

**Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012**

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Jamilee Kempton, Daniel Severino, Lance Bookless, Steve Nimz, Brian Fukada

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 22, 2012, MEETING MINUTES

- A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. Approval of the August 22, 2012, meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

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

- (a) We should have the final accounting for the workshop at the October meeting.

ii) Crane Truck Rigging Workshop 10/8/2012

- (a) Ash is organizing this workshop. Carol and Steve Nimz are helping him. It will be at Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Garden. The price is \$55 for members and \$80 for non-members. Steve Connolly is concerned that we don't go in the red like we did for the Safety Workshops. There was a verbal agreement between Ash and Jared to cover Jared's and Gary's airfare costs. Carol will check with Jared how much his airfare is and make sure it's clear what our financial obligations are.

- (b) Steve Nimz suggested that we let the City have 5 guys attend for free since the City is providing a venue, will handle clean up, and the green waste stays at Ho‘omaluhia. The City will be contracting with H.T.M. for the tree removal. Because it's not a hands-on workshop, Stan has agreed to waive the event insurance. Steve will check with Austin to see if we can borrow DUF's megaphones.

iii) LICH Conference 2012 – October 25, 2012

- (a) The program is set. Steve Nimz reported that the arborist track will focus on things like soils and insects. It should be a good conference. The OSHA area director will be there speaking in Track 4 in the morning about the new operating agreement and OSHA taking over general industries including tree care as of October 1, 2012.

- (b) Carol will be selling books at a booth at the Trade Show. Others are welcome to volunteer and help her.

iv) Possible training Waimea Arboretum

- (a) Tabled

v) Felling Workshop – Mike Kraus

- (a) Steve Connolly said to take this off of the agenda at this point

B) Public Outreach

i) Pruning Young Trees and Shrubs, November 17, 2012

(a) Tabled

ii) Trees from the Ground Down, March 9, 2013

(a) Tabled

C) Research Committee

(a) Steve Nimz spoke about the DOT project research. He's not sure how much control we're going to have on it. This is John Montoya's doctorate degree research. Steve spoke with Ed Gilman and it sounds like the project is lost in academia. There should be a presentation of the status of the project with AAA members invited to attend sometime within the next six months. It would be better to have this during the day. Steve Connolly pointed out that the research should follow what was written on the grant application.

D) 2012 Hawaii TCC, October 5-7, 2012, Moanalua Gardens

i) Set up day will be on Friday, October 5, 2012. Steve Connolly will be meeting with an agent at Moanalua Gardens on September 20th to coordinate details. After that meeting, the schedule will be set and he can submit it for CEUs. He will also be submitting the application to use one of the Exceptional Trees to the City tomorrow. The Diamond Head side of the main lawn will be cordoned off for the event. LICH will be letting us borrow some 10'X10' tents. We need tables and chairs. Steve doesn't have the food secured yet. He wants to have the thing catered and picked up or delivered that day. The food will be for volunteers, climbers, and AAA members and will only be on Saturday. You're on your own for food on Sunday. There will be coolers with water, juices and snacks available. He'll need a volunteer to coordinate this. Steve asked Carol to let him know how the TCC fund stands. Dan donated \$100 to the fund at the meeting.

ii) Steve wants to do t-shirts that can roll over to future years. He still has a box of ones from 2011. We'll spend around \$600 on t-shirts. Climb Aloha is giving a 15% discount off the top for items purchased for prizes and is donating some prizes outright as well. The guy who handled the keiki climb in the past now lives in L.A. so Mike Richardson from Climb Aloha will handle that this time. The keiki climb will be on Saturday only. Matt Lyum has offered some suggestions on sponsorships. We can mention sponsors in the LICH magazine and advertise for more sponsors next year.

iii) Steve Nimz suggested checking if Moanalua Gardens will allow us to bring golf carts. Steve Connolly said that is allowed. Steve Nimz will try to get at least one for us to use.

iv) Steve Nimz commented that it looks like the burden is on Steve Connolly's shoulders. Steve Connolly would appreciate if someone wants to volunteer to take charge of the

food thing. He's estimating around 40 people total with a food budget of \$6-\$7 per head. The count can be confirmed closer to the date. Any extra bentos will be sold for \$10 each.

