

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19th, 2014**

Members Present: Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Dudley Hulbert, Ilana Nimz, Carol Kwan, Gregory Severino, Andrew Kendall, Amy Nichols, Lance Bookless, Austin Braaten, Mafatu Kraimer, Mealoha Hooton, and Nikki Brodie.

Guests: Peerawut Kamlangch.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, MEETING MINUTES.**

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:53p.m. The January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with one correction. The WCISA Conference April 5-10 Pasadena, CA shall be included in the January 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes under Announcements.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Training Workshops**

**i) 2014 Hawaii Tree Climbing Competition February 22-23, at Moanalua Gardens**

(a) Set-up for the competition will be on Friday 2/21. AAA has received good response from judging volunteers. Aloha Power may donate prizes. Treestuff.com and Climb Aloha have donated plenty of prizes. Every climber will leave the competition with something. We need a second pop-up tent and extra tables, chairs, and a cooler with ice. Snacks, water, and juice will be purchased from Costco. We will cater lunch for 50 people, and lunch should arrive around 12:30pm. Ash will be donating t-shirts for the climbers. We have extra judges' t-shirts left over from last year. AAA will have extra t-shirts for sale during the competition, \$10 each. Greg is planning to bring 2 bucket-trucks and a few guys to help with the set-up on Friday. If the rain continues, we may not be able to drive the trucks on the lawn. On Sunday 2/23 there will be a wedding near the hula mound. 4 CEU's have been approved by WCISA. Gates open at 7:30am. Registration and gear check 7:30am-9:00am. Competition should start around 10:00am. Next year AAA will print off flyers well in advance, so members can pass them out. Lance will lead Throw-ball, Don will lead the Speed Climb, and Austin will lead the Work Climb. Nimz will fit in as needed. Guys from Maui will be volunteering and competing. No pre-registration. OISC may set up a booth.

**ii) ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)**

(i) Will be dropped from the agenda until WCISA contacts AAA regarding a Honolulu TRAQ course.

**iii) Tropical Fruit Phenology Workshop**

- iv) Dudley said the workshop is all-good to go for March 8<sup>th</sup>. AAA will have a booth at the 2-day event, Ag Awareness Day. We will try to provide information about CRB and LFA at the booth. The class will be from 9:00am-12:00pm Saturday March 8th. Mark Nickum will start in the classroom to go over phenology and the hands-on pruning demo will follow. Dudley and Mark will lead the hands-on portion of the class. Dave Ringuette offered to help teach the pests' portion of the class if needed. AAA needs volunteers to man the booth for March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- v) John Ball Safety Workshop 2014
  - (a) John may only have a couple weeks available to speak. There may not be enough time for John to speak for the military on Oahu. WCISA is working on scheduling a line of John Ball Safety Workshops, starting in California and ending in Hawaii. AAA should have confirmation soon regarding dates for the workshop.
- vi) Palm Safety Workshop
  - (a) Javier will be doing a Palm Safety workshop at the WCISA Conference. AAA is looking at October to schedule the Palm Safety workshop in Honolulu. It may be a good idea to have this workshop following the LICH Conference. A potential venue could be the Hale Koa Hotel.
- vii) Rigging Workshop- Leeward Community College
  - (a) Will take this off the agenda until further notice. If there are funds available to pay for the removals, AAA could help organize a rigging workshop.
- B) Research Committee
  - i) Nothing new to report. Kalani will be graduating. Andrew Kauffman may be looking for a new graduate student to take on a new project?
- C) AAA Project Review Committee
  - i) Will take this off the agenda. When legislation is over, Marty can come to a meeting.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Pest of the Month- Hala Scale Insect (*Thysanococcus pandani*). Hawaii Early Detection Network Priority Pest for Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, and Big Island. Hala scale insect is presently only on the island of Maui.
  - i) **Damage:** The hala scale insect causes yellowing of and serious damage to the leaves of Hala (*Pandanus tectorius*). Adult and immature scale insects are seen on the underside of Hala leaves. Adult scale have a dark body with a white fringe around the edge.

ii) **Impacts:** Hala scale was first observed in Hana, Maui in 1995. Now, much of East Maui's Hala is infested with the scale. The South Pacific island of Rarotonga, in the Cook Islands, apparently lost its Pandanus trees in the 1920's from a similar accidental insect introduction. Aside from this possibility, infestation of Hala leaves with the scale renders it unusable for weaving and unsightly in the landscape.

iii) **Dispersal Mechanism:** Hala Scale reached East Maui on an infested shipment of Hala brought to a botanical garden from somewhere in the Pacific. Knowing this, it is important not to transport Hala plants or leaves from Maui to other islands. If you see this scale pest anywhere else in Hawaii- let someone know! If you are in doubt, send a picture to the reporting page: [http://www.pbin.org/invasives\\_report/online.asp](http://www.pbin.org/invasives_report/online.asp) and we will help you identify it.

B) Amy Nichols will be leaving. Her family will be moving to California. AAA is looking for someone to help take over Amy's responsibilities for AAA. AAA is still discussing options.

C) Greg Severino will be conducting an Aerial Rescue training workshop before the April CTW exams. Carol suggested Mililani Ag. Park for the training venue. Greg is still working on finding a venue for the AR training.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) Have dinner with the Hawaii Landscape and Irrigation Contractors Association, at Seven Palms Bar and Grill February 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm-9pm. Cost \$10 per person. "Sharing Experience and Passing on Knowledge".

B) Please renew your AAA Membership for 2014! You can find the membership form online at [Alohaarborist.com](http://Alohaarborist.com) and you can pay for your membership online or by mailing a check.

C) WCISA Conference, Arboriculture On Parade, April 5-10, Pasadena ,Ca.

D) Please help support Ilana Nimz, Jamilee Kempton and Sal Hsu, the first team to represent Hawaii in the Western Chapter ISA bike ride for The Britton Fund!! For questions, donation forms or info: [ilananimz@gmail.com](mailto:ilananimz@gmail.com) or [jfkempton2@gmail.com](mailto:jfkempton2@gmail.com). All donations go directly to the Britton Fund to support tree related research, education and awareness! You can donate online at <http://www.thebrittonfund.org/the-britton-fund-ride/2014-riders/>. **Donation deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

E) Jamilee Kempton will be competing at the NATCC April 5-6, Pasadena California.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamilee Kempton

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**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
943 Valkenburgh St.*



**2014 Aloha Arborist Association  
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2013.

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 for voting purposes\*:

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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*

Please send this completed form to Aloha Arborist Association, 333 Lala Place, Kailua, HI 96734 with a check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association. If you prefer, you can pay online with a credit card at [alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/](http://alohaarborist.com/index.php/become-a-member/) and send us this form via email ([info@alohaarborist.com](mailto:info@alohaarborist.com)).

**Mahalo for your support!**

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