



ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – 02/15/2017 – Approved
Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Village, Honolulu

Members in Attendance: Kevin Eckert, Steve Connolly, Jamilee Kempton,
Carol Kwan, Angela Liu, J Zambo, Andrew Kendall, Desiree Page, Sergio
Vasquez, Dudley Hulbert
Guests: Diane Eckert

- 1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes – The meeting was called to order by President J Zambo at 6:25pm. The minutes of the January 2017 monthly meeting were approved.
- 2) Guest Speaker Darcy Oishi, Plant Pest Control Branch, HI Department of Agriculture – Darcy was unable to make it, and is expected to reschedule for AAA's next meeting in March.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert) –Tabled.
 - b) UH Agriculture and Environmental Awareness Day (Angela Liu) – Lance, Carol and Desiree represented AAA on Friday and Saturday. There were around 100 5th graders came to AAA's booth on Friday; attendance on Saturday was lighter, due in part to bad weather. UH's thank you letter was shared at the meeting, and photos from UH will be posted to AAA's Facebook page.
 - c) Hawaii Tree Jamboree, February 25 2017, Kualoa Ranch (Chair: Andrew Kendall) –
 - Depending on the number of participants, we may run events simultaneously.
 - Aloha Power Equipment is donating a Husqvarna chainsaw to be given as the grand prize for event participants. The Jamboree committee will determine how to award the prize.
 - There will be a random drawing for the hotel stay at Hilton Waikiki Beach. All participants who sign up to compete in an event will be eligible.
 - Climb Aloha will be providing the Keiki climb, rakemaster, and possibly a zip line.
 - Details regarding individual participants' insurance, and possible event insurance through LICH, were discussed and will be coordinated prior to the event. Angela will find and edit a liability waiver form to be used for participants.
 - The individuals below committed to providing the following supplies for all the events:
 - o J Zambo – caution tape, stakes (4-foot bamboo)
 - o Desiree – marker paint
 - In addition to previous commitments, the following volunteers will oversee:
 - o Angela - Registration
 - o Dudley – master of ceremony, crosscut sawing
 - o Jamilee – Tug of war, other activities as needed
 - Saturday Feb. 18, 8:00AM – clean crown, stage events, etc. Everyone is encouraged to come help. Call Andrew Kendall for details.
 - d) Queen Emma's Summer Palace Volunteer Workday & Barbecue (Carol Kwan) – Steve Connolly and Carol met with the Daughters of Hawai'i representative to flesh out the scope of the workday. The work to be done is next to a driveway that is shared with another property, and there will need to be traffic control the day of the event. There is only room enough for one bucket truck, one chipper, and a small crew of about 5-6 people, constituting about half a day of work. Work includes clearing pothos vines off of a pink tecoma, clearing other vegetation away from a white bombax, trimming several miscellaneous small trees, and removing some smaller invasive

species. Due to other AAA and individual board members' requirements, an effort will be made to schedule the workday in early April rather than March as had was previously discussed.

- e) Celebration of Gregory Severino's life (Carol Kwan) – Carol obtained permission for the tree planting at Kahe Beach Park to remember Gregory Severino. This is where he died suddenly while scuba diving at the end of last year. Paradise Landscape Maintenance, Inc., is likely to coordinate planting of a milo tree in advance of a celebration to take place at the park. The event was scheduled for Saturday, March 4th, 7:00AM. Don Bergen has agreed to participate in the paddle-out to spread Greg's ashes. Quenna will work on inviting Greg's diving buddies.
 - f) Proposal for AAA Workshop on New OSHA Mandate on Use of Travel Restraint System (J Zambo) – OSHA banned body belts and lanyards on buckets effective 1/17/2017. Employers are required to provide training for new systems by 5/17/2017. No workshop is planned as that is the responsibility of each employer. J will write an article on this topic to be published in LICH's *Landscape Hawaii*.
 - g) Chainsaw Workshop, Beginner Level (J Zambo) – J reviewed that the goal of holding basic chainsaw workshops is to improve the level of worker safety in companies that don't normally provide this training. He pointed to a very recent fatality in the United Kingdom when an experienced tree trimmer, probably experiencing a kickback, was fatally cut by his own chainsaw. Kevin Eckert pointed out that tree services are required by OSHA to provide chainsaw safety training, but that smaller or less experienced companies often don't fulfill their obligation. This program would focus on basic mechanics, chainsaw maintenance, and safety, and would provide some type of hands-on experience. Kevin offered to be the instructor.
 - h) Tree Appraisal Workshop Part 2 by James Komen (Angela Liu) - An email was sent out to AAA's Subscribers one week before the meeting to solicit interest. Thirteen respondents emailed back; two of these were from Neighbor Islands. If this program takes place, James will coordinate most of the details independently, while AAA will coordinate the event site and provide notification to its email subscribers.
 - i) WCISA / AAA 2017 Hawaii Regional Workshop with John Ball (Angela Liu) – Room reservations, budget estimating, and other early planning tasks are being carried out.
 - j) WCISA Annual Conference 2019 (Carol Kwan) – A number of potential venues are sending their proposals to WCISA for review.
- 4) New Business
- a) Proposal for guest speaker, Pablo Akira Beimler, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (Desiree Page) – Unlike places where wildfires are an integral part of the ecology, in Hawaii, wildfires clear native vegetation and create opportunities for invasive plants to become established. Arborists can help get out the message on fuel management, an important firefighting tool. AAA scheduled Pablo's talk for April's monthly meeting.
- 5) Announcements
- a) Angela Liu is in the middle of the Membership Drive, and asked everyone to please renew as soon as possible. She also announced that AAA is organizing a list of certified arborists to be included in a statewide Albizia management plan by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council. TCIA is holding its Winter Management Conference in Hawaii, February 2018. They'd like to work with AAA to get the word out and get participation by Hawaii arborists. J Zambo will work with Angela to see what AAA can do with TCIA.

b) *Please join us for our next meeting on:*

March 15th, 2017, 6:30pm, Old Spaghetti Factory

5) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Liu