- v) Steve Connolly said that if we can get the bugs out, Moanalua Gardens will be a great venue for the future. We will be doing a volunteer work day later on for our use this year. Brian asked if there will be a judges/volunteers meeting one week prior to the event. Steve Connolly said he won't do it until the schedule is nailed. Steve will be sending the schedule to Amy for preparing the program for the event. We'll need clipboards and stopwatches. Steve will have all of those there. Austin Braaten has committed to being the head judge. Gary Abrojena will be helping Austin. The equipment check will be on Saturday morning and will be more streamlined than in the past. Steve Nimz suggested checking some gear on Friday and some on Saturday. There will be some competitors there on Friday for set up day.
- vi) So far, Don Bergan, and Drew Hardman have volunteered. Mike Clark from Asplundh is a maybe. There will be a handful of guys from Davey for watching who may also help as volunteers. Steve Connolly isn't too concerned about judges at this point. He will get all of the paperwork printed out in advance and have everything organized. Greg made binders for past TCCs and that worked well. Brian offered to help Steve set up the paperwork.

E) Landscape and Forestry Pest Identification Cards

- i) Nothing new to report.

F) AAA Website

- i) Due to lack of quorum, we were unable to vote on spending around \$100-\$150 to set up PayPal for membership dues on our website and get Carol trained on how to do it. Steve Nimz expressed support for the idea.

G) Safety Campaign

- i) Carol will need a support letter from AAA for the Glossaries of Arboricultural Terms in foreign languages grant request. She will draft something and Steve Connolly will sign it.
- ii) Carol drafted an article targeted to the hotel industry. Steve Nimz suggested deferring this for now.
- iii) OSHA will be holding a workshop on the Big Island about the new operating agreement and what it means to have OSHA handling our industry directly. Carol spoke to the people from OSHA who will be doing the workshop and they will also be presenting a short version of the Big Island workshop at the LICH conference. Steve Connolly offered for them to have a table at TCC if they like since a lot of hands-on workers will be there.

- iv) Damon, who Sergio mentioned last month had gotten hurt, was doing work on the weekend on his own. His knee got destroyed. It's important to pay attention to what you're cutting.
- v) If you see companies not doing stuff right, you can call to report it to OSHA, 541-2680. They are particularly concerned about finding the small companies that may not be legal contractors who do cash jobs for homeowners. Those are off the radar. Steve Nimz said the guys are usually gone by the time inspectors get there.

H) Monkeypod Moths

- i) Steve Connolly took a bunch of caterpillars to HDOA. They identified them as the same three species of monkeypod moths that have been here for many years. It looks like the biological controls population is lagging the population explosion of the monkeypod moths. There were two different fungal associations identified on the tree that Steve Connolly is working on. They aren't sure how those fit in. Some bareness in the trees may be due to strange weather patterns, particularly delayed rainfall.

I) Mahogany

- i) Dan reported that the next time he went by the mahogany that he'd mentioned before, it had leafed out. Steve Nimz said they go through a leaf change and they do it at different times.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Rust (*Uredo wakensis*) on Tree Heliotrope

- i) Distribution: Hawaiian Islands – Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Molokai, and Lanai. However, it only infects trees in a few locations on each island.
- ii) Damage: Small leaves with powdery cinnamon to dark chocolate rust pustules on top and bottom leaf surfaces; brown, necrotic leaf spots; leaf curling and yellowing; leaf death, premature defoliation, tree decline
- iii) Management:
 - (1) Good sanitation – pick up fallen leaves, prune to remove severely diseased leaves
 - (2) Improve aeration in crowns by controlling weeds, removing windbreaks, and pruning
 - (3) Do not plant tree heliotrope side-by-side. Intersperse with other species.
 - (4) Avoid transplanting rust-infected seedlings
 - (5) Do not introduce infected material into a rust-free area
 - (6) Plant at sites with lower humidity/rainfall

B) Books for Public Library

- i) Carol proposed that AAA donate five copies of the Best Management Practices Transplanting to the Hawaii State Public Library System. We have had those in inventory for a few years and they haven't been selling. Also, she suggested that we donate six copies of the new ANSI Z133. It was agreed to make the donation. The Z133s have been about 60% preordered so far.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) None

ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Sizzler's Kailua.

Attachments:

1. 2012 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Rust (*Uredo wakensis*) on Tree Heliotrope

**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*

Please send this completed form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association.

Mahalo for your support!