

**Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
June 18th, 2014**

Members Present: Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Quenna Johnson, Jay Zambo, and Jon Williams.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 28th, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. Due to lack of quorum, the May 28th, 2014 meeting minutes were not approved. We will address the approval of the May 28th meeting minutes at next month's meeting, July 16th.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Palm Safety Workshop

- (a) Nothing new to report. AAA is still looking into potential venues for the workshop. First we need to figure out the budget, and then find a venue. Javier Quiroz won the 'Old Timers' event at the 2014 WCISA TCC.

ii) Tree Care First Aid and CPR

- (a) AAA should send out an e-mail to determine if the industry needs CPR and First Aid courses. If there is not enough interest to organize a training workshop, AAA could send out a list of local, qualified CPR and First Aid instructors.

B) Research Committee

- i) Steve Connolly met up with Andrew Kauffman to discuss HECO's data of tree growth rates. The study design is being developed, we'd like to see the research focus on tree species that would both benefit C & C of Honolulu and HECO.

C) 2015 HTCC

- i) Greg Severino is officially the 2015 HTCC Chair. Rumors are going around about the 2015 ITCC being de-coupled from the ISA Conference. There are rumors that the 2015 ITCC will be held in March, while the 2015 ISA Conference will be held in August. We may want to wait on securing the date for the 2015 HTCC so it can be in-line with ITCC and WCISA. Just an idea, HTCC could transition back to a jamboree style, less competitive event with grounds-men events etc. Note this type of event would be non-ISA compliant for insurance.

D) LICH Fundraiser Field Day

- i) LICH wants to know if AAA will support this event. AAA could provide a climbing station to get people in trees. If AAA got the support of local tree care companies who would display their machines e.g. aerial lifts, stump grinders etc. Typically for fundraiser events, vendors will pay to clean up the machines so they can be put on display.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month- Citrus Tristeza Virus, CTV

- i) When, how, or from where CTV first entered Hawai'i is unknown. However, the first report of tristeza and stem pitting in the Islands was at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Poamoho Agricultural Experiment Station on the island of O'ahu in 1952. CTV is a member of the virus family *Closteroviridae*.
- ii) **Host:** CTV is confined to members of the plant family *Rutaceae*, of which citrus species are members.
- iii) **Impacts:** Numerous strains of CTV have been described that vary in virulence and the severity of the diseases they cause. Some strains of CTV cause tristeza (quick decline), but not stem pitting. Similarly, some strains cause stem pitting in oranges, but not in grapefruit. CTV symptoms can range from: yellowing leaves, dieback, reduced fruit size, and vein-clearing in the leaf.
- iv) **Dispersal Mechanism:** Humans are the most effective vectors of CTV by grafting and dispersing infected plants. 4 species of aphids are also known vectors of CTV.
- v) **Control:** Accurate diagnosis of citrus diseases caused by CTV and characterization of the virus in infected plants is critical for any successful implementation of management strategies. With high disease incidence, geographically widespread pathogen distribution, and high diversity of CTV populations in Hawai'i, the development of such management strategies is a daunting task. Currently there is no single management strategy used to control CTV-caused diseases; rather, various strategies are integrated. The choice of which strategies to implement depends upon the incidence and strains of CTV in any particular region.

B) SRT Workshop

- i) Jon Perry with Oahu Tree Works, Drew Bristow and Rich Hattier will be conducting an SRT workshop on July 26th, at Koa Ridge Ranch. Jon Perry will email flyer to AAA so we can help advertise this event.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Wahine Tree Climbing Workshop June 28th 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/lyonarboratum/education/classes2>
- B) October 19th, 2014, LICH Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamilee Kempton

PLEASE JOIN US!

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – July 16th, 6:30pm
943 Valkenburgh St.*



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Membership: \$10 Student \$25 Government Employee \$50 Individual

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Mahalo for your support!

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