

**Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
August 21st, 2013**

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Amy Nichols, Steve Nimz, Dudley Hulbert, Jamilee Kempton, Andrew Kendall, Doug DeMoss, Carol Kwan, and Sergio Vasquez.

Guests: J. Zambo and Tim Waeger.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17TH 2013, MEETING MINUTES

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. The July 17th, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Trees and the Law Workshop - September 20th, 2013

- (a) All members present at the meeting were asked if there was anything else we'd like to add to the program for the Trees and Law Workshop. Contact Steve Nimz if you would like suggest an additional topic to the agenda.
- (b) 19 people have already registered. We expect this workshop to be well attended. It will be held at the Ala Wai Golf Course, conference room second floor. 8:00am-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided.
- (c) Jamilee and Amy will be running the registration table and CEU sign-up sheets.
- (d) There will be a panel discussion with Steve Nimz, Abner Undan, Mike Krauss, and Kevin Eckert.

ii) John Ball Workshop 2014

- (a) There are no new developments. AAA is still working with WCISA regarding this proposed workshop.
- (b) McCoy Pavilion is scheduled to re-open April 22nd 2014. This date is tentative.
- (c) Big Island is interested in holding the workshop the following Thursday April 24th or Friday April 25th 2014. AAA is still waiting to hear back from Maui to determine their interest in holding this workshop.

iii) AAA Hands-On Workshops – Tabled

iv) 2013 LICH 13th Annual Conference- October 10th, 2013.

- (a) The Arborist Track will cover tree injection, Gall wasps, pruning and healing cuts, and a Fairy Tern survey.

v) 2014 Hawaii Tree Climbing Competition – Tabled

- (a) AAA still needs to talk with J.P. Damon.
- (b) We are shooting for the 3rd weekend in February to hold the HTCC 2014.

vi) ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)

- (a) AAA sent out a survey to determine Hawaii's interest in taking TRAQ. So far 14 people have replied with interest. This may be enough to hold the TRAQ course. AAA will continue to look into this option.

vii) Tropical Fruit Phenology Workshop - Mark Nickum

- (a) Details are still in development. The Urban Garden Center could be a possible venue for this workshop.
- (b) Citrus, Avocado, Lychee, and Mango are some of the most common fruit trees planted in Hawaii. These fruit trees should be covered at this workshop.
- (c) We may be able to encourage additional speakers for the fruit phenology workshop. Richard Ebesu is one of the authors of Citrus for Hawaii's Gardens and Ken Leonhardt, Professor at UH Manoa could talk about entomology, specifically the pests that effect fruit trees in Hawaii.

B) Research Committee – Tabled

C) New Meeting Venue

- i) The September 18th Meeting is scheduled at the Real A Gastropub – 1020 Auahi St. We are going to give Real A Gastropub another try. It was very loud in the downstairs section. The live music was enjoyable but, it was very difficult to hear everyone speak. We have discussed with the managers and plan to sit upstairs where it will be more suitable to have our meeting next month.

B) Windward Community College - Subtropical Tree Care Program

- i) AAA will reserve a booth at the LICH Conference. We will have the WCC Subtropical Tree Care Program information to hand out. Jamilee and Amy will take shifts to man the booth.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month Update Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*)

- i) Host: Coconut and Oil palms mainly – but also may attack other palm species.
- ii) Distribution: South Pacific (American Samoa, others) and Guam.

- iii) Damage: V-shaped cuts in the fronds or holes through the midrib.
- iv) Control: Eliminating the places where they breed and manually destroying adults and all stages of life cycle – eggs, larvae, and pupae. Also through natural enemies such as pigs, rats, ants, and some beetles and diseases (fungus *Metahizium anisopliae* and *Oryctes* virus).

B) Membership Cards

- i) AAA has agreed to start creating membership cards starting January 2014.
- ii) Yearly members would receive a simple paper membership card to use at workshops and to receive discounts. Lifetime members would receive a laminated card.

C) AAA Project Review Committee

- i) Tabled

D) ITCC Toronto and ISA Annual Conference

- i) Jamilee Kempton's overall placing was 10th out of 20 competitors. She was the top ranked competitor from the U.S., placed 3rd in the Speed Climb, and took 2nd place at the Head-to-Head Footlock.
- ii) ISA Annual Conference was great! The Trade Show was a little light due to the difficulty of selling international products in Canada.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) LICH 13th Annual Conference, October 10, 2013 – Neal S. Blaisdell Center.

B) WCISA Certified Tree Worker and Certified Arborist Exams

- i) Kauai September 7th 2013.
- ii) Oahu October 12th 2013.

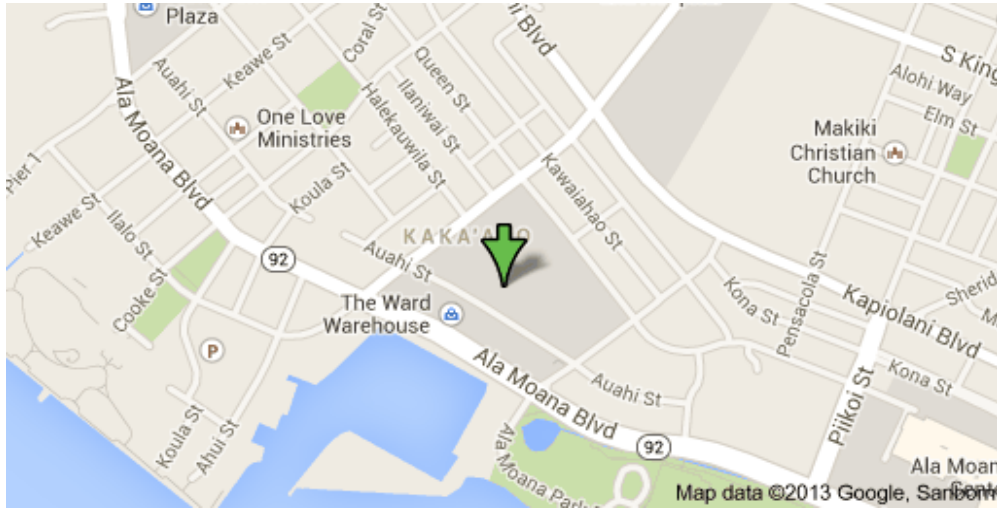
ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jamilee Kempton

PLEASE JOIN US!

Real A Gastropub – September 18th, 6:30pm



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Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2013.

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 for voting purposes*:

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile phone: _____

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

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