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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 5, 2022**  
**VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**KNA Directors Present:** Yoshito L'Hote, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, ~~Stephenie Brown~~, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, ~~Kalena Pacheco~~, Ron Paul, Sonrisa Stepath, ~~Stephen Squire~~, Sarah Wright

**Community Attendance:** 17+

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Ron Paul called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Gary Pacheco reported we have \$5,165.74, which includes an anonymous \$200 donation. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

**Planning Committee:** Ron Paul reported planning committee met March 17 and discussed wide ranging issues from Kalihiwai reservoir to Hay and Bertsch property to the resilience center at Anaina Hou and Wai Koa as well as the Woods house. The committee opinion was that the Woods house looked ok.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert hopes everyone is enjoying the twice monthly emails with community announcements. As always please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to [joekilauea@gmail.com](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**Woods house addition:** Vice Chair Paul reported that Chair L'Hote had distributed by email the small addition to an existing house structure. They are looking for approval to KNA for SMA approval. KNA will invite Santos to present the plan to the community at the May meeting.

**Kilauea Town Sign:** Mr. P reported the existing sign by the Shell station had broken. Bill Troutman has been looking at salvaging the existing sign as a temporary measure. A more permanent replacement will need to be developed. Charlie Martin said a permanent sign on that corner would be desirable but may need an easement from the church – this is a project that was in process perhaps 8-10 years ago but lost momentum. Any ideas on fabrication materials or contractors would be welcome.

**Kalihiwai Reservoir:** There are 3 parties that are water lease holders (Wai Koa, Common Ground, and Kalihiwai Ridge Community Association). Makaala Kaaumoana reported that the DLNR dam safety team has given the landowner Kalihiwai Ridge Community Association (KRCA) until May to submit a permit to decommission the dam. An extensive technical inspection was done by DLNR and the KRCA has not seen the report findings yet. There may be some delays on the permit timing requirement based on still not having a copy of the report. The reservoir provides many potential benefits including habitat, resiliency, irrigation water to offset potable water use, and recharge of the aquifers. Chair L'Hote is interested in maintaining the reservoir for irrigation purposes and assembling a consortium to fund preserving it.

Question by Vice Chair Paul on costs? Makaala estimated \$6-8M to preserve the reservoir, potentially much more if a special sand from British Columbia is required. To remove the dam would require a 25-foot notch cut in the dam which would cost considerably less. There has been a lot of money already sunk into just studying the dam. The overall condition of the dam especially given its age is in pretty good shape. Makaala noted there is a federal FEMA fund that the State may apply for that is intended for supporting private dams but the State has not applied for these funds before and doesn't want to do it. Bert Lyon said that the DLNR study they are waiting on is supposed to budget the removal costs.

Question on what may happen to the property if the dam is removed? The lot is a regular lot and so could be developed. It may have a density of 1, to be determined. Question on if it could be developed into a habitat, community park or taro farm? Could be a possibility.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None.**

### **UPDATES:**

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Sonrisa Stepath reported the PTSA is still doing the lucky drawing for \$5K for travel expenses anywhere – to be done at the May Day virtual celebration. The graduation itself will be on campus again this year and students can invite a certain number of guests.

Sonrisa is the art teacher for the upper grades and they will be coordinating with Hanalei School to put art projects into the Princeville Library.

**'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Jeremy reported that we have received some private donations and United Way funding award to support more Farmer Market boxes, so we are working to ramp this back up. The retail juice bar

and produce stand is under construction which we expect will increase demand for locally-grown produce and we are working to clear more land and start up a farmer plot license program to bring qualified independent farmers onto the site to expand agricultural opportunities and meet all the various demand. We have added our first dozen sheep to the property and are selling limited sheep shares on our website on the Products page. Please visit AHK at: <https://www.ainahookupuokilauea.org/>

Question on status of water to AHK with Kalihiwai Reservoir being closed? Stone Dam may be the next best source, but there is some question as to whether it has sufficient capacity of all needs.

**Anaina Hou:** Vice Chair Paul overviewed the plan from last month's meeting presentation.

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges:** Brooke Burrows reported that the predator proof fence at Mokolea Point has been completed. Pono Pacific will restart on April 11 on the Kahili portion of the fence.

The Hanalei overlook concrete has been poured. The plan is for an opening ceremony and blessing this fall.

There will be maintenance worker and equipment operator positions being posted soon.

Christa McLeod reported that class outreach is ramping back up. There are 2 internship opportunities for high school students available:

HYCC: <https://www.kupuhawaii.org/hycc-summer/>

Hökūlani: <https://cds.coe.hawaii.edu/hokulani/internship-sites/>

There is space for kamaaina reserved every hour that may be used when available with an annual pass.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group reported the refuge hosted a volunteer weeding event today. To learn more about such opportunities you may sign up for emails from Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges, please visit us here: <https://kilaueapoint.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=de6a7469cf539fdbb8f9aeb26&id=b1fc2fbe2f>

Applications are open for the Dan Moriarty scholarship for 2-4 year degrees through April 30<sup>th</sup>. For scholarship info, please visit us here: <http://www.kilaueapoint.org/scholarships>

The shearwaters have returned! Please be careful around nesting areas and watch pets.

**Kaulana Kilauea:** No report.

**Kia'i Kāhili:** Mehana reported they had a great Kahili beach cleanup this past weekend. The dune work and Christmas berry removal is going well. Kahili Beach cleanups are the first Sunday of every month from 8:30 – 10:30. Mahalo to Ahn for leading these. "Rave parties" are way down. There have been some unauthorized camping over on the second beach. There has been motor biking on the dunes though which should be discouraged. Also please no parking on the right side of the Wailapa access road to provide emergency vehicle lanes.

**Na Kia'i O Nihokū:** Mehana expressed concern about drainage issues with more development in Seacliff and impacts on the damaged Kahili Quarry road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. P received a request letter from a keiki volleyball team that practices Sundays in the Kilauea Gym and want to compete off-island. They are looking for some support funding for their travel costs to Honolulu sometime around the end of April or beginning of May. Mehana reported there are 100 kids that go through the gym on Sunday; there may be 40 kids traveling with at least half from Kilauea.

**MOTION** by Mike Latif to support the volleyball travel with \$200.00, seconded by Charlie Martin. Discussion on setting an overarching KNA strategic annual allotment for various types of funding. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Kauai Animal Education Farm (formerly Kauai Animal Education Center) is hosting a kids Easter activity event on April 16 from 9 am – Noon. Petting zoo, egg hunt, egg painting and a host of other related activities. For family tickets reserve at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-easter-fundraiser-event-at-kaef-tickets-309013998187> For organization information at <https://kauaianimaleducationcenter.org/>

Kauai North Shore Lions is now accepting applications until April 30<sup>th</sup> for their scholarship program. They have \$52K to award. Visit their website at

<https://kauainorthshorelions.org/> for more information and a simple application form.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**The March 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved by email.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the April 5, 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:52 pm.**