

**HULA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

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| <u>Directors Present:</u> | <u>Directors Absent:</u>     |
| Mondo Chun                | Bartlett Durand – knee       |
| Buffy Cushman             | Alex Globerson – out of town |
| Frank Dabrosky            | Ignacio Lobos – work         |
| Lori Daniels              |                              |
| Kaveh Kardan              |                              |
| Jena Kline                |                              |
| Heather Mitchell          |                              |
| Dave Strang               |                              |
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

none

**HAWAII STATE OVERALLS:**

Lori Daniels is continuing to organize the Hawaii State Overalls. It is currently scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Events are likely to include distance, golf, double-disc court, discathon, and/or accuracy. It will be held at Sand Island Park, and there will be Wright Life gift certificates for winners.

The HPU Flying Disc club is excited to be participating, and Lori Daniels is organizing practice sessions for them.

**BOK CHOY HAT DRAW UPDATE:**

The Bok Choy Hat Draw will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Central Oahu Regional Park. Nine teams of nine will participate with three teams per field in bok choy style. Registration fee is \$9.99 which includes a shirt and snacks at the field.

**LEARNING AND RECREATIONAL LEAGUES:**

Learning league is happening at Kapaolono fields Saturday nights at 7pm. The plan is to conduct it as a normal learning league format for October and then transition to a recreational league format in November.

**LEAGUE UPDATE:**

This year’s league has the highest enrollment ever with 157 registered players and 8 teams. The first aid kit needs to be found and replenished. Jena Kline will take care of that. Permits have been obtained for the Waipio Soccer complex for several games this season. Kaveh enjoys blowing his shiny new whistle.

### **INSURANCE:**

We currently are covered for 100 people and need to arrange for 57 more.

### **LEAGUE GROWTH:**

A brainstorming session was held regarding ideas for league growth. Ideas thrown around include capping team size, securing multiple fields, marketing recreational and regular league equally, limiting who can register in the regular league, and research how other leagues handle their numbers.

### **KAIMANA KLASSIK UPDATE:**

Jena Kline is director. Buffy Cushman, Alex Globerson, Johnny Heimbaugh, Kevin Bartholomew, Mondo Chun, Kimba Towler, and Kim Umeda are on the committee. The call for bids has gone out. Banzai Betty's bid is in and other teams' bids are in the mail. Registration fees are higher this year because of the online registration system being run through Gaia. Kim Umeda is updating the website. Planning is proceeding for 16 open and 12 womens teams, but the committee is shooting for 16 and 16.

### **HOPU KA LEWA UPDATE:**

Laura Gilda accepted the directorship if she receives help from Dave Strang. Major things to do right now include updating the website and adverting.

### **POLO FIELDS UPDATE:**

The Waimanalo Polo Fields want to change how the tournaments are being conducted. (See attached letters).

The board discussed options for compliance with the Waimanalo Polo Fields or other possible locations. The Kaimana Klassik committee will be taking the lead on researching options.

### **WOMEN'S ULTIMATE:**

Robin Keillor wants to start a UH womens team. Lori will get womens UPA education packet from Dayna Hillcrest and get it to Robin.

### **COLLEGE ULTIMATE:**

**HPU** – HPU held its club carnival on Friday. They obtained 34 signatures for the HPU Flying Disc club. Someone from the HPU club wants to help organize a college series.

**Chaminade** – Frank Dabrosky may be able to get a team together for recreational league or a college series, but probably not Hopu. Things have apparently become disorganized since he turned responsibilities over to other club members.

**UH** – Robin Keillor is working on getting an ultimate club started at UH. She is trying to get RIO (registered independent organization) status.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 at Lori's house. Buffy will bring food. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Dave Strang, HULA Secretary

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Bartlett Durand, HULA President

**ALLENS LETTER:**

Email from Allen Hoe (HPC):

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aloha bartlett,

the dates mentioned in your email for the kaimana and the hopu ka lewa tournaments are available.

the use fee will be \$1,000.00 per event day, 7 a.m., to 7 p.m., with a load in and a load out day per event. (load in/out days 10 a.m., to 4 p.m.,

camping on the premises, will be on an individual permit surcharge basis. information on each person wanting to camp will have to be provided along with a prepaid \$10.00 per camper per night. camping will only be permitted in designated areas.

allen

**HULA'S RESPONSE:**

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Allen and Polo Club Directors:

We have been using the Waimanalo Polo Fields for over XX years. During that time, our February tournament has grown into one of the top tournaments in the world – in large part due to the location, with all games situated on site, meals/party provided, and beach camping available across the street. Also in that time we have had a few issues that your organization has asked us to address: cutting the ropes of the flag poles, excessive noise, lack of kokua. This past year we met with Mr. Hoe and Mike Ebinger after noise complaints from the February tournament and addressed each problem in turn. With one exception (having a person posted at the entry gate as "information"), each problem was solved through this meeting.

