

# OCC Led in Creating Hawaiian AAU

Another article of historic interest particularly as this is the year of the Olympic games. By our good friend, writer, commentator, historian, traveller and contributor.

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The Outrigger Canoe Club can be very proud of the successful leadership exhibited by the Club and its members in 1910 and 1911 when the Amateur Athletic Union was brought to Hawaii. Erle H. Hand (Charter Member, OCC) made the first move; Lorrin Andrews—a prominent Outriggerite—led in the formative stages of Operation-AAU and was Chairman of the temporary organization; Guy H. Tuttle (Charter Member, OCC), Secretary of the Outrigger Canoe Club, was the first president of the Hawaiian Association of the AAU. The first four presidents of the Outrigger Club were delegates at times to the preliminary meetings of the Hawaiian AAU—A. H. Ford (1908-1909), Sanford Ballard Dole (1910), Philip L. Weaver (1911), and Guy H. Tuttle (1913-1916). Other members, representing organizations other than the OCC were active in creating our AAU.

## **E. H. HAND STARTS THE WORK**

President Peixotto, of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association (the Pacific branch of the National AAU), visited Hawaii and delivered a suggestion from James E. Sullivan (boss of the National AAU) to Erle H. Hand (Physical Director of the YMCA) that a Hawaiian branch of the AAU be created in Hawaii. Mr. Hand sent Mr. Sullivan information about our athletic organizations, and named Lorrin Andrews as the best available man to serve as organizer. Mr. Sullivan, in a letter to Mr. Andrews, suggested that the Hawaiian organizations merge with the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association; but sentiment in Hawaii favored an Hawaiian AAU directly under the National AAU rather than becoming an integral part of the Pacific branch of the AAU.

## **MEETING OF MAY 23, 1910**

When it became known that Erle H. Hand would leave Hawaii for a visit to the Mainland on May 25, 1910, Lorrin Andrews hurriedly invited the athletic organizations of Hawaii to send delegates to a meeting in his office in the Yokohama Specie Bank Building, on May 23, 1910, to discuss the AAU in Hawaii. Eight delegates were present: Lorrin Andrews (OCC), Erle H. Hand (YMCA and OCC), Judge Philip L. Weaver (Vice-President, OCC), Guy H. Tuttle (OCC), A. H. Ford (OCC but repre-

senting Ocean Club), Tom King (Myrtles), Bert Lightfoot (Healanis), R. A. Jordan (President, Honolulu Cricket Club), Stanley Livingston (Kamehameha Schools), and Lau Tu Tang (President, Chinese Athletic Club). Mr. Hand promised to consult with Mr. Sullivan at New York where he expected to arrive about June 12, 1910.

On June 4, 1910 the OCC Directors voted to cooperate closely in the organization of an AAU in Hawaii.

## **LORRIN ANDREWS IN CHAIR, JUNE 6, 1910**

Representatives of ten athletic organizations met on June 6, 1910 with Lorrin Andrews in the chair. The delegates were: Lorrin Andrews (OCC), Guy H. Tuttle (OCC), A. H. Ford (OCC but representing Ocean Club and Trail-and-Mountain Club), Stanley Livingston (Kamehameha Schools), Paul Super (YMCA), H. G. Winkley (Honolulu Cricket Club), Ray Reitow and W. L. Lyle (Myrtles), Robert S. Gault (Boys' Club and Grammar School League), James H. Fiddes (Hawaiian Association-Football League).

About this time the temporary AAU-organization of Hawaii authorized James H. Fiddes to contact James E. Sullivan (National AAU) concerning the Hawaiian AAU. Reportedly, Mr. Sullivan gave Mr. Fiddes in New York the desired assurances. Much was accomplished in August, 1910 and a meeting of delegates

of at least ten organizations to sign an application to the National AAU for a charter was planned. In view of the expected return of Erle H. Hand from the Mainland, the meeting was courteously delayed until after his arrival. Doctor Hand arrived back home early in September stating that he was very much in favor of the projected Hawaiian Association of the AAU.

**MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1910**

"The Hawaiian Islands are going to be on the Athletic Map on the fifteenth of next November," predicted the *Advertiser* in a report of the September 23, 1910 meeting. Delegates present were: Lorrin Andrews (Chairman), Guy H. Tuttle (OCC), A. H. Ford (OCC but representing Trail-and-Mountain Club), Corporal Woodruff of Fort Shafter (Military Athletic Association), Stanley Livingston (Kamehameha Schools), Prof. Folsom (McKinley High School), Will Lyle (Myrtles), Bert Lightfoot (Healanis), James P. Winne (Punahou Alumni Baseball Team), D. J. Ricker (Oahu College Athletic Association), R. S. Gault (Grammar School League), Paul Super (YMCA), Will Lyle (Honolulu Yacht Club), E. G. Winkley (Honolulu Cricket Club) inadvertently missed this meeting. Delegate James H. Fiddes being in Scotland, the Hawaiian Association-Football League was not represented.

