

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
August 19th, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
Location: Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse

Members Present: J Zambo, Dudley Hulbert, Steve Nimz, Jamilee Kempton, Desiree Page, Steve Connolly, Kevin Eckert, Sergio Vasquez, Andrew Kendall, Carol Kwan, Jolie Wanger (Admin)

President J Zambo called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. The 7/15/15 minutes were approved without changes.

1) Old Business

a) Training

- i) Public Outreach Training 2015 at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center – (Steve Nimz, Steve Connolly & Dudley) Lots of people attended, standing room only. General public audience. The cost was \$5 per registration, 50 seats sold out immediately. About 120 people total attended the two simultaneous workshop sessions and the booth. The same information was covered for both sessions but Steve used a powerpoint then went out to orchard and demonstrated pruning. Jayme Grezbic from UGC asked if we could do it again immediately. It was refreshing to see people who wanted to understand and live in peace with trees. Next time we could use more people there just to answer questions. Carol was manning a constant audience with questions at the booth and ran out of brochures. It was so much fun to be around people who were interested and enthusiastic. Very rewarding (Dudley)
 - (1) It would be good if we could make this a regular event for AAA. We could target a particular regular month each year. Let's pick a month and ask Jayme about a regular month. Maybe August?
 - (2) Might be a good way to raise funds (Desiree).
 - (3) It is more for public outreach, not a lot of money was made. We could do a more in-depth spinoff workshop instead to raise funds.
- ii) WCISA/AAA Pests & Trees Workshops - Total amount raised: \$4,712
 - (1) Shared Meeting - \$3,539.83 (Honolulu)
 - (2) Pests and Trees - \$698.43 (Neighbor Island)
 - (3) Carol donated her time to coordinate because the Admin position was in transition this year, which helps with the cost but she won't be doing it next year, the paid Admin position (Jolie) will take over.
- iii) Fungi workshop – Jolie & Carol put together a survey. We will give people a couple of weeks to respond (Carol). Workshop will likely be held in February.
- iv) Hawaii TCC 2015
 - (1) Halloween weekend. Steve Connolly has a good friend who is a pro face painter.
 - (2) Explore inviting the aerial silk folks to come.
 - (3) Steve Connolly - suggests setting up the weekend before. We can have fun setting up and leave everything in the trees. JP should be ok with that (Dudley). Dudley will check with JP.

b) Research Committee

- i) Should we pull this off the agenda? Andy Kauffman is supposed to report on this. Dudley will ask him for a report.

c) LICH Conference

- i) J & Dudley met today and came up with game plan. They will continue working on that. Five CEUs approved for conf., program is posted (Carol.) Are we doing a climbing demo? We still have time to figure that out (Steve Nimz.) What about the tripod (Jamilee?) It wouldn't take long to set up but it would take some planning (Dudley.) We would have to talk to Lelan about bringing his tripod. They are still discussing whether vendors will be doing demos instead (Steve Nimz.) Hopefully they will know by the next meeting. If we have the opening

we will do it.

2) New Business

- a) Pest of the Month – Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death / *Ceratocystis* wilt of ‘Ōhi‘a (updated info. as of 8/15)
 - i) Hosts: Ohia lehua, *Metrosideros polymorpha*
 - ii) Distribution: The current extent runs from lower Puna up to the borders of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and through Hilo up the Wailuku River to 3,500 feet elevation. See labeled map below.
 - iii) Damage: Trees can go from green to yellow to dead in two weeks.
 - iv) Control: Sterilize all tools used on ‘Ōhi‘a on the Big Island (hand shears, loppers, hand saws, chain saws, woodworking tools, etc.) for 15 seconds in a solution of 75% isopropyl alcohol, 90% ethanol, Lysol ®, or 10% chlorine bleach. Applying a flame to the tool until the metal starts to turn red is also acceptable. Oiling tools after sterilization and operating them to distribute the oil is recommended to reduce the risk of metal corrosion. Clean soil from any vehicles that have entered infected areas, including the undersides of the vehicles, prior to entering non-infected areas.
 - v) Source: J.B. Friday/ Carol Kwan pre-publication article. Other resource: CTAHR publication on Rapid Ohia Death: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/PD-107.pdf>
 - vi) Attachments: Distribution map, Ohia Image (credit: Forest & Kim Starr)
- b) Interim Rule by the Board of Agriculture to prevent the spread of Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death – Testimony due by August 24th.
- c) Proposal (Steve Connolly) – Arborist at the Arboretum Day. Purpose to hang out and talk about trees. This is common at other botanical gardens. Maybe a tree tour and discuss their needs. Need to talk with Carl Evensen. Format: A Loose conference and BBQ. Saturday at the garden. Would be open to our membership and families. Maybe 1st weekend in December ? Keep on burner for now and talk to Carl. Could be a small fundraiser for them. There are lots of ways to go with this.

3) Announcements

- a) ISA Conference: 8/8 – 8/12/2015, Kissimmee FL
 - i) Jamilee- It was a good conference. The keynote was a tree canopy biologist and was marvelous. She helped promote building tree canopies for educational purposes. Awards banquet seemed a little empty. Presented with James at climbers corner about static redirects and it went well. Jamilee was awarded the TREE fund scholarship (\$2,000) and got to personally thank them.
 - ii) Is there a possibility for her to do a similar presentation for our Arborist community (J?) Can we put out a survey to gauge interest from outside groups? Our company suffers from not knowing the mathematics behind rigging. We don’t have enough climbers. Dudley – This is sorely needed.
 - iii) Maybe we could do something where AAA can make money and pay the presenters (Steve Connolly.) Carl Evensen offered that Lyon can be used for such events (Jamilee.) We should explore (will take lead) now environment is now better suited toward arborists and educational experiences (Steve Connolly.) Maybe it could be more industry-related. Not always good participation (Dudley.) CEUs are the draw. Target companies by making it appealing to send workers. Let’s try and see how it goes.
- b) NATCC – Sept. 19th. Ft. Collins, CO
- c) Kevin - Getting requests about TRAQ. There are nine people on the waitlist and still getting requests. WCISA want to do it in Sept.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm

*The next meeting is scheduled for **September 16th, 2015, 6:30pm, The Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse***



