

**ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES – 07/20/2016**  
**Location: The Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse**

Members in Attendance: Carol Kwan, Steve Connolly, Jamilee Kempton, Gregory Severino,  
J Zambo, Desiree Page, Andrew Kendall

- 1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes  
The meeting called to order by President J Zambo at 7:04pm. 6/15/2016 Minutes were approved without changes.
  
- 2) Old Business
  - a) Training
    - i) WCISA/AAA Tree Fungi in Hawaii workshop – The workshop netted a profit; checks for the appropriate portions were mailed to the local partners on June 24th.
    - ii) Hands On Training at Lyon Arboretum (Jamilee Kempton/Steve Connolly) – This event is tentatively scheduled for late February to March 2017.
    - iii) Tree Appraisal Workshop (Carol Kwan) – The event is confirmed for 09/01/16, and will take place at Ho’omaluhia Botanical Gardens. The registration form is now available online. Carol will start marketing the workshop the week of 7/27/16.
    - iv) WCISA / AAA Hawaii Workshop 2017 - John Ball of South Dakota State University was proposed as speaker for a safety training targeted for tree care contractors.
    - v) Public Outreach Training – Urban Garden Center (8/13/16) – Dudley stated he would follow up with Jayme Grzebik on 07/21/16. The event has not been posted on Urban Garden website. Desiree was planning to leave Oahu early August and will not be available to provide Pruning Young Trees training with Steve Nimz
  
  - b) Research Committee – AAA members and others met with UH CTAHR Dean Gallo several months ago only to find out that she had just announced that she was leaving UH. No further action is anticipated until a new dean is hired.
  
  - c) Hawaii Tree Climbing Championship 2016/2017 – This event was postponed in 2016 pending a revamp of its format. The goal will be to hold the event in February or March 2017, possibly at Kuuloa Ranch.
    - i) Steve C. said that holding the event at a City park has been explored before and is not an option.
    - ii) Moanalua Gardens may be the most attractive option. The trees there are in good condition, according to Greg. Steve C. shared that owner JP Damon has been very supportive in the past.
    - iii) Steve C. suggested that instead of focusing the program as a public outreach activity, the Hawaii TCC should be aimed internally within the industry. This also is another reason for holding the event at Kuuloa Ranch. However, many of the trees at the Ranch that were used in the last competition have since died.
  
  - d) LICH Conference 2016 (Steve Nimz) – Steve C. will be giving a presentation on electrical hazards in the landscape. Steve N. was not present to provide additional information.
  
  - e) WCISA Annual Conference 2019 (Carol Kwan) – The event needs a venue that can handle large numbers of attendees. Disney Aulani, Hilton Waikiki, Hilton Hawaiian Village, and Sheraton Waikiki were proposed per Carol. Walt Warriner had previously suggested holding the event on the Big Island. The consensus was that holding the conference on the Big Island would significantly reduce local turnout because most people from Oahu would not attend due to the additional cost of airfare and hotel.

### 3) New Business

- a) Pest of the Month – Diaprepes Root Weevil (PEST ALERT)
  - i. Distribution: Not currently present on any Hawaiian islands. Native to Caribbean region. Introduced into Florida in 1960s. Established in certain quarantine areas in Southern California (Los Angeles County, Orange County, and San Diego County – certain cities within each county).
  - ii. Hosts: 270 different plants including citrus, avocado, hibiscus, Indian hawthorn, holly, palms, and other ornamentals.
  - iii. Damage: Damages both the leaves and roots of plants. Semi-circular areas chewed from leaf margins. Grub-like larvae feed on roots, weakening or killing the plant.
  - iv. Control: Each life stage must be treated with varying pesticides except for pupae stage.
  - v. If this pest is found in Hawaii, immediately report to HDOA at 643-PEST or [reportapest.org](http://reportapest.org) or bring in samples (sealed bag) to HDOA
  - vi. Reference: [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/factsheets/43617\\_HaveYouSeenThisInsect\\_DRW\\_ANR\\_Oct2007.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/factsheets/43617_HaveYouSeenThisInsect_DRW_ANR_Oct2007.pdf)
- b) Request from Maui Green & Beautiful for \$500 Sponsorship from AAA's Shigo Fund  
Maui County has posted the revised Maui County Planting Plan as a PDF, but many people like the printed copy as a reference as was available in the past. Maui Green & Beautiful will be applying for a Kaulunani grant but needs to provide matching funds; the donation from AAA would go as a match towards printing/binding costs. Carol moved that \$500 be provided from AAA's Shigo Fund to assist with the printing/binding costs of the revised Maui County Planting Plan. Greg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c) Possible Volunteer Work Day – Queen Emma's Summer Palace  
Carol informed the group that while the palace is State property, the non-profit organization Daughters of Hawaii manages the site. She also noted that there are several trees crowding the Bombax, including invasive species. The proposed workday would remove these trees. After discussion, it was agreed that AAA would schedule a volunteer workday in exchange for holding a barbeque there afterwards plus a \$1,000 donation to AAA. Carol will follow up with the Daughters of Hawaii.
- d) Requests for Chainsaw Workshops, Beginner's Level  
Carol reported that AAA received a request for chain saw training and this is something that comes up fairly regularly. J stated that Husqvarna would conduct a workshop for free and may be able to tailor the training to AAA's needs. Greg offered to also hold a workshop, but he will need a venue.
  - i. Jamilee suggested Lyon Arboretum for a venue.
  - ii. Carol raised concerns about insurance. Chainsaw training is considered to be risky. If the training is about maintenance rather than operation, it shouldn't be a problem. If operation is included, an outside instructor such as Husqvarna or Stihl, would have insurance to cover it.
  - iii. Andrew said that AAA should be conducting this training annually. He added that AAA should charge for attendance, and that the topics should include chainsaw safety, climbing, overall industry safety and aerial rescue.
- e) AAA website, mobile version – Carol is converting her own website to a mobile-friendly version and expressed that it would be good for AAA's website to be mobile-friendly too. When hers is finished, she will report on the cost.
- f) An AAA barbecue will be planned, possibly for the winter holiday season. It would happen at Lyon Arboretum.

### 4) Announcements

- a) ISA Annual Conference – 8/13-17/2016, Fort Worth, TX

- b) TRAQ 2016 – Carol sent AAA’s survey results to WCISA in June. There appear to be enough people interested to justify holding a TRAQ in Hawaii this year but it is up to WCISA/ISA to plan and schedule it.
- c) Rapid Ohia Death (ROD) Workshops – Carol talked to JB Friday, UH’s forester working on ROD. He is planning workshops about ROD, starting with target audiences on the Big Island. The workshop will have a short slideshow to help with identification and then go to ROD sites to cut up infected trees and demonstrate decontamination requirements. It may be cost-free and offer CEUs. Carol will provide more information in upcoming meetings.
- d) Z133 Review – Comments and suggestions are due by 8/08/16. Go to the website:  
[http://www.isa-arbor.com/resources/2012\\_ANSI\\_Z133\\_Standard\\_Second\\_Public\\_Review.pdf](http://www.isa-arbor.com/resources/2012_ANSI_Z133_Standard_Second_Public_Review.pdf) 6/24/2016
- e) AAA member Curtis Hopper is planning to move to Hawaii from Texas and is looking to provide business-to-business services to other tree care contractors. He will be visiting Hawaii from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. He’s interested in talking to other AAA members and will be contacting several people.
- f) **Please join AAA for our next monthly meeting on September 21st, 2016, 6:30pm.**

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Liu  
Administrator

Attachments:

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