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King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Sunshine Law has been suspended due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions the meeting took place via Zoom.

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: **Moanike‘ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Ian Custino** (Hale O Nā Ali‘i), **Kehaulani Keana‘aina**, (Daughters of Hawai‘i), **Puake‘ala Mann** (Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua), **Heli Silva** (Island of Moloka‘i), **Louise Alina** (‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu), **Kēhau Pe‘a** (Assn. of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Lyah Kama-Drake** (Island of Kaua‘i),

Also in attendance: **Clint Kalaola**, Tidal Wave Productions, (Volunteer Parade Co-Chair/Ho‘olaule‘a Chair), **Beverly Lee**, (Volunteer Equestrian Chair), **Keone Kealoha**, (Kanu Hawai‘i) and **Denise Ka‘a‘a**.

Not present: **Kainoa Daines** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai‘i), **Kimo Alama Keaulana**, (Kapahulu Music Club), **Vacant** (Papakōlea Community Association), **Vacant** (Island of Lāna‘i) and **Vacant** (Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), **Manu Powers**, (Daughters of Hawai‘i).

- I. **Call to Order** -- Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Ian Custino, Co-Chair. Quorum was not established.
- II. **Review and approve minutes of previous meeting(s)** -- June Meeting Minutes had minor changes noted on the acronyms for the Maui report. Due to lack of quorum they will be tabled, revised, resent and approved at the next meeting.
 - a. **Executive Director’s Report** -- Performed regularly required DAG’s administrative duties and tasks along with fiscal year end reports. Amy Hammond reported that the KKCC Department was transferred to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) effective July 1. A meeting was held

with SFCA on the merger and it looks like this will be positive with some possible assistance moving forward.

III. KKCC Business

- a. **Executive Committee Report** -- Nothing to report.
- b. **Financial Update** (Keone Kealoha, Kanu Hawai'i) -- Keone reported the current balance is \$15,870.58. Only two checks were written for the Lei Draping security provided by the Sheriffs. Kanu Hawaii also received a donation of \$2,000 from Festivals Management Group.
 - i. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Moani inquired about how the commission goes about conducting fundraising for the statewide events for 2022. Ian assured her that the Executive Committee has been and will be discussing this more in the future and will share the plans. We are looking to be less O'ahu centric and more inclusive working on collective marketing and social media marketing. We want to look at how to generate revenue for perpetuity as part of the long-term strategy.

IV. Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives

- a. Royal Order of Kamehameha (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
- b. 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu (Louise Alina) -- Louise thanked everyone for their assistance. She recognized the hard work by the ladies of 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu in stringing 45- 30' lei. Louise watched the video by 'Ōlelo and was very impressed when she saw what happened on the other islands noting it was good to include the other events. Kēhau advised she reached out to Aunty Linda who was a past coordinator of the Lei Draping inquiring about any protocols used previously and that she will sharing any information she receives.
- c. Hale O Nā Ali'i (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua (Puake'ala Mann) -- Puake'ala noted that she attended the Lei Draping for the first time and was very impressed how everyone handled their kuleana.
- e. Daughters of Hawai'i (Kēhaulani Keana'aina) -- Kēhaulani echoed the other reports that she enjoyed working with the other commissioners and was happy with how everyone worked together even with all the obstacles caused by the pandemic.
- f. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau noted she was in communication with the Association president while she was on vacation. He advised he would be attending the Lei Draping Ceremony. Kēhau commented that she submitted her report for their upcoming July 24 meeting noting that everything went well. She stated she will be reviewing with them her position as a commissioner and provide any feedback they may have.
- g. Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- h. Kapahulu Music Club (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
- i. Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association (Vacant) -- Denise Ka'a'a shared that they took a group of youth to Kohala and they had a great experience.
- j. Papakōlea Community Association (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

V. Hawai'i Island Report (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.

- VI. Maui Report** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moanike'ala shared she hoped that everyone had a chance to look at the Maui videos which were shared and can be resent if you haven't seen these. Dr. Ron Williams did a pre-show. She had also not attended

the lei draping and she was very pleased and grateful to attend and attending in the future.

- VII. ***Kaua'i Report*** (Lyah Kama-Drake) -- They have not had a meeting yet but will be meeting soon as they are just awaiting confirmation from Kamehameha Schools for a meeting location Looking promising for 2022. Gave congratulations to each of the other island activities.
- VIII. ***Moloka'i Report*** (Heli Silva) -- Heli reported that the videos aired and hoped that everyone was able to view them. They held a rodeo this year, which will also take place next year. She is looking forward to 2022, as they will have more events planned. Their committee will be holding a recap meeting on the July 24.
- IX. ***Lāna'i Report*** (Vacant) — Nothing to report.
- X. ***O'ahu Report*** (Kainoa Daines) -- Ian thanked everyone for their assistance on the day of the event. He recognized that while we are facing unprecedented times there is still kuleana for our Ali'i thanking and congratulated everyone.
- XI. ***Commission Reports***
 - a. ***Legislative*** (Manu Powers) -- Nothing to report.
 - b. ***Statuary*** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
 - c. ***Retention*** (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau shared that we all want to embrace the legacy of King Kamehameha and want to have all of the commission seats filled honoring him. As the current commissioners are the advocates for the commission she urged that we need to have assistance filling all of the vacant seats. She thanked Beverly for her hard work in keeping the retention progress going previously. She noted in 2018 Kainoa, Desiree, Kēhau and Beverly lobbied to have the addition of the Lāna'i seat. Our goal will be to have all the seats filled for the 150th celebration. Kēhaulani has asked that the homework for next meeting will be to report the name of your future replacement. She asked further that they be approached to determine their interest and ask that they begin to participate to familiarize themselves. We are looking for cooperative and productive candidates. She also asked for support and assistance from each commissioner to fill the seat in Lāna'i. If you know of anyone that fits the criteria we are going to personally send you a mahalo surprise. Heli suggested Makani and will follow up offline with the Retention Committee. Kēhau also noted that she looks forward to hearing the monthly reports and encourages everyone to complete something monthly to report.
 - d. ***State Archives*** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
 - e. ***O'ahu Parade, Ho'olaule'a and Pā'ū Units*** (Clint Kalaola, O'ahu Parade Co-Chair and Beverly Lee, Equestrian Chair) -- Clint advised the Kala Foundation is awaiting payment for the assistance provided for the Lei Draping. Once received they will close out 2021. Amy advised that she was contacted by Rick Schneider representing Wai Kai a developer in Ewa Beach regarding their venue in Kapolei that could potentially be used for Ho'olaule'a and will share the contact information with Clint. Ian noted that it is advisable to maintain space and presence in and around the urban core with our activities. We don't want to box ourselves out of these areas by just catering to the areas where the majority of the Hawaiian community resides.
 - f. ***150th Kamehameha Day Celebration Committee*** -- 2022 Theme: E Ola Ka Mō'i Kamehameha – Long live King Kamehameha!

- XII. ***Public Testimony*** -- None
- XIII. ***Miscellaneous*** -- Nothing to report.
- XIV. ***Upcoming meeting*** -- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- XV. ***Adjourn*** -- Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.