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**King Kamehameha Celebration Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Multipurpose Room

Commission Attendees Per Roll Call: **Kainoa Daines** (Royal Order of Kamehameha), **Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner** (Island of Maui), **Napu'unoa Crabbe** (Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association), **Desiree Moana Cruz** (Island of Hawai'i), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu), **Kimo Alama Keaulana** (Kawahulu Music Club), **Kēhau Pe'a** (Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), **Louise Alina** ('Ahahui Ka'ahumanu)

Attendees: **Clint Kalaola** (Parade Co-Chair/Ho'olaule'a Chair), **Leinaala Bishaw** (Island of Moloka'i Volunteer/Commission Candidate), **Beverly Lee**, (Equestrian Chair), **Kalei Hoffman**, (Island of Kaua'i Volunteer/Commission Candidate)

- I. Call to Order, establish quorum** -- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Kainoa Daines. The meeting minute approval was postponed for August, September, October, and December due to lack of quorum and the November meeting was cancelled. No public was present to provide testimony.
  - a. Executive Director's Report** (Amy Hammond) -- Completed the regularly required DAGS administrative duties and tasks as well as distribute the statewide sponsorship package which is also in our online Commission folder. Working closely with Kala Foundation to provided final revisions from HTA on various parts of the grant report. Confirmed that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts had finally processed the payment for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Completed the transition paperwork with the new Comptroller whom we are still awaiting to meet with the new Comptroller, Keith Regan. Just a reminder to those who have not taken the mandatory Ethics Commission Training include Moani, Kehaulani and Kalei. Kainoa reiterated the importance of taking the Ethics Commission Training. The Sponsorship information has been distributed as it is in a templet form and please update who you have sent this information for tracking purposes. This will avoid duplication for neighbor islands. This is a training class. Please distribute to the members of your organization.
- II. KKCC Business**
  - a. Executive Committee Report** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report.
  - b. 2023 Statewide Theme** -- We are still collecting ideas for themes and have narrowed it down to about five options. We generally try to use the theme across the pae 'āina to unified the celebration. Kainoa will clean up the suggestions and add a few and then we will email everyone requesting their top two choices and make a determination so everyone

can have the theme by early next week. Feel free to circulate it among your membership if you choose to do so.

- c. **Financial Update** (Ian Custino) -- Amy reported that we have a zero balance and updated are still awaiting \$50,000 from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for Lei Draping.
- d. **Kala Foundation** (Clint Kalaola) – Clint reported the contract with the state contract has ended.
- e. **Fundraising Committee** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- f. **Committee Reports**
  - i. **Legislative** (Manu Powers) -- Opening day is January 18. At present we do not have any active legislation. Amy reported she will be going to the legislative meetings with DAGS to be available to answer questions from WAM and FIN this week.
  - ii. **Statuary** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
  - iii. **Retention** (Kēhau Pe‘a and Kehaulani Keana‘aina) -- Kēhau welcomed Kalei Hoffman and also noted she had invited Leilani Kahoano from Waimānalo who has showed interest in being a Commissioner. Kēhau directed Leilani to reach out to Kilauea Wilson for a letter of support. We are working closely with the newly appointed Boards and Commissions Director, Wendy Kondo to clarify the upcoming expiration dates for Commission seat terms which are expiring in June 2023 including Puakeala, Kimo, Leilani and Moani. Kimo and Moani confirmed they are both interested in serving a second and were directed to reapply with the existing application prior to June 30. Amy to confirm application deadline. Kainoa noted Kilauea Wilson’s mother passed. Beverly to provide to Amy and Kēhau with his email.
  - iv. **State Archives** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Nothing to report.
  - v. **Friends of KKCC** (Napu‘unoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report but is working on a timeline to begin working on the project in March.
  - vi. **Retreat** (Kainoa Daines) -- Nothing to report. We are at a zero balance and will be working on determining the possibility for funding and awaiting the deposit from SFCA. This has been tabled until we meet with the new Comptroller.
  - vii. **Outreach and Education** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree noted regarding the education and art contest that she had spoke with Emily Catey with the Volcano Arts Center who showed willingness to establish outreach to other art galleries statewide for a Kamehameha art contest. She also emailed Carl Powell Kamehameha Schools Art Teacher to do an art contest in the schools. Desiree has submitted a request for funding this year for a prize for the winners. The contest last year was small but successful.

