

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18th, 2013**

Members Present: Amy Nichols, Dudley Hulbert, Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly, Timothy Waeger, J. Zambo, Andrew Kendall, and Steve Nimz.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, MEETING MINUTES**

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The August 21st, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

The August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 minutes were not sent out through e-mail to our members. The August minutes were posted on the AAA Website. Moreover, AAA will continue sending the meeting minutes through e-mail to our members each month. We apologize for any confusion.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Training Workshops**

**i) Trees and the Law Workshop - September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

- (a) 98 people have already registered. Dennis is excited to speak at this workshop. We will be taking walk-ins for registration.

**ii) John Ball Workshop 2014**

- (a) There are no new developments. AAA is still working with WCISA regarding this proposed workshop. It sounds like WCISA is planning to schedule a “John Ball Tour” for safety workshops. Hawaii would be a destination for the safety workshop tour.
- (b) McCoy Pavilion is the potential venue for this workshop. It is scheduled to re-open April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014. This date is tentative.

**iii) Hands-on Workshop combined with Moanalua Gardens Work-Day**

- (a) Dudley had discussed the work-day with the J.P. Damon, the owner of Moanalua Gardens. A couple mango trees need to have the dead wood removed. We still need to confirm the date with J.P Damon for the work day. AAA would like to combine the work-day with an educational fundraiser for the 2014 HTCC. Ideas for the educational fundraiser include:
  - (i) Work climb scenario: climbers start up in the tree and run a course of 2-3 stations.
  - (ii) Certified Tree worker “mock” exam: inspect tree, set line, complete 2 stations, get out of tree, and remove all gear from tree.

(iii) Greg's knot tying station: to prepare tree workers for CTW Exam.

iv) 2014 Hawaii Tree Climbing Competition

- (a) Dudley and Steve Connolly recently met with Maurice at Moanalua Gardens. Maurice is on board for the HTCC for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February.
- (b) There are a couple reasons why AAA has scheduled the HTCC for February 2014.
  - (i) October 2013 is very busy for AAA. The LICH Conference, and CTW Exams are scheduled.
  - (ii) Scheduling the HTCC in February is more "in-line" with the WCISA TCC April 2014, and ITCC August 2014.

v) 2013 LICH 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference- October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- (a) AAA will reserve a booth at LICH Conference. There will be a \$45.00 fee.

vi) ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)

- (a) Kevin Eckert and WCISA are ready to move forward to schedule a TRAQ Course here in Honolulu. WCISA should take the lead.

vii) Tropical Fruit Phenology Workshop - Mark Nickum

- (a) AAA is still discussing ideas to hold a "Fruit Tree Phenology Workshop".

B) Research Committee - Tabled

C) New Meeting Venue

- i) Aloha Beer Company is still closed due to construction. The October 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 Meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the Seven Palms Bar and Grille – 943 Valkenburgh St.

D) AAA Project Review Committee - Tabled

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month Update – Citrus Mealybug (*Planococcus citri*)

- i) Hosts: Annona, Arabica, and Robusta coffee, cotton, banana, carambola, cacao, flowering ginger, macadamia, mango and plants belonging to Citrus genus.
- ii) Distribution: This pest has a pan tropical distribution that extends into subtropical regions. It is present in nearly all coffee growing countries.
- iii) Damage: Leaves of plants attacked by the root form wilt and turn yellow as if affected by drought. Roots are sometimes encrusted with greenish-white fungal tissue (*Polyporus* sp.) and stunted. Citrus mealybugs are visible beneath the fungus when it is peeled away.

When the root form is associated with fungal tissue, it is capable of killing the plant. The aerial form of this insect is found on leaves, twigs, and at the base of fruits.

- iv) Control: There are numerous parasitic wasps that attack the citrus mealybug and several predatory beetles. Pathogenic fungi also attack this pest. Malathion, diazinon, and dimethoate may be effective in controlling this pest, especially if white oil is mixed with the parathion and malathion preparations.

B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hawaii Arbor Day with Timmy Womick of the TreeCircus

- i) November 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>. AAA should check with Rose regarding these details.
- ii) AAA should help find schools who are interested in this program. Maybe, Lyon Arboretum, Education Department would be interested having this Annual TreeCircus Arbor Event for the kids. Jamilee will talk with Jill to determine her interest.
- iii) Timmy Wommick is looking for support for this trip. A place to stay, and perhaps a loaned vehicle, or chauffer services.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

B) WCISA Certified Tree Worker and Certified Arborist Exams Oahu - October 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamilee Kempton

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*Seven Palms Bar and Grille – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
943 Valkenburgh St.*



**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\*:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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