



ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – 07/19/2017 – APPROVED
Dixie Grill, Aiea, HI

Members in Attendance: Dudley Hulbert, Lance Bookless, Jay Zambo, Desiree Page, Steve Connolly, Andrew Kendall, Curtis Hopper
Guests: Shawna Cox

1. Call to Order & Approval of the Meeting Minutes of 5/17/17 and 06/21/17 - The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm. Desiree moved to approve the minutes. Dudley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Old Business
 - a) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert) - Dudley will follow up with Andy on research on growth rates, to see if Andy can come back to give an update, and see if there are alternative research projects.
 - b) Queen Emma's Summer Palace Volunteer Workday & Barbecue, 07/15/2017 (Steve Connolly) – Work was done on the agreed date. There isn't any feedback available yet. It was discussed that this kind of work/outreach is a part of what AAA is all about. We want to continue to target Native Hawaiian/ Hawaiian Heritage groups that cannot afford tree work through commercial means.
 - c) Chainsaw Workshops, Beginner Level (J Zambo) - The priority is to hold a homeowner/ public workshop at the Urban Garden Center about chainsaw safety/ basics/ pruning. Dudley will contact UGC. The second priority will be to target industry worker and provide in-depth chainsaw training.
 - d) WCISA / AAA Hawaii Regional Workshop 2017 with John Ball, 6/27 to 6/30/2017 (Angela Liu) – Oahu had 90 attendees registered for the workshop; Big Island had 47, Kauai had 19, and Maui had 31. A financial report is not yet available. Challenges overcome included locating a facility on Maui, and changes in catering on Oahu. The event had help from many corners, and thanks went out to the many parties who helped out. We need to address the food budget with WCISA, and request the budget of \$25/person be changed to \$36/person due to the cost of catering in the Hawaiian market.
 - e) Tree Appraisal Workshop Part 2 by James Komen (Angela Liu) – Tabled.
 - f) LICH Conference, 10/05/2017 (J Zambo) - Dudley would like to present a track. J will do one on turf and trees. Steve Connolly may also present. Desiree offered assistance in any capacity besides speaking.
 - g) WCISA Annual Conference 2019, Sheraton Waikiki, April 2019 (Carol Kwan) – Tabled.
 - h) Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Outreach Program, 'Ōhi'a Love Fest 8/27/2017 (Angela Liu) – J reviewed the information for the event. Desiree volunteered to have AAA's booth there.
 - i) Monthly Meeting location (Desiree Page) – Dixie Grill is a good location. The Bi-annual Barbecue meeting can be held at the Lyon Arboretum.
 - j) Green Waste / Tree Industry Survey (J Zambo) – Andrew, Desiree and Carol could be on this Committee.
 - k) A300 Part 1 Pruning 2017 Order (Carol Kwan) – Tabled.
3. New Business –
 - a) Treasurer's Report (Desiree Page) - Desiree requested to create two additional savings accounts to keep separate the Shigo Fund and the HTCC fund. Steve Connolly motioned to

approve the request. Further explanation was requested as to the purpose – the purpose is to simplify the tracking of money in and out of these funds used for specific purposes. Dudley seconded the motion; the motion was tabled until next meeting. Andrew is providing a bookkeeper to work with Desiree on learning and setting up Quickbooks. Separate accounts may be unnecessary if using Quickbooks. The question was raised as to what are AAA's intentions with respect to moving towards becoming a non profit.

b) AAA PO Box (Desiree Page) – A post office box has been set up.

4. Announcements

c) ISA Annual Conference – 07/28 to 08/02, 2017 in Washington, DC – Tabled.

d) Andrew brought up the idea that AAA should do more marketing, promotion, and more workshops, to reach homeowners and other members of the public; he also offered to help in these areas. He raised many examples, and is interested in seeing AAA use new marketing tools more heavily rather than depending on email campaigns. He specifically raised the need to put the photos from the Tree Jamboree on AAA's Facebook page.

e) *Please join us on:*

August 16th, 2017, 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting – Location TBD

5. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Liu