

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
October 21st, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
Location: The Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse

Members in attendance: Carol Kwan, Lance Bookless, Gregory Severino, Sergio Vasquez, J Zambo, Steve Connolly, Jamilee Kempton, Steve Nimz

1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order by President J Zambo at 6:53 p.m.
The 9/16/2015 minutes were approved as is.

2) Old Business

a) Training –

- i) WCISA/AAA Tree Fungi in Hawaii workshop – 3/21/2016-3/24/2016. Honolulu 3/21, Maui 3/22, Kauai 3/23, and Big Island 3/24. Jessie Glaeser and Janice Uchida are speakers.
- ii) HTCC - No applicants for climbing yet or volunteers. Time to beat the bush and call people to get climbers to turn out. Not much luck with press release/media. Jamilee might be able to get some coverage. Steve Connolly will help with calling past competitors. Competitors need to pay check or cash. Not set up for PayPal.
 - (1) T-Shirts - Greg and Steve Connolly concluded that shirts were a major expense and it's not a big deal to forego the shirts. Have a ton of prizes.
 - (2) Judging – amount of judges dictates how many things can be run at the same time. Best to do as many simultaneously as possible depending on how many judges we have. Jamilee would be happy to judge. Generally the more critical the judge, the better so the rock stars really shine. Steve Connolly volunteered for judging work climb. Judges training – Saturday 1st thing in the morning.
 - (3) Insurance is all set – Greg needs to follow up with Dudley and make sure it's been given to JP.
 - (4) CEUs - Steve Connolly will help with lining up the CEUs.
 - (5) Exceptional Tree permits (URGENT). Need to get the application. Steve Connolly will work on this again with DUF.
 - (6) Set-up: Saturday, 10/24 is setup at Moanalua Gardens. Official start for work day on Saturday 10/24 is 8:00 AM Even if you'll be late, go ahead and show up. Greg will bring some guys and a lift around 7:30 – 8:00 AM Saturday. Others can show up when convenient that morning. Greg has Halloween decorations to put in the trees. PA system - J is working on it – not sure yet.
 - (7) Steve Connolly wouldn't mind eliminating some events and focus on the Master's Challenge. Shouldn't overextend ourselves one day and shortchange Master's Challenge day. Steve Connolly is also concerned about whether they'll let us drive over the lawn – a problem if it's wet. 10/31 – Food: Will order from You Hungry bentos, have them delivered for volunteers. Jamilee - maybe just do a demo climb and help with judging. Start time 10/31 – 7:00 AM for volunteers/judges, 8:00 AM for competitors' gear check. We're going to have a good time.
- iii) Hands On Training at Lyon Arboretum (Jamilee/Steve Connolly) Carl Evensen is on board, haven't set a date yet or worked out the details. Steve Connolly will be the speaker. Carol suggested checking with Jolie's schedule to make sure timing is good for her and her other work.
- iv) Research Committee - Tabled.

- v) LICH Conference – It was awesome. Around 350 people total. Some minor hiccups but nothing major. J. reported that it's difficult to put together a talk with someone else – ended up with some gaps but he and Dudley managed to fill it in on the fly.
- 3) New Business
- a) Pest of the Month – Pest Alert – Passionvine Mealybug, *Planococcus minor*.
 - i) Host: Wide range: banana, citrus, cocoa, coffee, corn, grape, mango, potato and soybean
 - ii) Damage: Reduced yield, lower plant or fruit quality, stunted growth, discoloration and leaf loss. Plant death may also be caused by viral diseases vectored by passionvine mealybug.
 - iii) Control: As with other mealybugs, the passionvine mealybug is highly amenable to biological control.
 - iv) Attachments: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/IN/IN92000.pdf>
 - b) Arbor Day
 - i) Tree Circus on Kauai – 1 private and 2 Catholic Schools 11/4-6/2015.
 - ii) Johnson Controls – Honowai Elementary School planting – 1 K grant plus 25-30 volunteers from Johnson Controls to do a work day there. J Zambo volunteered to help Carol with the tree planting
 - iii) Tree Giveaway – 11/7 – Steve Connolly – Five different locations on Oahu, and there are events going on statewide. Still opportunities for arborists to volunteer if they want CEUs. Get there early – no later than 7 a.m. Out of there by 11 a.m. Contact Jolie Wanger to volunteer.
 - c) AAA sponsorship - Malama the Trees Conference on Maui – Steve Connolly moved that we sponsor the conference with a \$100 sponsorship. Jamilee seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Announcements
- a) TRAQ – 11/16-18/2015 – 10 people registered.
- 5) Meeting adjourned by President J Zambo at 7:45 p.m.

Note: Andy Kaufman did not receive a confirmation so he will likely be rescheduled for the next meeting.

*The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2015, 6:30pm, Location **The Old Spaghetti Factory***