

ECORA Notes 2007 Meeting January 26, 2008

- The 2008 ECORA Meeting started with a *pule* by Blake Conant, then moved to a review of the 2007 Meeting Minutes by outgoing Secretary Terry Wilton. Terry also mentioned that ECORA will lose one club and gain one club for 2008 - OBX OCC will be inactive for 2008, while Rappahannock Canoe Club will join for 2008. Our net for 2008 is 15 active clubs (Boston Outrigger, Cape Ability Outrigger 'Ohana, KIOCC, Manu'iwa, MAPA, NCA Outrigger, NYO, North Shore Outriggers, Philly, Philly Police, Rappahannock, Sandbridge, Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club, Wai Nui O Kanaka, and WCC). Jan Dreisbach, ECORA Treasurer, then gave the Treasurer's Report. ECORA remains in good financial shape.

2. Jim Hall then gave out the individual OC-1/2 Point Series awards for 2007. This was followed by the club OC-6 Point Series awards, announced by Deb Hall. The final club standings were:

- 1st - WCC, with 66 points
- 2nd - Wai Nui O Kanaka, with 58 points
- 3rd - NCA Outrigger, with 40 points
- 4th - Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club, with 39 points
- 5th - MAPA, with 38 points
- 6th - KIOCC, with 24 points
- 7th - Philly, with 23 points
- 8th - Manu'iwa, with 21 points
- 9th - North Shore, with 8 points
- 10th - Sandbridge, with 4 points
- 11th - NYO, with 3 points
- 12th - BORA, with 2 points
- 13th - Philly Police, with 1 point

- Blake gives out hurricane shirts to Team Hurricane, a group of OC-1 paddlers that excel on the Hurricane in 2007
- What worked and what did not, open discussion
- Strategies for the 2007 season off the cuff, just random ideas to get people interested.
 - More steering/classes mixed in with races
 - More novice points races
 - Shorter novice races for Liberty
 - NCA has a great novice program, look to for ideas
 - Quit while you are ahead race?
 - Need a carrot for novices to get them interested and keep them coming back.
 - Small novice races with steering clinics
- Blake steering clinics
 - One in the north and one in the south
 - Double hull OC-6 for easier coaching out of the middle
- More suggestions, supporting race agendas?

- ECORA to help with putting on and managing races
- Perhaps one way is to have ECORA find a way to help with getting boats to races.
- Find an affordable boat carrier
- Question came up, what we do with ECORA money; perhaps use it for boat hauling (other teams) and clinics. Maybe release \$1000?
- Blake calls for a motion to look into releasing some of the reserves
- Wendy seconds it.
- KIOCC has spare trailer for sale?
- \$2000!
 - First of all find out what our priorities are and see how much.
 - To Fund Jan's Capability Team at the Worlds
 - Hauling boats to Liberty (check insurance)
 - Clinics
 - Bill Gassett to look into finding a person to haul the boats to races.
- Keiki Programs
 - KIOCC does the family day and sometimes has 40 kids. A good way to get people involved
 - WCC is doing a canoe and kayak program throughout the summer, however it will not be outrigger specific
- More Ideas
 - Water tribe races in Florida-long multi day races
 - Race from Cape May to Sandy Hook, 127 miles
 - Bill Gassett
 - Standup paddling in ECORA events
 - He will make boards available
 - Standup paddling in OC-1 races only
 - Demonstration in 2008
 - Bill will bring boards, trophies and all the swag
 - Women will run when men paddle and so forth
 - Team ECORA?
 - Blake to build and run an all star team to race abroad (world)
 - Masters and Open Men and Women
 - There will be tryouts for boats and help with funding (sponsorship?)
 - Identify a race and train for it
 - Catalina, Molokai? Send a team to represent ECORA to the world
 - We will need to find sponsorship
 - Blake to set up a committee and find out how feasible
 - It could even be a north and a south team
 - Motion for Blake to set up committee
 - ECORA will help with marketing and sponsorship
 - Passed!
- Lunch
- Races!
 - New race, Silver Beach Resort

