

**ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2014**

Members Present: Dudley, Steve Nimz, John Williams, Sergio, Greg Severino, Lance, Nikki Brodie, Austin Braaten

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.

Director Steve Nimz called the meeting to order at 6:47PM. Congratulations to couple Austin and Nikki on their marriage. The May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Annual Meeting Minutes and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Meeting Minutes were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Palm Safety Workshop

(a) Tabled.

ii) Tree Care First Aid and CPR

(a) Nikki is going to make calls to some names she got from Carol; Austin is going to explore potential for military severe trauma training.

iii) SRT Workshop July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

(a) Jon Perry is taking care of this.

B) Research Committee

i) Steve was having and meeting with Andy. Hope they'll do more work with urban tree growth rates.

C) 2015 HTCC

i) Trying to move it into March. Secure date by end of August. Order shirts now. More we get done now, the better. Oriented more to Hawaii. Check with Connolly about separate events for ISA.

D) LICH Fundraiser Field Day

- i) Waimanalo Experimental Farm. Friday after the LICH Annual conference. Talk to our vendors about helping out. Ariel lifts, stump grinders, chippers; tree climbing class for amateurs, tree climbing for kids. AAA will help out with this event. Half day. Landscape contractors association. We'll look into liability.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month- Stem Bleeding of Coconut Palm

- i) **Cause:** the disease is caused by stem wounding in the presence of the soil borne plant-pathogenic fungus, *Chalara paradoxa*. *Chalara* is pathogenic to various palm species causing a range of bud rots and stem rots. *C. paradoxa* infests most soils in Hawaii, especially where sugarcane, or banana were grown.
- ii) **Epidemiology:** the disease is most common where wounds occur to palm stems in highly irrigated or moist landscapes. Wounds exposed to *Chalara*-infested soil are prone to infection, especially where nozzle irrigation impacts the wound. Growth cracks on the coconut trunk, excess salinity, imbalances in nutrition, and plant stress can act as predisposing and aggravating factors.
- iii) **Management:** Prevention and avoidance! Avoid wounding palm trunks at all stages of growth, maintenance, and during harvest and transport for installation in a landscape. Avoid contact of wounded palm stems with soil. Do not install sprinkler irrigation emitters that spray water on coconut trunks. Minimize stress by providing adequate nutrition, maintaining equable levels of soil moisture and avoid unnecessary cosmetic pruning. Avoid using spikes to climb the palms for pruning maintenance.
- iv) **Treatment:** for early infections, chisel or scrape out the rotten portion. Treat wounded or infected areas with fungicide and tar (for example Bordeaux paste, mancozeb, or copper oxychloride) followed by sealing with coal tar 2 days later. Apply neem cake to the base of affected palms. Advanced symptoms may be virtually untreatable.
- v) **Replanting:** avoid replanting in the same spot. Consider treating or replacing infested soil. Avoid wounding and over watering.

B) Ideas for speakers for LICH conference.

C) What do the Honolulu emergency response services have to offer tree servicemen? Would they be interested in a training?

D) Half day on aerial lifts – safety, skills, techniques. Sometime in August.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) SRT Workshop, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Koa Ridge Ranch.

B) ISA Annual Conference and Tradeshow, August 2-6, Milwaukee, WI. ITCC August 2-3.

C) LICH Conference, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned by Steve Nimz at 7:40PM.

*The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 20th, 2014, 6:30pm, at the Seven Palms Bar and Grille.*

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – August 20th, 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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You may publish this information on the AAA website:  Yes       No

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**Mahalo for your support!**