

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2014

Members Present: Dudley, Carol Kwan, Nicole Brodie, Andrew Kendall, Desiree Hughes, Greg Severino, Austin Braaten

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE October 15TH, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.

Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:43PM. November 19th, 2014, Meeting Minutes were approved with a modification of striking the duplicate announcement regarding the Maui Tree Circus.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) Training Workshops

i) Tree Care First Aid and CPR

- a) Class will be postponed to January. Couldn't find a venue in time for 11/15. 1/10, 1/24, 1/31 available for trainer. Nikki will check availability for Paki Hale. Max class size 25. Andrew Kendall signed up for 5 people. Charge \$50/ea. non-members, \$40/ea for members. The prices assume a free venue. Just provide bottled water and coffee, no food. Go 50/50 between AAA and speaker. Half day workshop – 3-4 hrs. Send out to members only first 1-2 weeks prior to training list. Sounds like it will fill up just from members. We need to submit for CEUs for the program and advertise at least 30 days in advance.

B) Research Committee

- i) Dudley reported that Dr. Carl Evensen at Lyon Arboretum is open to some dialogue on our original and expanded research lists. Lyon Plant sale is this Saturday and Dudley is volunteering to sit with Heidi and Dr. Crowley. Carl and Dudley discussed the collection of a compiled body of data, take photos of trees that we're regularly maintaining, measure growth rates, etc. One of the main issues is that there are so many variables – rainfall, soil, location on the Island. One option would be to seek financial assistance from the Britton Fund to support a UH grad student project.
- ii) Carol helped Dr. Cheng submit a grant application for banyan pests to the TREE Fund and it was denied within a couple of days. However, he plans to also submit for the same project to The Britton Fund.

C) 2015 HTCC

- i) Greg has been in contact with WCTCC Chair Philip Ruiz. WC TCC will be held 2/21-22/2015 in Sacramento. If we wanted to have HTCC prior to that date we would have to do January which would be challenging. The group agreed that January would be too rushed and that we should push it back to later in the year. Target date of October and contingent upon the next WCTCC

D) Maui Tree Circus

- i) Approximately 1,000 kids were able to attend the shows. Maui Mall got cancelled due to a rain out. For 2015 we may want to consider Kauai if funding for it comes through. Carol will talk to KLIC members Larry Borgatti, Lelan Nishek, Maureen Murphy. If Kauai not interested then we can bring it back to Oahu.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pest of the Month: Palm Skeletonizer moth *Homaledra sabalella*
- B) 2015 WCISA/AAA Regional Meeting – Bruce Hagen, Basic Entomology 3/23-3/27. Trying to arrange for the 4 main islands – Oahu, Big Island, Maui, and Kauai. Carol has contacted Larry Borgatti president of KLIC. He will bring it up to the KLIC Board on 11/20.
- C) WCISA spring workshop with Julian Dunster. Book tour – Documenting Evidence Practical Guidance for Arborists. Ask WCISA to send out a survey. There are concerns about whether people in Hawaii will turn out for this, especially so close to Bruce’s workshop. This workshop would probably be February if we do this. Would it be possible to have Julian do TRAQ while he’s out here? Carol will check.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Lyon Arboretum is currently hiring a new Arborist Position
- B) As usual there will be no meeting in December

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by Steve Connolly at 8:21PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 21st, 2015, 6:30pm, at the Seven Palms Bar and Grille.

PLEASE JOIN US!

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – January 21st 6:30pm
943 Valkenburgh St.*



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Honolulu,

Mahalo for your support!