Eight organizations were ready to approve the application for a charter—Outrigger Canoe Club, Kamehameha Schools, Trail - and - Mountain Club, Grammar School League, Hawaiian Association-Football League, Honolulu Cricket Club, Honolulu Yacht Club, and YMCA. Two more were required to complete the application. Chairman Andrews appointed Doctor Hand, Paul Super, and Stanley Livingston as a committee to secure the signatures of the eight already in the fold plus the two additional needed to make the necessary TEN.

**TENTH SIGNATURE OBTAINED**

The *Advertiser* of September 29, 1910 reported that the application was all ready to be signed.

The OCC was concerned about the definition of "amateur" as applied to surf-sports. According to the *Advertiser*,  
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*Dick Kananui (right) and Dennis O'Connor (left) who just graduated from the United States Naval Academy. Kananui won the Heavy-weight Boxing Championship of the Academy.*  
—Pic by "Scoop" Tsuzuki

**GIRLS — GIRLS — GIRLS  
MODELS — MODELS — MODELS**

It's a FASHION SHOW to be held  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 4:30 P.M.,

**MAIN DINING ROOM**

**MODELS**—Our Own Pretty Outrigger Girls

**CLOTHES**—by Carol and Mary

**THEME**—Back To School Togs

**CHAIRMAN**—Mrs. Hugh Howard

**P.S. You fellows are welcome.**

(Editor's note: Try to keep 'em away.)

Shall we call him "President" or "Your Honor." Well, we suggest you keep out of court and just call him Wilford or Mr. Godbold. Yes, our president is now a Judge of the Circuit Court. A well deserved honor "Mr. President," "Your Honor" and we extend our hearty congratulations and aloha.

## OCC—AAU

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Erle H. Hand (Charter Member, OCC) explained that canoes and paddles cost money and could not be safely trusted to inexperienced surfers. He felt that paddlers who took out visitors for money should still be amateurs.

Several organizations rushed to approve the application in October, 1910. Among them were the Maile Athletic Association and the St. Louis Baseball Club.

The tenth signature was affixed to the application, for an AAU charter for Hawaii, on October 8, 1910 and the document went off on the *Mongolia* the following day.

### GUY TUTTLE (OCC), FIRST PRESIDENT

Chairman Lorrin Andrews, of the temporary AAU organization, called a meeting for January 8, 1911 in his office at the Yokohama Specie Bank Building, to perfect the Hawaiian Association of the AAU, under the authority granted to him by James E. Sullivan. Fifteen delegates attended the meeting. Lorrin Andrews (representing Trail-and-Mountain Club and OCC) was Chairman. Paul Super (YMCA) served as temporary Secretary. "The Hawaiian Branch of the AAU was definitely formed on January 16, 1911," reported the *Advertiser*. The following Board of Managers was elected: Lorrin Andrews (OCC), Guy H. Tuttle (Trail-and-Mountain Club and OCC), John E. Soper (Myrtles), A. H. Tarleton (Healanis), F. O. Boyer (Puunene Athletic Club of Maui), W. S. Bowen (Palama Settlement), Paul Super (YMCA), and C. T. Fitts (Grammar School League).

In addition to the regular delegates the Outrigger Canoe Club had present as alternates—Judge Philip L. Weaver (President, OCC), D. C. Campbell and Irwin Spalding. Erle H. Hand also was present representing the YMCA and OCC.

Although it had been reported in the newspapers that "it is certain that Lorrin Andrews will be elected a delegate to the AAU, and it is rumored that he will be made president of the Hawaiian Branch of the AAU," he declined the high honor of president. Mr. Andrews explained that

he did not have the necessary time to adequately conduct the affairs of the new organization which he had worked so hard to create. So, the delegates turned to Guy H. Tuttle of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

"Guy H. Tuttle has been mentioned as a man who would grace the presidential chair," reported the *Advertiser* and the delegates unanimously elected him president; A. H. Tarleton (Healanis), vice-president; and W. S. Bowen (Palama), secretary-treasurer.

### AAU FUNCTIONS IN HAWAII

At a meeting of the Hawaiian Association of the AAU on March 24, 1911, "President Tuttle makes his call" to the athletes of the Territory, reported the *Advertiser*. It was announced that registration of individual athletes will open on April 1, 1911 at the *Hawaiian News* where John Soper was located. A "Swimming Carnival to be held on June 11, 1911, Kamehameha Day, under the auspices of the local branch of the AAU," was announced in the *Advertiser* of March 31, 1911. "All the swimming boys are reminded that this will be the first time that any official records will be taken and that there is also the fact of the proposal to send a Team over to the Mainland."

On June 1, 1911 the AAU put its rules in force in Hawaii, reported the *Advertiser* of that date. "The local organization has been formally received into the AAU and is officially known as the 'Hawaiian Association of the AAU'."

### THAT OLD CLUB SPIRIT

It has been remarked at the Club that often 'teen-agers try to order liquor at the bar, cocktail lounge, dances and on the Hau Terrace. Now while they may resent not being able to get drinks—there is another angle. The law is very specific regarding serving to those under twenty. The Club could well lose its license if found serving drinks to minors and ALL MEMBERS WOULD BE DEPRIVED. So, you young folks—how about a little co-operation and Club spirit. Don't put the burden on the Club of deciding whether you should or should not be served. When you are 20—it's okay.