- Runs along with festival
- Saturday September 13
- Make it a weekend, 12, 13, and 14
- Ball park cost for Food/Beer/Lodging~\$200???
- Gloria 443-366-3533, or Gloriamorey@yahoo.com
- <http://www.silverbeachconference.org>.
- Good clinic weekend?
- Make it an ECORA event, OC-6 southern race
- 2008 World Sprints
 - Jan Whittaker to take Team Capability to worlds
 - This year IVF full medal events
 - Classes
 - V-12 with 12 disabled paddlers
 - V-1 to V-6 as well
 - Mix abilities
 - Asking for united air miles in increments of 1000
 - Donations to DSUSA
 - Bill to Bring V-1 to Ki for Jan's use
 - 5 teams to take to KONA/Queen Lilio
- Jan's race will need to steers persons (Rochester)
- Ocean City Race, suggested by Chip Price and Bill freed
 - Use Secrets in OC and paddle around tip for 8 miles.
 - Hotel and lodging close by
 - Party at Secrets afterwards
- Race Schedule
 - Motion to bring back the Blackburn as a point series race (OC-1 and OC-6) but to be run by Boston Outrigger or Blake
 - Passed!
 - Erik Mcnett to have an OC-1 in Maine and will be a point series race
 - Paddle for the Bay (run by MAPA) will be a OC-6 points race
 - Silver Beach a points series OC-6 only
 - Other races are set

April 19th - WCC's OC-1/2 Race on the Potomac River, Washington DC

April 19th - Northern Steering Clinic, in Milford, CT By Blake Conant

May 3rd - MAPA's Buckroe OC-1/2 Race in Hampton Roads, VA

May 17th - Kent Island OC-1/2 Race, Chester MD

June 7th (?? - **check date with Deb**) - Milford (CT) OC-1/2 Sprint Championships

June 14th - Wai Nui Why Not? Race, in Toronto, Ontario, CA (OC-6 Point Series race)

June 21st - NCA Outrigger's Washington Monumental Race - Washington DC (OC-6 Point Series race)

June 22nd - Southern Steering Clinic, Kent Island, Chester MD by Blake Conant

June 28th - NYO's Liberty International Outrigger Challenge, New York City

June 29th - Eric McNett's Northwest OC-1/2/Surfski/Stand-Up Paddleboard Championships, in Bar Harbor, ME (motion was passed to make this an OC-1/2 Point Series race for 2008)

July 5th - Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club Race, Toronto, Ontario, CA (OC-6 Point series race)

July 12th - Blackburn Race - Cape Ann, MA (Blake made a motion to re-establish this race as an ECORA OC-6 and OC-1/2 Point Series race, to be sponsored by BORA or Manu'iwa - motion was seconded and passed) BORA confirmed after meeting, they are thrilled

July 26th - MAPA's Oceanview Paddle for the Bay Race (motion passed to make this an OC-6 Point Series race; there will be an OC-1/2 race as well)

August 30th - Kent Island Cup Relay Race, Chester MD

September 13th - Silver Beach (VA), and Rochester (NY) Adaptive Paddler races (motion was passed to make the Silver Beach race an OC-6 Point Series race)

October 11th – SOCC's VA Beach Heihei OC-1/2 Race

October 18th - MAPA's Seaford Showdown (OC-1/2 Point Series race)

Other Schedule Notes:

No Sandy Hook OC-1/2 race this year

No ECORA Sprint Championships this year (at Philly or Kent Island)

No Sandbridge OC-6 race this year

The "Chestertown" (MD) OC-1/2 race this year, if held, will not be an OC-1/2 Point Series race. And will not be in Chestertown this year.

And last but not least Debbie Hall has been elected as President for another two years and of course yours truly has been elected as secretary for two years

Mahalo!

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