

**Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2011**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Steve Connolly, Dan Severino, Kevin Eckert, Jon Perry, Jeremy Dunivan, Andrew Kendall

Guest: Jon Williams, Tiffany Bernaix

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

- A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Approval of the July 20, 2011, meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Basic Rigging Demo

- (a) Steve Connolly and Dudley will meet with Steve Nagano at the Urban Garden Center (UGC) when Dudley gets back from the Mainland. The workshop probably won't be happening this year due to the busy schedule that we have. It may be scheduled for early 2012.

ii) WCISA Regional Meeting – Plant Doctoring: Science vs. Snake Oil 8/24/2011

- (a) The registration count is around 80 people now. Rose expects around 100 people for a final count.

iii) CTW Prep Class

- (a) This class will be held on Oahu on Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m. at Coffee Talk on Waialae Avenue for six weeks (8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, and 10/4/2011). The fee is \$95/per person. The class is worth 6 CEUs. Jon has already received several calls from people registering. There are some concerns about conflicts for instructors/skills judges. This will be coordinated to make sure there are sufficient CTW judges who have not been instructors for the class.

- (b) There is some interest in holding the same class on the Big Island from Tree Works. Carol has sent out an email to our Big Island training list to see if there is enough demand to justify the class.

iv) WCISA Regional Meeting – Urban Soil Workshop

- (a) The date has been set for Friday, March 2, 2012. Jon said they're trying to get Waimanalo Experiment Station for the venue. Once everything is firm, he'll coordinate with WCISA and get the flyer out. There will be two classroom sessions and then breakout sessions outside. Carol spoke with Pete Bunn and he's willing to be an instructor. Deenik is taking the lead on topics/program/instructors. Goro might be a good extra instructor too. Kevin suggested Dr. Bob Schlub from the University

of Guam. He travels through Hawaii a lot. If the timing works out, maybe he could help instruct too.

v) LICH Conference & Tradeshow October 6, 2011

- (a) For the arborist track, Steve Connolly will be talking in the morning about Climbing Equipment, Darcy Oishi and Rob Hauff will be doing Insect Pest ID and Prevention/Control, Greg will be talking about Ropes/Knots, and Steve Nimz will be talking about Tree protection Zone Design and Implementation.

B) Public Outreach

- i) A Trees Underground workshop will be held for the public on November 5, 2011, at UGC.
- ii) Maui Outdoor Circle Pruning for the Public Workshop November 19, 2011 – tabled.

C) Research Committee

- i) AAA is going after a grant for \$15K for a Literature Review from the Britton Fund. Carol is submitting the preproposal now. If that makes it through the review, then the formal proposal will be submitted in December.

D) 2011 Hawaii TCC

- i) TCC will be held on October 1 and 2, 2011, at Dillingham Ranch. There's a lot of interest in the event. Lake Gibby made a banner and should have that printed within the next few weeks. The flyer will be ready in the next week or so to get the word out. The flyer should go out by email to the AAA training list, but should also be mailed hard copy to tree care companies with a request for them to post it where their employees can see it. Jon will do a press release. We need good coverage of the event. Steve will write an article for *Landscape Hawaii* and submit it to Chris Dacus. The next deadline is September 9, 2011.
- ii) The trees need lot of pruning in advance. Volunteers will be cleaning the trees the two weekends preceding the competition (dates tentative, may be rescheduled). There are 10-12 tall coconut palms. Steve will send Carol an email about the volunteer workdays to forward to AAA members. Seagem at Aloha Arbor Care is interested in helping out with a bucket truck per Dan. Jeremy has some guys that are going to come out and help set up the trees. Seven of the ITCC guys are coming out on their own dime. Scotty won't be able to make it though. They'll help with climbing, setting up, and standardizing the judging. It looks like we'll have a lot of support during the event. Ash has connections with food vendors and portapotties. Steve will be contacting chain saw supply and maintenance and climbing gear companies for sponsorship. The insurance rider costs \$15/person. The climber's fee will be based on that plus whatever other costs we need to cover. Last year it was around \$25-\$30/person and that went back into prizes. Steve raised almost a grand last year that went to prizes too. Treestuff.com and Hansen's Arborist Supply are making a sizable donation this year. Jeremy is working on shirts.

Jon noted that the CTW Prep Class earnings can cover some of this stuff too. Steve needs to contact Husqvarna and Altec guys. Maybe David Leonard will take photos again.

E) Landscape and Forestry Pest Identification Cards

- i) Carol reported that the project may get as much as \$6K from Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). The Kaulunani grant application was submitted requesting about \$15K - \$10K for printing costs and \$5K for an interactive website. If everything comes through, we should have around \$29,500 for the project. The start date is November 2011 and completion date is December 2012. HILA, HFIA, HDOA, CGAPS, and others are sponsoring the project along with AAA.

F) Big Island Outer Island Meeting

- i) Tabled

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Chinese Rose Beetle *Adoretus Sinicus*

- i) Distribution: Originally from Japan and Taiwan. Widespread through SE Asia and Pacific Islands
- ii) Hosts: Over 250 plants. Wide variety of ornamentals and cultivated crops.
- iii) Damage: Lace-like or shot with holes appearance on leaves caused by adults
- iv) Management: Insignificant biological control. Green muscardine fungus destroys many larvae and adults during wet season. Pesticides not noted.
- v) Steve Connolly added that light is a management technique. The beetles feed at night. They won't attack a tree that has light on it, but only certain wavelengths of light work. This pest attacks a huge variety of plants.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) The ISA Conference held in July was a great conference per Kevin. There's a CD of the proceedings available if anyone wants it. The conference covered a lot of biomechanical stuff. About 1,500 people including families attended with probably around 500-600 arborists. Sergio, Lester Inouye, Enriquez, and Ash attended as well. Next year's conference will be in Portland, Oregon.
- B) DOT is offering an EHAP course on September 28 and 29, 2011. The class size is limited to 80 people. DOT contractors get first shot at it. If there's still room, they'll open registration to AAA members.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2011 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Chinese Rose Beetle

**2011 Aloha Arborist Association
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2011.

Membership: \$10 Student \$25 Government Employee \$50 Individual

\$150 Company \$1,000 Lifetime Member Date: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

If Company Membership, please designate 3 company representatives*:

Address: _____

_____ **Website:** _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

You may publish this information on the AAA website: Yes No

**Company members may send any of their employees to workshops at AAA member rates*

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