

Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Jamilee Kempton, Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Brian Fukada, John O'Shea

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2011, AND NOVEMBER 11, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The October 19, 2011, and November 11, 2011, meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report for 12/31/2011

i) This document is attached to the minutes

B) Training Workshops

i) Pruning Workshop at UGC

(a) Tabled

ii) Rigging Workshop

(a) Brian asked about the Rigging Workshop that had been planned at one point. It has fallen off the agenda after being tabled too many times. When someone wants to step forward to plan this workshop, it will be added to the agenda again.

iii) HIOSH/AAA Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop

(a) There will be four of these workshops: Honolulu February 29, 2012; Big Island March 8, 2012, Maui March 16, 2012, and Kauai March 23, 2012. HILA, MALP, and KLIC will help on their islands. Jamilee confirmed that she can volunteer for the Honolulu workshop. Kevin Eckert will be the main speaker. The updated ANSI Z133.1 is supposed to be out in January 2012 so we plan to use that. The price is set at \$50/person. The workshop is worth 6 CEUs.

iv) Urban Soil Workshop March 30, 2012

(a) The date for the workshop has been moved to March 30, 2012. It will be held at Waimanalo Research Center. The price is \$75/member, \$100/non-member.

(b) We need to get something in the upcoming *Landscape Hawaii* issue. Jon was going to do this but he'll have his hands full with a new baby. Steve Connolly will write something and submit it.

v) TCIA EHAP Workshop June 2012

(a) Tabled.

vi) WCISA Regional Meeting – Palms Workshop 8/29/2012

- (a) We may need to find an alternate venue for this workshop instead of McCoy Pavilion. McCoy may be under construction. Steve Nimz suggested Ala Wai Golf Course. Another option might be Pali Golf Course. It's a City golf course and their clubhouse is empty. Steve Nimz said to contact Sean there. He used to work with trees and is in charge of that golf course.

vii) Felling Workshop – Mike Kraus

- (a) This workshop was an idea that Steve Connolly and Mike Kraus had. It could be done at Lyon Arboretum or at Koa Ridge. Steve Nimz prefers doing it at Lyon. We'll target September 2012 for this workshop.

viii) Training Calendar for 2012

- (a) February 29, 2012 – Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop Honolulu
- (b) March 8, 2012 – Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop Big Island
- (c) March 16, 2012 – Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop Maui
- (d) March 23, 2012 – Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop Kauai
- (e) March 30, 2012 – Urban Soils Workshop
- (f) April 2012
 - Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams 4/14/2012
 - WCISA Conference 4/29/2012 – 5/2/2012
 - TRACE possibly (TBA)
- (g) May 2012 – open
- (h) June 2012 – TCIA EHAP workshop
- (i) July 2012 – open
- (j) August 2012 – ISA Conference/ITCC 8/11/2012 – 8/15/2012
- (k) September 2012 – possibly TCC, possibly Felling Workshop
- (l) October 2012 – possibly TCC, LICH Conference (2nd half of the month), CA/CTW exams
- (m) November 2012 – Arbor Day tree giveaways, public outreach – trees from the ground down

C) Public Outreach

i) Trees from the Ground Down

- (a) Carol and Dudley are working with Jayme Grzebik on a date to do a repeat of this workshop, probably in November 2012. Jayme was looking at November 3rd, Arbor Day, but that is the same day as the tree giveaway and the two events together did not go well in 2011. Also, a lot of arborists volunteer at the tree giveaways.

ii) Maui Outdoor Circle Pruning for the Public Workshop November 19, 2011.

- (a) Steve Nimz reported that the Maui Outdoor Circle Pruning for the Public Workshop went well. He also learned that Norfolk Island pines are all sterile here but Cook

pinus aren't. Around 99% or more of our pinus are Cook pinus. There was a retired State Forestry guy there, Bob Hobdy, who took everyone around the campus. That's who Steve learned this from. The workshop was well-attended with around 80 people. There was a nice cross-section with lots of good questions. Ernie and Bob gave a great walk-through with a history of the various trees.