### III. Events

- a. **Kaua‘i Ho‘olaule‘a** (Vacant) -- Kalei Hoffman reported that there will be an event on Kaua‘i and they are doing fundraising. Amy also noted that she received a flyer regarding a pop up fundraising event in the Jasmine Ballroom from 7 pm – 9 pm on January 27 featuring a fashion show by Micah Kamohoali‘i. She has requested a flyer which will be distributed to everyone. Kainoa noted to everyone that should you have any other events please be sure to share them with us for distribution on our social media.
- b. **O‘ahu, Parade, Ho‘olaule‘a** (Clint Kalaola, O‘ahu Parade Co-Chair) -- Clint reported Kala Foundation is working with Amy on submitting the park permits for Kapiolani Park for Parade and Ho‘olaule‘a. We have already received applications for the parade and vendor applications for Ho‘olaule‘a. We have bands and motorcycle units coming from the mainland. We are also continuing to seek sponsorships. Beverly is working with the

pā'ū units and have 4 confirmed. Horses are still a concern. Currently the cost is a minimum of \$1,000 not including practices so there will be a great deal of fundraising going on. The Kanaina building has been reserved for wrapping but the Barracks cannot be secured until closer to the event because that is managed through DLNR.

- c. **Statue Lei Draping** (Louise Alina) -- Nothing to report. Kainoa noted he received an email from Mapuana DeSilva who will be traveling so she suggested we could secure another hālau for this year.
- d. **Moloka'i Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Leinaala Bishaw) -- Leinaala reported she and Tylor plan to meet this month and plan to follow the same agenda they had in 2022. The event will kick-off on Friday with a Gala on June 2 and then June 3 they will hold the parade on Saturday evening allowing more time for the pā'ū units and floats to get prepared with Ho'olaule'a to follow at the park until 10 pm.
- e. **Maui Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani noted that all of the island pā'ū units with the exception of Hawai'i Island are filled with six riders. All of the events will be on a similar schedule as 2022. She also reported that on December 3<sup>rd</sup> they went to Kealia Pond where they planted a tree in memory of Florence Makekai, a former lei master with her services scheduled for January 28 at Waiola. The pā'ū units will be there in recognition of her 40 years of contributions.
- f. **Lāna'i** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- g. **Island of Hawai'i -- Hilo Lei Draping and Kohala Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Desiree apologized that she had not reached out to the groups this month but will do so for next month. She noted that the Hilo Statue has not been cleaned and Kainoa noted that this is the responsibility of the Hilo Māmalahoa Alumni Association. Desiree will notify Micah Alameada and ask if he can look into the statue cleaning as people are bringing many offerings that also need to be cleaned which she has been doing in the past. She will contact Māmalahoa Alumni Association and will copy Napu'unoa, Kimo and Kainoa. Kainoa noted that we are still awaiting to get the Memorandum of Agreement signed from them as well. He noted that the Statue was moved from Princeville to Hilo with the assistance of former Commissioner Skylark Rossetti and Māmalahoa Alumni Association. Napu'unoa inquired how long this has been going on? Desiree noted that the gold leaf has a great deal of limu growing on it and there are pohaku that are coming loose and some lights are not working. She suggested that a weekly schedule be made to remove the offerings and also a cleaning schedule. In 2022 the lei were not removed after lei draping for a very long time which also damages the statue. Micah was repeatedly reminded to no avail. Kainoa sent out a mahalo to Lopaka Kapanui with Mysteries of Hawai'i helps to maintain the O'ahu statue as he has his night time walking ghost tour groups and often removes offerings on an ongoing basis. There is not an issue in Kohala as the people there maintain the offering removals. The statue in Hilo will be included in the upkeep that is provided through the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts which would be very helpful. Desiree also noted that this came to light as a focus when several years back someone broke the spear on the statue and they had to pay for the repairs.
- h. **Kona Lei Draping/Parade/Ho'olaule'a** (Kehaulani Keana'aina) -- Nothing to report.

