

Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2015

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz, Dudley Hulbert, J Zambo, Kevin Eckert, Gregory Severino, Desiree Page, Lance Bookless, Tristan Williams, Jon Williams, Brandon Julivette, Jamilee Kempton, Andrew Kendall, Sono Hitzose-Hulbert, Dallas Stephens. Guests: Diane Zuniga, Shauna Cox

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The 3/18/15 minutes were approved without changes.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A) TRAINING

- i) WCISA/AAA workshops 3/24/2015 to 3/27/2015: ~100 people attended on Oahu and over 200 statewide.

B) Public Outreach

- i) Training – “How do I get my Fruit Trees to Fruit” – Dudley suggested to change the topic to pollinators instead: “Trees and Bees: Get your trees to fruit.” Or “Help the bees, plant some flowers in your yard.”
- ii) AAA Promotional Handout – History of AAA – Please send old photos and documents to Dudley

C) TCC

- i) May 9th – volunteer day at Moanalua Gardens – JP wants to make this a big media event. It will be a chance to showcase your company and maybe get on evening news. Need spokesman to be on evening news. Jay got volunteered to be the spokesman as the new president.
- ii) 2015 HTCC – will ask JP to waive Moanalua Gardens entry fee.

D) RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

- i) Biophilic research project: No new developments. Lester Inouye is still doing the legwork to prepare the Kaulunani grant application.

E) LICH Conference (10/8-10/9):

- i) Vendor’s Day – 10/9. Steve Nimz – continuing to work on program. Vendor Day will be at the Pearl City Urban Garden Center. Hoping that golf course superintendents would come in with us but they’re not.
 - (a) Cost: Probably \$15 for the day including lunch.
 - (b) The idea is that vendors can have their equipment there so people can touch and see how they work.
 - (c) Length: Half day so people/vendors don’t have to stay the whole day.
 - (d) Need to get enough support! – We will send out a flyer to get a feel for support. Members need to say if they are interested.
 - (e) Important to have people from industry there, not just vendors with no one showing up.
- ii) Conference & Trade Show (10/8): Randy Liu doing an incredible job – running trade show and the program for conference too.
- iii) There are a lot of business topics this time – business track. Not a lot of pest topics.
- iv) Demo topic ideas:

- (a) Basic climbing demonstration - Jamilee thinks they figured out how to do a climbing demo inside the Blaisdell using tripod structure that aerialists use.
 - (b) Knot tying
 - (c) Air layering. Can come and see that and not take away from trade show vendors.
 - (d) If there are any other ideas, let Steve Nimz know.
 - v) What type of help is needed? Any type of support is welcome but biggest help needed at this point is help to put together the field day with vendors. Talk to your vendors and let them know! Steve will bring a list of what they need help with to next meeting.
- F) AAA Elections
- i) Called for nominations from the floor – none received. Greg moved that we approve the slate of officers by acclamation. Carol – 2nd – carried unanimously.
Newly elected officers:
President – Jay Zambo
Vice President – Lance Bookless
Treasurer – Steve Nimz
Secretary – Jamilee Kempton
Past President – Steve Connolly
Director – Gregory Severino
Director – Dudley Hulbert
Director – Carol Kwan

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pest of the Month – Bougainvillea Looper
 - i) Feeds on Bougainvillea and other plants in the Nyctaginaceae family.
 - ii) The looper caterpillar mimics stems and branches and feeds mostly at night.
 - iii) They feed on the edges of leaves causing scalloping, entire shrubs can be defoliated.
 - iv) Control: Neem-based insecticide should be effective when used later in the evening.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Congratulations to Jamilee Kempton who won the women's ITCC plus set new world record for footlock.
- B) WCISA Conference – 4/27-5/1 – Carol is the only one going.
- C) Husqvarna – chain saw training. Register through Aloha Power Equipment – email was sent out through AAA.
- D) LICT training coming up 6/9-8/8 2015, exam 8/13 (written) 8/15 (field). To register contact Madeline Shaw 597-0708.
- E) TRAQ – 6/29-7/2/2015. One slot left as of 4/20.
- F) ISA Conference Orlando, FL – Jamilee may be featured in the Climber's Corner this year. Dudley is going.
- G) There is an opening for a support arborist position at Lyon Arboretum. Requires a degree. If anyone knows anybody who might be a good fit, please let them know.
- H) Jamilee reported that Oahu Tree Works had about \$20, 000 of equipment stolen last night from container. The thieves used an angle saw to cut the lock. Please keep an eye out on Craigslist and other outlets. Some of the equipment is specialized and very recognizable.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- A) Thank you to Steve Connolly for his years of service as president of AAA.
- B) The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Past President Steve Connolly.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolie Wanger

NEXT MEETING:

*Wednesday, May 20th, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
at The Old Spaghetti Factory
Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NHyhk>*