D) Research Committee

- i) The formal literature review grant proposal was sent to the Britton Fund on January 9, 2012. We should hear back in March 2012.

E) 2012 Hawaii TCC

- i) The target date is September/October. We need volunteers for the committee and to name a chair. Brian Fukada volunteered to chair the TCC committee. Carol suggested making a list of what needs to be done, setting a timetable for each item, and passing it on to future chairs to make their lives easier. We need to look for a venue too. Thomas Square was suggested. Steve Nimz said that's out, but we could consider Honolulu Hale and the Fasi Municipal Building area. We should talk to Austin. Austin needs to be on the TCC committee to help make this happen.

F) Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams January 21, 2012

- i) Austin won't be there. Judges' training is at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 20th. The judges need to be there by 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21st. Judges earn CEUs for helping. Dudley, John, and Brian volunteered. Steve Connolly will be there but will have to leave early. Carol will help monitor the written exams.

G) Landscape and Forestry Pest Identification Cards

- i) The Kaulunani grant came through. All together, we have almost \$30K in funding for printing costs and developing a website. Scot Nelson and Arnold Hara are working on the project. Carol put together a list of proposed pests and diseases for review by AAA's committee (Steve Connolly and Dudley). The list was also sent to other sponsoring organizations to see if they wanted to add anything. J.B. Friday provided some good input and offered photos. Darcy Oishi suggested pests too.

H) Big Island Outer Island Meeting – November 11, 2011

- i) Steve Connolly reported that the Cloud Forest tour was good. Norman was an interesting guy and a gracious host. The meeting went well. Steve Connolly got to meet some other arborists that he'd never met before. Jamilee and Steve Nimz were there as well.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month –Bacterial Leaf Spot of Hibiscus

- i) Host: Hibiscus and others, most commonly *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L.

- ii) Distribution: Particularly in high rainfall areas like Kurtistown on the Big Island
- iii) Symptoms: Lesions from 2-10 mm in diameter, usually surrounded by a two-color border (black next to tan-colored necrotic center and purplish-red next to the black)
- iv) Dispersion: Primarily by splashing or windblown rain. Infects through wounds and natural openings like stomata.
- v) Management: A combination of the following: 1) Starting new plants from pathogen-free cuttings, 2) planting resistant cultivars, 3) avoiding using susceptible hibiscus in high-rainfall areas, 4) modifying fertilizer practices, 5) sanitation through the periodic removal of diseased plant organs and picking up and destroying fallen leaves. Foliar sprays of bactericides won't usually control this disease in high-rainfall areas.

B) AAA Meeting Format

- i) It was agreed that the day of the month is fine (third Wednesday of each month except December). Dudley noted that in the past AAA has tried holding the meetings during the day and it didn't work out. Guys out in the field in the trees are not going to knock off to go to a meeting. Evenings work better. Steve Nimz suggested keeping the meeting at Cattle Company for one more month and trying to get more people to attend in February so we can have a better discussion about it. It's the quality of what we're discussing and what we're getting done that's important. Lots of people are participating in AAA even if they don't attend the meetings. The meetings are for organizing and promoting. Maybe we can shift more towards town or the windward side based on which people are coming now. The most meaningful part is to look at the agenda and see what we're getting accomplished. None of the other green industry groups in Hawaii has near the amount of educational stuff that AAA has, including LICH. We have to be careful that we don't get overloaded doing this. If we can keep the pace like we have been without burning out, that's fantastic.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Jon Perry's girlfriend had a baby girl on January 17, 2012. She's got a good grip, so it looks like she'll be a good climber. Her name is Ava Marie.
- B) OSHA/HIOSH are targeting tree care companies for inspections due to the number of fatalities in the industry in 2010 and 2011 per Moses DeMello who retired from HIOSH at the end of 2012.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2012 AAA Membership Application
2. Treasurer's Report – 12/31/2011
3. Pest of the Month – Bacterial Leaf Spot of Hibiscus

**2012 Aloha Arborist Association
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2012.

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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