

Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2012

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Jamilee Kempton, Carol Kwan, Gregory Severino, Quenna Johnson, Doug DeMoss, Lance Bookless

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 18, 2012, MEETING MINUTES

A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The January 18, 2012, meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Pruning Workshop at UGC

(a) Tabled

ii) 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. As of today, there are 69 people registered for Oahu, 21 for the Big Island, 20 for Maui, and 4 for Kauai. The numbers include the two speakers.

(b) Steve Nimz pointed out that the photo published with the Basic Tree Care Safety Workshop in *Landscape Hawaii* had at least seven safety violations shown. It would have been more appropriate in a contest for “find the safety violations”. Per Carol, the photo was a stock photo provided by the company doing the magazine layout. She will let Chris Dacus know about Steve’s concerns.

iii) Urban Soil Workshop March 30, 2012

(a) Carol sent a sample flyer to Jon for his use in drafting the flyer for this workshop. It should go out by the end of February.

iv) TCIA EHAP Workshop June 2012

(a) Tabled.

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

(a) Steve Nimz noted that we should promote this workshop heavily in *Landscape Hawaii*, including emphasizing Don Hodel’s book on *Pritchardias*.

vi) Felling Workshop – Mike Kraus

(a) Steve Connolly has not managed to connect with Mike Kraus on this workshop. He’s left voicemails.

B) Public Outreach

i) Trees from the Ground Down

(a) Carol hasn't heard anything back from Jayme on this.

C) Research Committee

i) We should hear back in March 2012 about the literature review grant proposal.

D) 2012 Hawaii TCC

i) We need committee members and to assign roles. Austin Braaten will help some but his time is limited. Greg Severino declined to be the chair. Steve Nimz is willing to work with Austin to help him chair the committee since Austin has military commitments too. Austin is good at emails and paperwork that needs to happen and may be able to get us venues that we couldn't get otherwise. TCC should happen in the September-October timeframe.

E) Landscape and Forestry Pest Identification Cards

i) The cards are with CTAHR for writing.

F) Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams April 14, 2012

i) Greg has one aerial rescue class and one knots class scheduled before the April exam. Volunteers for helping with the exams are assumed to be the same as usual. We have a pretty good crew but can always use more judges if anyone is interested. Greg noted that two of his guys have passed the CTW exam and will be looking for CEUs. They'll probably be volunteering.

G) AAA Meeting Format

i) It was decided that we should try a new venue on the Windward side since most of the people attending the meetings lately are from that side of the island. Carol will check around Kaneohe and Kailua areas and see what we come up with. Steve Nimz suggested checking with the restaurant at Koolau Golf Course as a possibility.

ii) For the annual meeting in April, we'll try Gordon Biersch again. That worked well in 2011.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month –*Fiorinia phantasma*

- i) Hosts: Most commonly palms (coconut Manila, areca, foxtail, and bottle palms) as well as kamani, shower tree, Ficus benjamina, maio, Madagascar olive, hala, mock orange, wax leaf privet, and traveler's palm
- ii) Distribution: Philippines, Oahu, and Kihei/Wailea area of Maui
- iii) Description: Armored scale. Adult females inconsistently show red stripes the width of the scale covering with some variations. Closely related to *F. fioriniae*, a similar looking scale already established in Hawaii.
- iv) Damage: Yellow blotches on the upper leaf surfaces of host plants. Leaf drop as the population increases.
- v) Control: Minor biological control from ladybeetles, green lacewing larvae, and a parasitic wasp. Horticultural oil should be effective on crawler stage. Systemic insecticides and growth regulators may be effective.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Mary Steiner is leaving The Outdoor Circle on February 29, 2012. No replacement has been hired as yet.
- B) Next month Darcy Oishi will be attending the AAA meeting. The pest of the month will be the South American Palm Weevil. This is a pest alert. Darcy will bring specimens for AAA members to examine to make it easier to recognize them if we ever see this pest.
- C) Steve Connolly is a key arborist on the Arborist's Advisory Committee now. He took Steve Nimz's place.
- D) Steve Nimz announced that WCISA/HSUFP are still planning to offer TRACE in Honolulu at the end of April. We have around 12 people interested based on the survey. Quenna expressed interest at the meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Sizzlers in Kailua, Aikahi Park Shopping Center.

Attachments:

1. 2012 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – *Fiorinia phantasma*

**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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