



**ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – 03/15/2017 – APPROVED
Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Village, Honolulu**

Members in Attendance: Carol Kwan, Lance Bookless, J Zambo, Desiree Page,
Jamilee Kempton

- 1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes – The meeting was called to order by President J Zambo at 7:00pm. Quorum was lacking, and approval of the February 2017 monthly meeting was postponed.
- 2) Old Business
 - a) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert) –Tabled.
 - b) Hawaii Tree Jamboree, February 25 2017, Kualoa Ranch (Chair: Andrew Kendall) – There were 16 participants. The following feedback was shared:
 - Better organization for Keiki events – Free or low-cost registration; location for keiki events away from climbing areas; coconut raking, wheelbarrow race, etc.
 - Registration – mail forms and payments to admin, not AAA formal address. There was no information on the day of the event as to who had pre-registered. Set up online registration, PayPal payments, and/or mobile credit card payment; include liability waiver, permission to use photos.
 - Permission from David Leonard to use his photo for T-shirt and publicity materials.
 - Event publicity / outreach – Change the venue? Where else could we hold the event? Advertise by press release, listing on Star Advertiser Calendar of Events.
 - Silent auction for extra donated items
 - T-shirt sales
 - Organize event insurance in advance
 - Liability Waiver form needs to be a lot longer
 - Get sponsors’ logos to use on our website/Facebook post
 - c) Queen Emma’s Summer Palace Volunteer Workday & Barbecue (Carol Kwan) – The facility doesn’t have any Saturdays available for the event in the near future, and the event cannot be held on Sunday. The suggestion was made to hold the workday as early as 6:00am. Further discussion was put off until the committee members present.
 - d) Celebration of Gregory Severino’s life (Carol Kwan) – There were more than fifty people present, and the ceremony was beautiful.
 - e) New OSHA Mandate on Use of Travel Restraint System (J Zambo) – J will write an article on this topic to be published in LICH’s *Landscape Hawaii*.
 - f) Chainsaw Workshop, Beginner Level (J Zambo) – Lance and Desiree may be able to participate as volunteer instructors. J will contact Kevin to discuss the program. Ultimately J would like AAA to offer this event every other month as a two to four-hour class, covering topics in a shorter timeframe. There was discussion of a possible partnership with CTAHR, and suggestions to consider locating the event at the Urban Garden Center and/or Lyon Arboretum.

- g) WCISA / AAA 2017 Hawaii Regional Workshop with John Ball (Angela Liu) – John Ball revised the program, in part to maximize the potential CEU hours. The revised program was reviewed.
- h) Tree Appraisal Workshop Part 2 by James Komen (Angela Liu) – There was concern that the event may not have adequate turnout. The interest survey did not ask recipients to indicate a negative response, e.g. “No, I will not be attending.” No action was taken due to lack of quorum.
- i) WCISA Annual Conference 2019 (Carol Kwan) – Proposals for venues are on the expensive side. Other possible options are being considered, such as holding the event at the convention center and shuttling attendees from the hotel(s).

3) New Business

- a) Pest of the Month – Light brown apple moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*)
 - i) Description: Described by University of Florida as “extremely polyphagous”, this insect threatens ecological, agricultural, and urban forestry systems. This moth is about 10mm (0.4 inch) long, and difficult to distinguish from other brown moths; suspected discovery of this pest must be confirmed by a professional entomologist.
 - ii) Distribution: Worldwide across dry, temperate, and tropical climates. In the US, the pest has limited and regulated distribution. It has been intercepted in Honolulu in the past.
 - iii) Hosts: More than 120 genera and thousands of species, including: mango, avocado, plantain, stone fruit, apple, grape, camellia, willow, *Viburnum*, *Asteraceae*, *Jasminum*.
 - iv) Symptoms and Damage: Larvae cause leaf rolling, tunneling and surface damage on fruit, and bud and leaf damage. Most of the research has been regarding potential economic loss to apple, grape, orange and pear crops. Potential impacts to the landscape industry and agriculture in Hawaii is unknown, but could be significant.
 - v) Control: The current control objectives are to screen, contain, suppress and eradicate any populations that are found. If you believe you have found this pest, in Hawaii, immediately report to HDOA at 643-PEST or reportapest.org, or bring in samples (sealed bag) to HDOA.
 - vi) Reference: http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/fruit/moths/light_brown_apple_moth.htm
- b) Rapid Ohi’a Death Summit – Part 1: Strategic Response Plan (Angela Liu) – Carol shared the following information:
 - The summit provided a summary of developments in the ongoing spread of ROD, research to understand the problem, and plans for the next three years to continue the effort to manage this disease.
 - Two previously unknown species of the fungus *Ceratocystis* have been identified at the center of the ROD epidemic. 50,000 acres of ohi’a are currently impacted, about 10% of all ohi’a forest on the Big Island. Mortality rates vary between 20 to 100% in the areas where the disease is present.
 - There’s a new three-year Strategic Response Plan outlining components and estimated budget line items for research needs, disease response, outreach and engagement, and ROD response coordination. The cost of the 3-year plan was estimated \$10M; it is presumed that funding will come from multiple sources, primarily from public agencies. More information is at: http://olelo.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=20&clip_id=58224

Corie Yanger of CTAHR in Hilo is proposing an arborist certificate program to be held on the Big Island. He is interested in working with AAA to set a date and publicize the program.

- c) Manu-O-Ku Hui (White Tern Hui) Outreach to Arborists / Possible Workshop (Jolie Wanger) – Tree trimming in the Honolulu area creates nesting sites, but trimming at the wrong time or in the wrong way creates threats for nest sites. The group would like to deliver a program to go over recent research findings, laws, and both the good and the bad in the relationship between white terns and tree trimmers. There also is new mapping and data to be made available to the tree trimming community. Their program can be set up as a two-hour classroom session with an optional two hours of field time. Opportunities may include a one-hour program before a monthly meeting, a guest speaker engagement at a monthly meeting, and/or a presentation for the LICH arborist track.
 - d) Meeting location – Old Spaghetti Factory has advised us that we will be charged \$50/hr for extra time beyond the first two hours. After the annual meeting at Gordon Biersch, we may try the restaurant at the Navy-Marine Golf Course, formerly Seven Palms.
- 4) Announcements
- a) AAA Treasurer – AAA is looking for a new treasurer. Due to the departure of his office manager, Steve Nimz will not be able to keep the position.
 - b) We'll be having guest speakers in the next two months:
 - May – Pablo Akira Beimler, Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization
 - June – Darcy Oishi, HI Department of Agriculture, will cover avocado pests
- c) ***Please join us:***
- April 19th, 2017, 6:30pm – Annual Meeting
at Gordon Biersch Restaurant, Aloha Tower Marketplace*
- 5) Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Liu