# Continuation Of Canoe Racing Is Endorsed

HONOLULU— (By Radio Teletype) — Continuation of outrigger canoe racing at Kona has been heartily endorsed by the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing association.

The group held a meeting Thursday to talk over problems.

John M. Lind, outgoing president, said outrigger canoeing and surfing activity in Hawaii is at an "all-time peak."

Fred E. Steere Jr. of the Outrigger Canoe club was elected president for the canoe association and Herbert Dowsett, of Kona's Kai Opua club, treasurer.

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"Canoe racing belongs in Kona," Mr. Lind said, and "the championships should be reserved for the Kona district."

A letter was presented to association members from the Kona Civic club in Kealakekua, Hawaii, congratulating them on the recent championship races, and asking that the races return there next year.

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However, the outgoing president said, some means of transporting crews and equipment to Neighbor Islands other than regular commercial air carriers should be devised because the "many thousands of dollars paid out for transportation in the past two years is prohibitive, considering the overall expenses for the season."