#### IV. **Commissioner reports/updates non-island specific representatives**

- a. **Royal Order of Kamehameha** (Kainoa Daines) -- Kainoa reported the organization received an endowment from princess Regina Kawanakoa that was put in the scholarship fund. Also member Ray Jardine sold his company and as a condition of sale required a contribution of one million dollars over the course of time to the Royal Order reserved for Native Hawaiian education. Kainoa will forward a link with additional information. These funds will be managed generating interest of approximately \$40,000 per year once

fully matured. He also informed everyone the Royal Order will be at the funeral for Abigail Kawanakoa will be on January 22 and also at the services at Mauna Ala on January 23.

- b. **'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu** (Louise Alina) -- Louise thanked everyone for the reimbursement for Lei Draping. Pauline remains the Pelekikena. They are preparing for this year's event.
- c. **Hale O Nā Ali'i** (Ian Custino) -- Nothing to report.
- d. **Daughters & Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, Māmakakaua** (Puake'ala Mann) --Nothing to report.
- e. **Daughters of Hawai'i** (Kehaulani Keana'aina) – Nothing to report
- f. **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs** (Kēhau Pe'a) -- Kēhau reported that they have a new AHCC Board: Dre Kalili – Pelekikena, Makana Paris - Hope Pelekikena Mua, Walter "Rusty" Rodenhurst - Hope Pelekikena 'Elua, Lu Ann Lankford-Faborito - Pu'ukū.
- g. **Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association** (Napu'unoa Crabbe) -- Nothing to report.
- h. **Kapahulu Music Club** (Kimo Alama Keaulana) -- Kimo noted it was nice to be to do the demonstration of historical pā'ū and showed wrapping at the second Pā'ū and Paniolo event at the Mu'u at the Museum including using rope. Beverly organized some demonstrations regarding the pā'ū and paniolo, she had lei and horse backing demonstrations. Desiree noted that in regards to the increased interest in Mu'u Mu'u which began with a person on Kaua'i who has a company called Machine Machine. Michelle Zane is hosting an event in Hilo for everyone to wear their mu'u mu'u wear one and have one to trade. Kimo noted that last week Home Depot had Kaua'i 'ilima so he purchased and planted. Moani has an email thread to track the progress of the 'ilima and will include Kimo. Mahalo to Moani. Kimo mentioned that there are different kinds of 'ilima not ground cover lei instead they use 'ilima shrub. Desiree noted that the Hapuna Prince Hotel property has lots of 'ilima as ground cover. Mauna Kea Beach Resort has kauna at Kauna'oa Bay. She suggested approaching the properties to see if she could work with them to allow the lei makers to access the properties for lei making. This partnership with hotels would be a great community cultural activity and lei makers would have access. Kimo also noted regarding Princess Kawanakoa on Sunday, January 22 she will be Lying-in-State at 'Iolani Palace 2 pm – 8 pm for viewing by the public. On January 23 this is by invitation only at Mauna Ala a smaller group in the chapel and then others outside in a tent.
- i. **Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- j. **Papakōlea Community Association** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- k. **Island of Hawai'i** (Desiree Moana Cruz) -- Nothing to report.
- l. **Island of Maui** (Moanike'ala Whittle-Wagner) -- Moani noted that on Maui the pooper scoopers use the theme for a contest. Kainoa reiterated that voting for theme to be distributed this week.
- m. **Island of Kaua'i** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- n. **Island of Moloka'i** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.
- o. **Island of Lāna'i** (Vacant) -- Nothing to report.

V. **Upcoming Meeting** -- Monday, February 13, 2023, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

VI. **Adjourn** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.