We remain committed to working with you to solve any problems that may arise. We are being very proactive in maintaining the standards we have set for our tournaments, yet satisfying the needs of the landowner. Steps we have taken over the last year include: (1) new insurance with a \$2,000,000 comprehensive liability coverage which specifically includes the Polo Club for use of the fields by HULA; (2) a "warning letter" to certain attendees of last year's February tournament who were noted as being rude (riding mopeds, taking back to Mike); (3) increasing the presence of security to 24 hours a day; (4) turning down all electronic noise early in the evening, and completely off by 10 pm; (5) restricting those permitted to camp on the grounds to those absolutely essential for set-up and security.

The model we used for last year's April tournament seemed to be a success. We spoke with Mr. Hoe after the tournament and the only areas of concern not met were the gate-information person and one logistics truck driving on the field. These will be addressed this year.

Given the progress made over the last year, we were quite surprised at the draconian proposal for use of the fields this year. We quite simply cannot meet the demands raised: both the cost and the time limitations are too

severe for us to be able to have a successful tournament. Please permit us to counter-propose the following:

Price: Both tournaments (each 3 days): \$4,000.

Time and use:

- Active use of the fields (games), each day 7am - 7pm.
- A large tent will be permitted (in such place as agreed to by the Polo Club) to host a post-game banquet each night.
- Any electronic/amplified sound will be reduced in volume beginning at 9p.m, and completely off by 10p.m.
- Vehicles will be permitted in designated areas only. Food service/entertainment and other logistics trucks will be directed to the areas as agreed to by the Polo Club.
- Camping will be limited to five tents for use by tournament organizers/security only. Any additional tent must be pre-approved by the Polo Club three days prior to the tournament, and a surcharge of \$10/night/tent will be charged. All tents must be placed in an area designated by the Polo Club.
- A set-up/take-down day will be permitted for each tournament, from 10am to 4pm the day prior and following each tournament. A registration table may be used the day prior to the tournament until 9pm.
- During all hours of the tournament (7am - 9pm), a person will be placed at the front gate to direct visitors, provide information, and advise them on proper protocol to be followed at the polo fields.
- The tournament director and necessary committee members will meet with the representative(s) of the polo club a week prior to the tournament to address all issues, confirm placement of tents, porta-potties, and parking.
- The tournament director and one committee member will be given the combination to the polo fields gate for use in emergencies only once Mike Ebbinger has left the fields for the day.
- The polo club will ensure that the polo fields are mowed within the week of each tournament.

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"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."—George W. Bush, Washington, D.C., Aug. 5, 2004

#### **ALLEN'S RESPONSE:**

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Aloha:

Last weekend we completed our 18th polo season, thus this gives us some time to focus on the topic at hand.

We have given your 9/27/04 response thoughtful consideration, however the overwhelming interest that our directors kept coming back to, is whatever we do should not in anyway impose any more problems or inconveniences upon our grounds maintenance and operations manager.

Historically our experience is, that without failure after a few hours of a somewhat organized event, it eventually breaks down into a wide open free for all, with little or no attention being paid by the persons who are supposed to be in charge to maintain the degree of control over access to the polo grounds, conduct of participants and or visitors, entering the premises and responsible operation of vehicles while on the premises; the wandering of attendees into areas that are off limits, and the irresponsible conduct of adults who bring children with them and do not maintain an appropriate sense of concern for their whereabouts or safety.

I know everyone who is involved wants to have fun, but we are at a point that you need to establish and maintain a cadre of select and specific individuals who, will during certain times (individual assignments) or for the whole event, be responsible to "enforce" the requirements and rules of conduct while your players and invitees are on the premises. Vehicular movement and parking on the premises. (when we designate certain areas as off limits, that means absolutely no traversing with vehicles, not random or selective traversing).

The polo grounds is not a public park, although participants treat it as such, in the end after the tournament is over and they have gone home, we are still picking up after you. (having to haul off trash, old furniture that is dumped, pressure wash the club house area due to kids having a field day with colored chalk, etc., the list goes on and on.)

Perhaps it is time to give serious consideration to the issuance of visual identification markers, badges, etc., to define players, support, hosts, and spectators etc.

The responsible parties for the polo club have decided that if it happens fine, if not that is also ok. Thus the polo grounds use fee will be set at \$5,000.00 for the 2 events combined, Kaimana Klassic and the Hopu Ka Lewa, in addition a refundable \$1,000.00 performance deposit, \$500 per event to ensure full compliance with the ground rules and procedures as specified in the use permit agreement to be completed.

Allen K. Hoe