

Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2013

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Jamilee Kempton, Amy Nichols, Steve Nimz, Dudley Hulbert, Lance Bookless

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2013, MEETING MINUTES

A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. The approval of the February 27, 2013, meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Trees and Biology Workshops (WCISA Regional Meetings)

(a) In the future, perhaps we could do a 2-day workshop with the first day general tree biology and the second day more advanced tree biology.

ii) Trees and Law - 2013

(a) No venue yet. Dennis Kucinich will be the speaker coming in from California. Target September.

iii) John Ball Workshop 2014

(a) No contact made as yet. This would be a WCISA-AAA cosponsored workshop. We could consider having OSHA give a brief presentation during the day as well.

iv) Request for Hands-On Workshops

(a) Don Coffey, CTSP, is developing an SRT manual for the ISA. He would be a good speaker for a hands-on workshop and he has expressed interest in coming to Hawaii.

B) Public Outreach

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

(a) The event went smoothly and everyone had a good time.

C) Research Committee

(a) Tabled

D) 2014 HTCC

i) We will be skipping 2013 and holding the next HTCC around February/March 2014 to bring us in line with WCISA and ITCC so that there is not such a large break between events.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pest of the Month – Croton Caterpillar (*Achaea janata*)
 - i) Distribution: Widespread throughout the tropical and subtropical Pacific, in Australia, and Asia
 - ii) Hosts: Croton, castor bean, *Ficus*, macadamia, and others.
 - iii) Damage:
 - (1) Caterpillar feeds on the leaves of hosts, leaving veins and petioles
 - iv) Control
 - (1) There are several biological controls in Hawaii.
 - (2) Some chemical control has been achieved using pyrethroids insecticides.
- B) CTAHR's Agriculture & Environmental Awareness Day 3/8 & 3/9/2013
 - i) Tabled

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Ernie Rezens asked for AAA Members' input on the Maui County Planting Plan revision. It's posted on AAA's website. Comments are due to Ernie at ernie@maui-arborist.com by March 31, 2013.
- B) The WCISA Conference will be held May 7-10, 2013, at Indian Wells, CA (Palm Springs).
- C) The ISA Conference will be in Toronto, Canada August 3-7, 2013.
- D) Carol will be on vacation in California March 23 – April 1, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

Thanks to Jamilee Kempton who took meeting notes in my absence.

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Gordon Biersch in Aloha Tower Market Place.

Attachments:

1. 2013 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Croton Caterpillar

2013 Aloha Arborist Association 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: _____

_____ 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. If you prefer, you can pay online with a credit card at alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/ and send us this form via email (info@alohaarborist.com) or fax (808) 625-4287.

Mahalo for your support!