

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, MEETING MINUTES**

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. The September 18th, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Training Workshops**

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

- (a) Overall reviews and feedback from the Trees and the Law Workshop were very positive. AAA would like to send Dennis and his wife Ann a gift to say thank you. AAA will purchase a Koa wood watch for Dennis and a pair of Koa wood earrings for Ann. Everyone really enjoyed this workshop. Overall gross income was \$9,000. After food, admin, and travel/hotel expenses for the speaker, the profit for AAA was around \$4,000.

**ii) John Ball Safety Workshop 2014**

- (a) AAA is still working with WCISA regarding this proposed workshop. WCISA is planning to schedule a "John Ball Tour" for safety workshops. The target week to hold this workshop in Hawaii is May 12<sup>th</sup> -May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We should talk with Carol Kwan to determine the role of AAA regarding this WCISA workshop. Would we like to see a more hands-on or lecture based safety workshop?
- (b) Palm safety has come up in the past. Our initial idea was to add a palm safety portion to the John Ball workshop. We are now discussing the possibility of holding a hands-on palm safety workshop separate from John Ball's workshop. It would be great to have Javier Quiroz from the San Diego Zoo come out to talk about palm safety and climbing tips.

**iii) 2014 Hawaii Tree Climbing Competition – Tabled**

**iv) ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)**

- (a) Kevin Eckert and WCISA are ready to move forward to schedule a TRAQ Course here in Honolulu. AAA will help support the efforts, but WCISA should take the

lead. Amy will e-mail Rose and suggest WCISA work with City and County of Honolulu to organize and manage this course.

v) Tropical Fruit Phenology Workshop

- (a) Dudley e-mailed Jayme Grzebik from the Urban Garden Center. The UGC may be interested in holding this workshop. The UGC could advertise and promote, and AAA would be there for support. Mark Nickum is available to speak sometime March 2014. Mark Wright is on board to talk about IPM. More details are development.

vi) Recap: Arborist and CTW Exams - October 12<sup>th</sup>

- (a) Overall the CTW exams went very smooth.

B) Work Day at Moanalua Gardens

- i) There will be not be a hands-on workshop in conjunction with the work day at Moanalua Gardens. The **workday will be Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>**. Two large mango trees need to have the deadwood removed. Steve Connolly will be making phone calls to tree workers for their involvement.

C) Research Committee – Tabled

D) New Meeting Venue

- i) The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – 943 Valkenburgh St. will be our permanent meeting venue until further notice.

E) AAA Project Review Committee

- i) Carol Kwan brought this to Steve Connolly's attention. We need to ask Carol about the details. The purpose and goal of the "AAA Project Review Committee" is unclear.

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

- i) Timmy will be on island October 30<sup>st</sup> - November 5<sup>th</sup>. 4 Schools in Kailua are interested in the TreeCircus. Timmy is still working on scheduling with additional schools. Timmy has places to stay, and has rented a car.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – *Melaleuca Psyllid - Boreioglycaspis melaleucae* Moore

- i) Hosts: *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Paperbark Tree), *Melaleuca leucadendra*, *Melaleuca nervosa*, *Melaleuca argentea*, *Melaleuca viridiflora*, *Melaleuca nodosa*, and *Callistemon citrinus* (Bottlebrush).
- ii) Distribution: *B. melaleuca* has been collected from all states in its native Australia except South Australia. Specimens released in Florida originated from southeastern Queensland. As of October 2002, the melaleuca psyllid had been released in five Florida counties. It will spread naturally to all 22 central and south Florida counties where melaleuca infestations occur.
- iii) Damage: Both adults and nymphs fed on melaleuca, but nymphal feeding severely damaged melaleuca. Leaves became chlorotic, turned brown and eventually died. Heavy infestations killed young plants and saplings. *B. melaleuca* is capable of severely damaging melaleuca because this insect completes its life cycle entirely in the tree canopy.
- iv) Control: *Melaleuca quinquenervia* is a federally and Florida state-listed noxious weed. For the state of Florida there should be no need for biological control and chemical control legally cannot be purchased or possessed.
  - (a) Biological Control: There is one Australian nymphal parasitoid, *Psyllaephagus* sp. that is known to attack *Boreioglycaspis melaleuca*.
  - (b) Chemical control: Chemical pesticides labeled for psyllids are known to work for chemical control and strong sprays of water will wash the nymphs from the leaves.

#### B) Pest of the Month Ideas- Jamilee

- i) Jamilee asked the members present about Pest of the Month options. Do we need print off color copies at every meeting? Do people save them, or just throw them away? If members are interested about the Pest of the Month, the publications are accessible online at our website Alohaarborist.com. Amy suggested that in addition to pests, we could include other topics such as plant health care, IPM, and other helpful tips for tree care. For now, Jamilee will continue as normal with printing off copies for the Pest of the Month.

#### C) AAA Christmas Party 2013

- i) The AAA Christmas Party will be held at Lyon Arboretum. Jamilee will reserve the kitchen and lanai area for either December 7<sup>th</sup> or December 14<sup>th</sup>. The party will be on a Saturday from 2-6pm. Once the date is confirmed we will be e-mailing out invitations. AAA will provide food, wine and other beverages.

#### D) Leeward Community College needs help removing 2 African Tulip trees

- i) Frani Okamoto has contacted AAA to ask for help in removing 2 African Tulip trees growing near a fence. This could be a great opportunity to hold a hands-on rigging workshop. AAA should contact tree care companies and determine the interest and/or need for a rigging workshop. Will these companies support their employees and send them to this workshop? If the brush and debris can be left behind, AAA can do this at no cost. If they need us to chip up and haul away the rubbish, there will be a charge.

E) Urban Trees

- i) At the meeting members casually discussed Hawaii's urban trees. Our lack of diversity, and how so many of our urban trees are small and "popsicle" like. For our large urban trees, it is almost like we have a Monkeypod monoculture. We would like to see a more diverse group of large trees in the urban environment. Are there any Acer species growing in Hawaii, or what about Elm species? Can the Coast Live Oak survive in Hawaii or even some Southern Oak species? There are many great subtropical/tropical tree species that could be planted more often like Pili Nut (*Canarium ovatu*), Geometry Tree (*Bucida buceras*), and even Tropical Almond (*Terminalia catappa*).

F) AAA Sign/Banner

- i) AAA would like to invest in a new banner, and possibly a nice portable fold-up display. We need to find the digital copy of our logo that can be used for banner printing etc. Carol Kwan might have that file. Steve Connolly may need to contact Lake Gibby, he was the one who designed the logo.

G) ISA Book Order

- i) AAA will purchase a couple ISA Arborist Study Guide Manuals to have on hand. We currently do not have any copies. The only other books AAA would like to keep in stock are the ANSI A300 Standards, ANSI Z133.1 Safety Requirements, and Best Management Practices (BMP's). Any other books from the ISA can be purchased from their website. AAA will purchase relevant book material for specific workshops as needed.

H) 2014 Membership Cards

- i) Amy has designed an AAA membership card. Yearly members will receive a simple paper card, and lifetime members will receive a laminated card. Amy will be able to print these cards from home. We will start the membership cards January 2014.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Moanalua Gardens Work Day - October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013. Contact Steve Connolly for details if interested.
- B) AAA Christmas Party at Lyon Arboretum – December 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-6pm. Date will be confirmed soon.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamilee Kempton

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
943 Valkenburgh St.*



**2014 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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, 333 Lala Place, Kailua, HI 96734 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/](http://alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/) and send us this form via email ([info@alohaarborist.com](mailto:info@alohaarborist.com)).

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