

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
August 20th, 2014

Members Present: Dudley, Steve Nimz, Jay Zambo, Carol Kwan, Nikki Brodie, Guests: Patrick McPherran, Stephen Clark, Rhonda Santos (USDA APHIS)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE July 16TH, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.

Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:45PM. July 16th, 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) Austin is going to explore potential for military severe trauma training.

B) Research Committee

i) Nothing new to report at this time.

C) 2015 HTCC

Currently the date we have been exploring conflicts with the ITCC, It is likely we will not be able to sponsor cometiitors for the WCTCC as it is tentatively scheduled for November and we will not have time to hold a jamboree between now and then.

D) LICH Fundraiser Field Day

This will take place the day after the LICH conference at the Waimanalo experimental Ag station. The field day will consist of equipment demnstrations (ie. Aerial lifts, Chippers, Mowers etc...) possibility of a climbing demonstration was discussed. Lich will need volunteer help for setup and break down.

III. NEW BUSINESS

i) Pest of the Month: Hawaii's year round warm weather has allowed many introduced pest insects to take hold, and the seven species of termites found here are among these migrants. The most destructive termites are the Formosan subterranean termite and the West Indian drywood termite, both of which arrived during the past 100 years and are now common throughout the state. They cause more than \$100 million damage per year to structures. The other five termite species are not as great an economic threat. They are pests of trees and only occasionally infest structures. Three of them, the western drywood, Indo-Malaysian drywood, and Pacific dampwood termites, have arrived since the 1980's, and so far their distribution is not extensive. But because these recent introductions are significant pests elsewhere, they likely will become more economically important as they spread. The other two species, the forest and lowland tree termites have probably been residents of Hawaii's forests for centuries.

Guest Speakers: USDA APHIS Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle

The USDA APHIS CRB team discussed their efforts to map, stop the spread and eradicate CRB on Oahu. They have spent nearly 6 million on the effort and have set almost 1900 pheromone traps thus far. The federal effort is soon to be largely transferred over to the state USDA. Rob Curtis and Christy Martin are currently the best contact on oahu for reporting and information purposes. They are currently sterilizing mulch piles using urea and shipping containers to heat the mulch to a level where it will kill the larvae. CRB has been found attacking pritchardia on Hickam.

- a) 2014 ISA Annual Conference and ITCC – Recap. Made ESPN. Steve Nimz was awarded the True Professional award at the ISA conference.
- b) Jamilee Kempton took second place in the Masters at the ITCC as well as first in the speed climb and was awarded the spirit of the competition award
- c) SEND Nicole facebook pictures, videos, competitions.
- d) 2015 WCISA/AAA Regional Meeting- Proposed Speakers/Topics – see sheet.
- e) Tree Circus 2014- on Maui not oahu.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) ISA Special Election- Dennis Shwartzl from Western Chapter is running
- b) LICH Conference, October 9th 2014.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by Steve Connolly at 8:18PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 17th, 2014, 6:30pm, at the Seven Palms Bar and Grille.

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – September 17th, 6:30pm
943 Valkenburgh St.



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Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2014.

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

\$150 Company \$1,000 Lifetime Member Date: _____

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Mahalo for your support!