

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
July 15th, 2015, 6:30pm
MEETING MINUTES
Location: Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse

Members Present: Jay Zambo, Dudley Hulbert, Lance Bookless, Steve Nimz, Jamilee Kempton, Desiree Page, Steve Connolly, Nicole Brodie, Austin Braaten, Chad Toth

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

President Jay Zambo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The 6/17/15 minutes were approved without changes.

1) Old Business

a) Training

- i) Public Outreach Training 2015 – Decided on Topic: Pruning of Fruit Trees and Pollinators. August 8th 8:00am – 1:00pm – Urban Garden Center. Two sessions one with Dudley one with Steve – plus pruning demonstrations in Urban Garden Center.
 - ii) WCISA/AAA Pests & Trees Workshops – no updates
 - iii) Fungi workshop – Reach out to golf course attendants. Tabled till next meeting
 - iv) West Coast ISA – Waiting on numbers.
 - v) Hawaii TCC 2015 - Considering November 7th. Steve Connolly is interested in changing format to shorten span of time taken (Jamboree format). This may hinder insurance.
- b) Research Committee - No new updates.
- c) LICH Conference – Dudley and Jay are getting together to work on a structural pruning talk. Jay will send Bio to Randy as soon as possible. Jay is in contact with someone who could fabricate scaffold. Vendor day canceled

2) New Business

a) Pest of the Month – *Atelocauda digitata* (Gall Rust on *Acacia koa*)

- i) Hosts: infects a wide range of *Acacia* species, including *A. koa*, *mangium*, *auriculiformis*, *aulococarpa*, *crasicarpa*, *leptocarpa*, *mearnsii*, and *polystacha*.
- ii) Distribution: Occurs on all major Hawaiian islands except Lāna‘i.
- iii) Damage: This rust disease is not fatal to koa trees. Severe symptoms (witches' brooms) are mainly confined to several or more branch terminals. Seedpods can be severely affected. The rust can destroy all seedpods on a given tree by attacking the pods while still green, and do so yearly. The disease symptoms can vary significantly among koa genotypes and locations.
- iv) Control: Removal of witches' brooms and diseased seed pods might help to delay disease development on newly planted, uninfected plants. Avoid moving rusted plants to any other locations, especially areas where the disease is not reported to occur.
- v) Source CTAHR publication: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/oc/freepubs/pdf/PD-63.pdf>

b) Announcements

- i) Jamilee interested in doing a female climbing training at Lyon Arboretum. Revenue would go to Lyon and AAA.
- ii) ISA Conference - Jamilee presenting/ demonstrating with James Redirects on SRT
- iii) Special districts and permitting - Special design districts (Waikiki, Punchbowl, Downtown & Capitol) to remove anything over 6in. in diameter you need a special permit (Submit permit to City who files it to Dept. of Design & Construction/Department of Planning & Permitting). In response to 50 trees being removed by General Contractor. Need to submit an arborist report and need an Environmental Impact Statement. Government officials can get

waivers. We should get ahold of a map showing all special design districts and distribute it to members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm

*The next meeting is scheduled for **August 19th, 2015, 6:30pm, The Old Spaghetti Factory***