across the falls' pool. She had caught a ride with another hiker who was forced to wait for her after everyone else had long gone. Thank you Justin, I needed that. A hiker who did the crossover texted me on conditions: "The crossover wasn't bad. Just a few short sections with some biting uluhe. Otherwise it was pretty clear trail and not too muddy either. I did it last year around this time and the uluhe was much worse than. Came out with raw shins that time. Very enjoyable today."

Having hikers text the hike coordinator when they complete the hike is a good idea. Noticed Barb did this for her Wailupe hike, and I didn't ask for it on mine, but several did this for me. Next hike I do I'll recommend it.

I recommend HTMC clear the crossover section, if we can. The lower Kahekili section is used by many who go up just to the bunker. The work we did on the switchbacks and wooded sections after returning this hike to our inventory a few years back has really held up over the last 3 trailclearings. The upper section slide re-routing safely guides many hikers who regularly do this trail on their own - saw a half dozen on the trail both Saturday and Sunday when I did the hike. Good job, club.

Total Hikes - 6

Average # of Hikers per Hike - 36

Kamehameha Schools and postings about our hikes

Steve received an email from the land manager at Kamehameha Schools in response to his request to confirm that the dates for the Kawaihoa TM & hike were OK. The land manager asked Steve to call him in response to some internet and social media postings that they had seen. Specifically, there is one internet posting that mentions HTMC, and is a travelogue with pictures of the author's hike with us on the Kawaiiki hike. It includes distances and directions. It seemed to Steve that this and other of his postings have an air of flaunting authority.

This posting is in direct violation of the terms of our ROE with KS. Steve had a phone conversation with the land manager, and he asked Steve to forward to him by Monday Feb 29 our plan on how to curb this specific posting, and well as other such postings.

This issue was discussed with Barb and Mike. Mike provided some good information about the site and the issue, and Barb requested that the poster remove the posting, explaining the situation. The posting was removed.

Steve did a quick web search and found quite a number of postings about hikes on KS lands for which we have an ROE, most of which have obvious connections to HTMC.

Steve sent the following response to the land manager:

Regarding the website you mentioned, the poster was contacted by our president. We received a positive response from him, and he has removed the posting.

In addition to the website you mentioned, we did a search on "Kawaiiki" and found quite a number of other postings, most of which have obvious connections to HTMC. We are disappointed at these violations of the terms of our right of entry agreement with Kamehameha Schools.

Our board of directors will be appointing an internet and social media watchdog to constantly search for such violations. We will be contacting those responsible for these postings and work to get them removed. If the postings are not removed as requested, our board of directors will consider other action, including revoking the poster's membership in the club.

All our trail maintenance and hikes in the Kawaihoa area are conducted as member-only events. Here is the information that is provided to all participants: "The club has obtained special permission from Kamehameha Schools to hike this trail today. Do not post any pictures or other information on the internet or social media, or print or publish any pictures or other information describing or promoting this trail or its location. To do so would violate the terms of our right of entry agreement, and would cause us to lose access to the trail."

We have a "Do Not Post" list of trails. No information about these trails, other than announcements of upcoming events, is posted by the club. All of the Kawaioloa trails are on this list.

Steve received a response as follows from the KS senior land manager, who supervises the land manager who asked the original question:

In reviewing your request, we located a blog which provides both pictures and directions to the trails. This is one of our priority requirements for our Hiking permits ... not to encourage use of our trails to unauthorized hikers (trespasser). As you know, that's the reason for having limited access such as your group. I will authorize the access if we can get your help in agreeing to advise all participants of this requirement and asking the blogger to remove this information on his own. Let me know by tomorrow if this is possible. If not, you will need to hike at a different location. Since we appreciate your groups effort and have not had this problem before, I am hoping that this can be resolved and no future information re trespassing be provided thru any media source by your participants.

I hope you understand our position.

Thea Ferentinos and Nate Yuen provided some information about the blogger. Here is a portion of Steve's response to the senior land manager (he also included the "do not post" spiel shown above):

I believe the blog you're referring to is by Kenji Saito. He was a member of the club, but he's not on the current membership list. A number of our members have tried to get him to remove his postings, indicating that they are damaging, both to Kamehameha Schools and to the club. He refuses to remove the postings, citing his first amendment rights. I understand that this is the same person who Kamehameha Schools contacted previously regarding Kaluanui Ridge postings, with the same result. If you're referring to someone else, please let me know who that is.

The senior land manager responded as follows:

Thank you for the explanation. You might also require that cell phones or cameras not be used during the hikes to prevent rogue actors. I will approve your use subject to us reissuing a new agreement which includes the special terms we have discussed.

Appreciate the cooperation.

So we were able to conduct the Kawaioloa hike and trail maintenance as originally planned. Kamehameha Schools will be providing a revised ROE for the Kawaioloa area within about a month.

It is requested that the board appoint an internet watchdog to identify and address postings and blogs which are in violation of our ROEs with KS.

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

March 16, 2016

Fidelity Investments 2016

February

Beginning value as of February 1, 2016:	\$ 82,755.71
Withdrawals (-)	0.00
Change in investment value	<u>+ 16.88</u>
Ending value as of February 29, 2016:	\$82,772.59

Fidelity Funds Account – Capital Improvement:	\$ 32,251.78
Fidelity Funds Account – Preservation:	<u>50,520.81</u>
Total Portfolio Value as of February 29:	\$82,772.59

First Hawaiian Bank [Bonus Checking]

Beginning balance as of February 1, 2016:	\$ 24,120.44
Deposits and credits (+):	\$+ 2,114.81
Withdrawals (-):	<u>\$ - 2,135.26</u>
Ending FHB balance as of February 29:	\$24,099.99

First Hawaiian Bank [Free Business Checking]

Beginning balance as of 02/01/16	\$ 100.00
Deposits and credits: None	\$ 0.00
Ending FHB balance as of February 29:	\$ 100.00

Bank of Hawaii

Beginning value as of 02/01/16:	\$ 10,222.64
Deposits/Withdrawals: None	
Ending BOH balance as of February 29:	\$10,222.64

PayPal (payments@htmclub.org)

Beginning balance as of 02/01/16 :	\$ 2,006.39
Payments received (+):	\$ +655.50
Fees (-):	<u>\$ - 25.85</u>
Ending balance as of February 29:	\$ 2,636.04

Total Balance as of 02/29/2016:	<u>\$119,831.26</u>
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[Total Balance as of 02/01/16: \$117,198.79]

Taxable Fidelity dividends/capital gains (2016):	\$118.06
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