

Aloha Arborist Association
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015

Members Present: Steve Connolly, Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz, J Zambo, Desiree Page, Andrew Kendall, Sergio Vasquez, John Page, Jamilee Kempton

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

President J Zambo called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. The 4/22/15 minutes were approved without changes.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A) TRAINING

- i) WCISA/AAA workshops – Carol is still working on the financials.
- ii) The survey results after the workshop were almost all positive. Outer islands were especially appreciative.

B) Public Outreach

- i) Training – Report postponed due to the absence of Dudley for the Public Outreach Committee

C) RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

- i) Lester sent an email to Dudley and Carol that he's working with Abner and the preschool on tree play products. Once that's worked out, they can determine what role arborists can play in the Biophilic design movement.
- ii) Steve Nimz talked to Lester and told him that AAA is best at short duration assistance, not major, long-term support. Also there are liability concerns if we make something from wood products and a child is injured. Our focus is on trees (pruning, removal, identifying, and helping with tree planting.) Woodworking is not our area.
- iii) Steve Connolly suggested that we could potentially organize a one-time volunteer event down the road to help with trimming or something similar. We are not design process people.

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

- i) Vendor's Day – 10/9.
 - (a) Steve Nimz missed a meeting today but thinks there are still a couple of spots left for vendors.
 - (b) Desiree suggested sending out an email survey to find out demand for different types of equipment people would like to see. She is willing to put together a list/survey that could be sent out to LICH and other industry non-profits. Steve Nimz told her to get in touch with Randy Liu and let him know.
 - (c) UGC is reserved. Should also survey tree companies and landscape companies about vendor day to find out how much interest there is.
 - (d) Probably a \$10 fee to attend.
- ii) Conference & Trade Show (10/8). Two arborist talks:
 - (a) Structural pruning for new trees
 - (b) Pruning circling roots
 - (c) Steve Nimz thinks he has a talk about risks and trees too.
- iii) Jamilee – suggested we could rent something for a climbing demonstration. She saw a big aluminum tripod that could work for this purpose.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pest of the Month – Monkeypod Round-Headed Longhorn Beetle – *Xystrocera globosa*
- i) Hosts: Wide range of species of wild and cultivated leguminous trees, (Mimosaceae, Papilionaceae), belonging to genera such as *Acacia*, *Acrocarpus*, *Adenantha*, *Adina*, *Albizzia*, *Bauhinia*, *Cassia*, *Duabanga*, *Haematoxylon*, *Parkia*, *Xylia*, *Paraserianthes*, *Samanea*, and several *Malvaceae* (*Grewia*, *Salmalia*) and *Rosaceae* (*Prunus*).
 - ii) Distribution: Originates from Southeast Asia, and is widely distributed. *X. globosa* found in East Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Seychelles, Oceania, New Guinea, Hawaiian Islands, Madagascan Region, Caribbean (Puerto Rico), and subtropical areas of the Palearctic Region (Arabia, Egypt), Japan, Korea, Taiwan.
 - iii) Damage: The round-headed monkeypod boring beetles attack stressed trees with grubs making large galleries in the sapwood. The galleries comprise two sections. The pre-pupal section is at a right or obtuse angle to the outer bark at least halfway through the bark. The pupal section is usually within the sapwood running parallel to the bark. Tree vigor and health minimizes the possibility of borer infestation.
 - iv) Control: When the pests are within these galleries, spray insecticides are ineffective. One reference suggests that it may be possible to skewer the grub with a stiff thin wire. These grubs are considered delicacies in some areas of the world. References disagree on the effectiveness of systemic insecticides. As adults, these beetles are nocturnal and control is difficult.
 - v) See announcement at: <http://alohaarborist.com/index.php/march-2014-pest-of-themonth/>

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) WCISA Conference:
- i) Carol, Maureen, Larry Borgatti, Mike Kraus, and Mark Leon attended from Hawaii. It was a great conference with very challenging topics.
 - ii) There was an excellent speaker on fungi who is familiar with the Hawaii fungi specialist on Hawaii Island. We might want to bring her in to do a Hawaii fungi workshop.
 - iii) Agreed to do a statewide survey to assess demand and inform if it should be a small or larger workshop. Some of it comes down to marketing too.
 - iv) Jay – if we were to incorporate turf fungi, might get golf courses and other groups to go in with us – maybe pesticide CEUs too.
- B) ISA Conference, Orlando FL – Jamilee Kempton and Kevin Eckert are going.
- C) TRAQ – 6/30, 7/1, 7/2. FULL. If enough people are on the overflow list they will either add another instructor or another class later in the year.
- D) TCIA chipper workshops on Oahu and Maui – Terrence Yogi from Ness Turf Equipment is organizing.– Aloha Arbor Care guys went and are very enthusiastic about it. It's not often they get to go to something like this. Even old timers were won over by some of the new info and techniques.
- E) Moanalua Gardens Volunteer Day – Steve C said it went well. Did a little bit of work at a DOE school next door as well, to help take care of an imminent threat. Removed a lot of dead wood from the Chinese banyan on border between properties. The tree with the hazardous limb at the school was an unknown species – no one there knew what it was. Branch was a recent failure, split and hanging. Dudley has contact with them. He was going to talk to the Vice Principals. Overall, arborists did about \$10K worth of work at Moanalua Gardens. It was a great volunteer day and everything went really well. People had smiles on

their faces, enjoyed what they were doing. No media presence that JP had expected and advertised. Greg showed up with full work force.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by President J Zambo.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolie Wanger

NEXT MEETING:

*Wednesday, June 17th, 2015, 6:30 p.m.,
at The **Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse***