

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 28th, 2014**

Members Present: Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Nicole Brodie, Lance Bookless, Jay Zambo, Quenna Johnson, Greg Severino, Jon Williams, and Sergio Vasquez.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. The April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) John Ball Safety Workshop 2014- Recap

- (a) Sergio said the John Ball workshop was one of the best classes he had been to in a while. Honolulu had 117 attendees, Maui had 33, and Big Island had 43. Big thanks to Elaine Malina on Maui and Ty McDonald on Big Island for their support in organizing the outer-island workshops. Typically the WCISA sponsored workshops have pretty high attendance. AAA could start looking into speakers for next year's WCISA workshop. Should it be a more academic focus, or hands-on?

ii) Palm Safety Workshop- Tabled

- (a) Nothing new to report

iii) TRAQ, June 3-5

- (a) 16 people or so have already signed up for the TRAQ course at McCoy Pavilion June 3-5. There's no need for AAA volunteer support. WCISA has everything covered. Quenna was mentioning for certain contracts, for example C & C Ironwood trees, they may require a TRAQ certified arborist onsite.

B) Research Committee

- i) Kalani and Andrew Kauffman contacted Steve Connolly about teaming up with HECO to develop a research project that focuses on specific tree growth rates. As Steve receives more info he will provide updates.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Pest of the Month Update: Hala scale insect (*Thysanococcus pandani*), now found on Oahu.

- i) Identification: Presently only on the island of Maui and Oahu. The hala scale insect (*Thysanococcus pandani*) causes yellowing of and serious damage to the leaves of Hala (*Pandanus tectorius*). Adult and immature scale insects are seen on the underside of Hala leaves. Adult scales have a dark body with a white fringe around the edge.
- ii) Impacts: Hala scale was first observed in Hana, Maui in 1995. Now, much of East Maui's Hala is infested with the scale. The South Pacific island of Rarotonga, in the Cook Islands, apparently lost its Pandanus trees in the 1920's from a similar accidental insect introduction. Aside from this possibility, infestation of Hala leaves with the scale renders it unusable for weaving and unsightly in the landscape.
- iii) Dispersal Mechanism: Hala Scale reached East Maui on an infested shipment of Hala brought to a botanical garden from somewhere in the Pacific. Knowing this, it is important not to transport Hala plants or leaves from Maui to other islands. If you see this scale pest anywhere else in Hawaii- let someone know! If you are in doubt, send a picture to the reporting page: [http://www.pbin.org/invasives\\_report/online.asp](http://www.pbin.org/invasives_report/online.asp) and we will help you identify it.
  - (1) Jamilee will try to find updated information about the Hala Scale on Oahu and provide updates on the AAA website.

#### A) LICH- field day fundraiser

- i) LICH is working on organizing a fundraiser field day where green industry vendors could demonstrate their products. For example, mowers, chippers, aerial lifts, stump grinders, chainsaws, or dingo etc. A potential venue could be UH Waimanalo Research station where there is space available to cut trees, mow grass etc. AAA could support the fundraiser by talking with vendors to determine if they are interested in participating in an event like this. Greg Severino remembers LICH doing something like this in the past, he said this is a very good idea, and it would be a very popular event.

#### B) 2015 HTCC

- i) Greg Severino will run the 2015 HTCC. We're looking to schedule the HTCC 2015 for the third weekend in March. Steve Connolly can help out with sponsorships. Steve will hand over the boxes of competition gear to Greg. Greg Severino has space to store the competition gear.

#### C) Tree Care First Aid and CPR

- i) The First Aid and CPR training could cater to the tree care industry, for example injuries such as broken bones, and chainsaw cuts. Steve and Jamilee's landlord Debby teaches CPR and First Aid training. Nicole said she could look into the Red Cross for instructors. For the tree care industry, OSHA's regulation requires at least 2 crew members at all times to be certified in CPR and First Aid. Davey hires John Ching to teach CPR and First Aid to train their crews. Both Quenna and John Williams speak very highly of John Ching. AAA will continue to look into options, and determine if there is enough interest from the industry to organize the training.

#### D) AAA vote for slate of officers.

- i) Carol Kwan- Director

- ii) Dudley Hulbert- Director
- iii) Sergio Vasquez- Director
- iv) Steve Connolly- President,
- v) Andrew Kendall- Vice President
- vi) Jamilee Kempton- Secretary
- vii) Steve Nimz- Treasurer
- viii) Greg Severino- 2015 HTCC Chair

E) LICH fee for organizations.

- i) AAA needs to pay the \$200.00 fee. Contact Chris Daicus for invoice.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) 2014 WCTCC- Griffith Park, Los Angeles, June 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Jamilee Kempton will be defending her title and will attempt to qualify for the 2014 ITCC in Milwaukee.
- B) Wahine Tree Climbing Workshop June 28<sup>th</sup> at Lyon Arboretum, 9am-1pm. Instructor Jamilee Kempton. Call 808 988 0461 for class info or to sign up! To view Lyon Arboretum's Class Schedule go to <http://www.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum/education/classes2>
- C) October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, LICH Conference.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamilee Kempton

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – June 18th, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)).

**Mahalo for your support!**

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