

DAVID KAHANAMOKU BEACH PATROL HEAD

Is Appointed By Harbor Board As Captain of Waikiki Life- Saving Squad

Commissioned beach patrols for life saving purposes were authorized yesterday by the board of harbor commissioners, and David Kahanamoku, younger brother of Duke Kahanamoku, the fastest sprint swimmer in the world, was selected as captain of the patrol, to commence his duties at once.

The selection of David Kahanamoku as the first official life saver at famous Waikiki Beach and to be the captain of the entire patrol was unanimous, and his name was voted upon with enthusiasm. For some time David Kahanamoku has been employed by the Outrigger Club as a life saver, and the club recommended that when the board made official selections, with pay coming from an appropriation set aside by the last legislature of Hawaii, David be named. The regular pay is \$75 per month.

The Outrigger Club recommended that the hours of the patrol be from about half-past eight in the morning until sundown, and that the beach be patrolled from the Castle house to Halekai as one beat, and from Halekai to Halekulani as the second beat, and suggested that surfboards be placed at intervals for life saving use, as being the most facile craft for immediate use in reaching a person in need of help.

Can Make Arrests

H. E. Stinson, manager of the Moana and Young Hotels, recommended that the patrol extend from Heinie's Tavern to the Hau Tree (Halekulani). Chairman Hobby thought the patrols should be in the region most frequented by bathers. The chairman presented rules for life saving details, which vest the captain and his patrol with police authority and give them the right to maintain order along the entire beach and to make arrests.

The rules, as adopted by the board yesterday, require a patrolman shall be on duty eight hours each day, including Sundays and holidays, but arrangements will be made for long and short shifts for each patrolman, for each day, so that both men will be on duty in the afternoons.

Duties of Patrol

The duties of the patrol, as outlined, are to keep strict and vigilant watch along the Waikiki Beach, particularly that portion between Heinie's Tavern and Gray's Beach, and to be ready at all times to render aid and assistance to those in imminent danger, or to warn from danger those who may not be familiar with the beach; to preserve order at all times and to exercise such control as may be necessary to the avoidance of accidents and the taking of unnecessary risks by reckless or unskilled bathers.

It shall also be the duty of the patrolmen to care for and maintain in working order such boats, pulmotors or other equipment as shall be supplied for their use, and to be thoroughly familiar with the use of same. The captain of the patrol is required to make weekly reports to the board, which in turn will issue directions to him.

Should the patrolmen demand assistance in saving life or in preserving order and it is not forthcoming from persons asked, they are empowered to make arrests, and such failure to assist will be classed as a misdemeanor.

Others who have applied for positions are Lukela Kaupiko, John Kelei and Robert Holstein, and a selection of the second patrolmen, to serve under Captain David Kahanamoku, will be made soon. Kaupiko was favorably discussed by the board.