

**Aloha Arborist Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Val Aipperspach, Misti Beirne, Adrian Klasovsky, Dan Severino, Jon Perry, Ashlen Aquila, Jeremy Dunivan, John O'Shea

Guest: Ivy Aquila, Karen Thompson, Tiffany Bernaix

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

- A) President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. The March 16, 2011, minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Small Workshops

(a) Basic Entry Methods/False Crotch

- (i) Steve Connolly has decided not to schedule another one of these workshops for the foreseeable future.

(b) Chain Saw Workshop

- (i) Tabled

(c) Basic Rigging Demo

- (i) Tabled

(d) Advanced Diagnostics Workshop

- (i) The workshop netted around \$1,250 and was well-received by participants.

(e) WCISA Regional Meeting – Plant Doctoring: Science vs. Snake Oil 8/24/2011

- (i) McCoy Pavilion has been confirmed as the venue.

(f) Proposed WCISA Regional Meeting – Urban Soil Workshop

- (i) Jon Perry is organizing this workshop with Dr. Jonathan Deenik as the speaker. The target timeframe was set for February/March 2012.

B) Research Committee

- i) Tabled.

C) 2011 Hawaii TCC

- i) TCC for April 23 and 24, 2011, was cancelled. Greg Severino has resigned as TCC chair due to his other obligations. Steve Connolly would like to get Austin Braaten involved in helping to plan TCC, possibly as the chair if he's willing. Jeremy noted that we have the opportunity to bring in judges from outside of Hawaii who are willing to come, some of who are ITCC judges. Scotty Olson is willing to come for free. Dan added that we also need people to provide equipment and help clean the trees. Keeping the climbers out of setting up the competition would be good if we can. John O'Shea will help. Our sponsors can bring their stuff out and market it there. The venue is Dillingham Ranch. Ashlen got permission already. The trees are amazing and there's great parking. All we have to do is prune the trees that we'll be using for the competition and prune some coconuts around their office. Steve Connolly will schedule a TCC committee meeting outside of the monthly meeting to work out the details.

D) Landscape Pest Identification Cards

- i) The grant application date has been pushed back to August 15, 2011, due to the delay in Congress's finalizing the federal budget. This affected Rob Hauff's ability to commit how much money he would have available to contribute to the project.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a) Pest of the Month – Broad mite (*Polyphagotarsonemus latus*)

- i) Hosts: Guava, macadamia, mango, and Plumeria
- ii) Distribution: All of the major Hawaiian islands, Australia, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, and the Pacific Islands
- iii) Damage: Terminal leaf and flower buds become cupped and distorted, reduction in photosynthesis, corky brown areas between the main veins on the underside of leaves.
- iv) Management: Biological control through locally occurring general mite feeders. Chemical control with Vendex, Diazinon, and Endosulfan.

b) Annual Meeting Elections

- i) The slate of officer candidates for 2011-2012 follows:
 - (1) President – Steve Connolly (extension of term by one year)
 - (2) Vice President – Sergio Vasquez (extension of term by one year)
 - (3) Secretary – Carol Kwan – 1-year term
 - (4) Treasurer – Steve Nimz – 1-year term
 - (5) Director – Doug DeMoss – 1-year term
 - (6) Director – Gregory Severino – 1-year term
- ii) Nominations were requested from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed. Val made the motion to approve the officers by acclamation. Adrian seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. All of the above officers were elected for their applicable terms.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Welcome to AAA member Jim Reisch and his associate, James Dixon. Jim is the Altec account manager for Hawaii, 282-5780, jim.reisch@altec.com. There are mobile service technicians on Island who are here to take care of your needs. Jim expressed how much he appreciates being a part of AAA. He wants to be involved in what we do and is willing to be a sponsor for TCC. James is from Global Rental Company and is visiting from Southern California, exploring opportunities to provide equipment for rentals or rent-to-purchase. He's looking for a partner in Hawaii and has been working with Jim.
- B) Welcome to Jeremy Dunivan, AAA member through Paradise Landscape Maintenance. Jeremy was the winner of the Florida State TCC championship in 2011 and placed in Hawaii's TCC in 2010.
- C) Welcome to Ivy Aquila, Ashlen's wife; Karen Thompson, Jon Perry's girlfriend; and Tiffany Bernaix, Jeremy's girlfriend.
- D) WCISA Conference is scheduled for May 11-13, 2011, in San Diego, CA (La Jolla).
- E) ISA Conference is scheduled for July 23-27, 2011, in Sydney, Australia. Mike Kraus, Jeremy Dunivan, and Austin Braaten will be attending so Hawaii will be represented.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2011 AAA Membership Application
2. Pest of the Month – Broad Mite

**2011 Aloha Arborist Association
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2011.

Membership: \$10 Student \$25 Government Employee \$50 Individual

\$150 Company \$1,000 Lifetime Member Date: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

If Company Membership, please designate 3 company representatives*:

Address: _____

_____ **Website:** _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

You may publish this information on the AAA website: Yes No

**Company members may send any of their employees to workshops at AAA member rates*

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