

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of August 20, 2025

Present: Sue Guille, Tom Cannon, Dave Brown, Russell Reinertson, John Meier, Mark Short

Absent: Kevin Jenkins

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist

Guests: Bruce Faulkner, Terry Quissenberry, Laurie Baker, Aaron Reichert, Richard Donovan

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted and quorum was met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025

The draft minutes were approved with a correction of the meeting date.

Staff Report: Trail work ongoing. Plum Trail in the Kula Forest Reserve is opening sooner than expected on August 21, 2025. Work was completed early. Staff education trainings coming up.

Flow Farm Report: The Skills area for cyclists at Kahakapao Recreational Area is closed for repairs and rebuild of the course.

Maui Motocross Report: The track is dry with the wind and heat. Group still working on getting a water source from adjacent landowners.

Old Business:

1. Kamehamehamehenui Forest Reserve: Still in process. Submittal date to Chairperson office was 8/18/2025 of Management plan and EA. If all is approved, the publishing date will be 8/23/2025. The plan will then be open for public comment for 30 days until 9/25/2025. There will be a public hearing for comment scheduled during that period.
2. Onau Trail: No update.
3. Waia'ilio Trail: No update.
4. Ho'olawa Bay: Still with the AG office. No update.
5. Na Ala Hele Program Plan: Ongoing work with consultants and user groups. Suggestion to have discussion regarding electric bikes. Currently, the NAH Rules allow for Class 1 bikes, pedal assist. Anything else is considered a motorcycle and not allowed on NAH trails. OHV recreational areas needed. Needs to be developed separately from other recreational use for safety.
6. Haleakala Bridle Trail: DLNR is working on the court mandated trail improvements. The trail needs to be marked in a durable manner. The mandated deadline for the trail work is 12/31/2025.
7. Applicants for vacant council member positions: Still in process. Council was asked to vote. Staff review of candidates and applications. List sent to the Chairperson for final approval.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new NAH Trails: .

2. Agenda items for next meeting:

Mountain Bike Club: Discussion of a standardized criteria and agreement for bike clubs access on all the islands using DLNR trails.

Paragliding on State Lands

OHV Trail development.

3. Date of next meeting: September 17th, at 1:00pm

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum

Adjournment: 2:15pm