

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Meeting Minutes  
April 16th, 2014**

Members Present: Jamilee Kempton, Steve Connolly Lance Bookless, Steve Nimz, Austin Braaten, Nicole Brodie, Andrew Kendall, Greg Severino, Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Jon Williams, Sergio Vasquez, and J. Zambo.

Guest: Charles White.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, MEETING MINUTES.**

President Steve Connolly called the meeting to order at 6:56p.m. The March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting minutes were approved .

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Training Workshops**

**i) John Ball Safety Workshop 2014**

(a) The workshop is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> Honolulu, McCoy Pavilion. May 22<sup>nd</sup> Maui, and May 23<sup>rd</sup> Big Island. Jamilee and Jackie will be volunteering to help set up and run the registration table. Nimz and Traci have the food covered. TCIA will pay to be an exhibitor at the workshop. The AAA meeting will be pushed back one week, May 28<sup>th</sup> will be the AAA annual meeting, at Seven Palms Bar and Grille.

**ii) Palm Safety Workshop- Tabled**

(a) Nothing new to report

**B) Research Committee**

i) Nothing new to report, AAA will get a core group of individuals together to address this issue.

**C) 2014 WCISA Conference- Recap**

i) Carol said the workshop went very well.

**D) 2014 NATCC and Britton Fund Ride- Recap**

i) Ilana Nimz, Sau Hsu, and Jamilee Kempton completed the 88-mile bike ride for the Britton Fund.. Jamilee placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the NATCC.

**E) CTW and Arborist Exams 4/12/14 – Recap**

- i) The practical exams went very well and all of the participants were respectful Davey guys did great! There was a total of 7 climbers and 3 aerial lift participants. The knot exam was split up into 3 stations. The climbers from Hong Kong did well and all of them passed. In the near future the WCISA will join the ISA certification for certified tree workers.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Pest of the Month- Diaprepes Root Weevil, *Diaprepes abbreviatus*
  - i) **Hosts:** Over 270 species of plants from 59 plant families. Some of the most common hosts are citrus (all varieties), peanut, sorghum, guinea corn, corn, Surinam cherry, dragon tree, sweet potato, sugarcane, panicum grasses, coffee weed (sesbania) and Brazilian pepper.
  - ii) **Distribution:** Native to the Caribbean Region, and was accidentally introduced into central and south Florida in 1964 in an ornamental plant shipment from Puerto Rico. In 2000, Diaprepes became established in a mature citrus grove in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Diaprepes is not established in California however the risk of introduction and establishment is high because of the volume of host plants brought into California.
  - iii) **Damage:** The larvae cause extensive damage to their host plants by feeding on roots, tubers, and underground portions. They initially feed on smaller fibrous roots, and move to large roots as they mature. The most aggressive feeders may girdle the crown area of the root system, killing the plant. In cassava and potatoes, the larvae feed directly on the tubers. Adult weevils feed along the edges of the leaves, creating semicircular notches. They prefer younger, tender leaves. On rare occasions, adults may feed on fruit. Fruit feeding is usually limited to papaya and citrus.
  - iv) **Control:** In Florida, growers use pesticide drenches for larvae and foliar spray for adults. Insecticides have limited effectiveness because the larvae are well protected in the soil, and the adults have a wide host range that is difficult to treat on an area-wide basis. Promoting the growth of the roots should be practiced, by fertilizing and irrigating. Avoid over-irrigation and provide proper soil drainage. There are a number of parasitic wasps that attack the egg stage. There are entomopathogenic nematodes both native and commercially available that cause significant mortality to Diaprepes in sandy soils of Florida and the Caribbean. Studies are underway to induce outbreaks of *Beauveria bassiana* fungus in adult Diaprepes.

#### A) TRAQ

- i) The TRAQ course will be held in Honolulu June 3-5 at McCoy Pavilion. Registration deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>. \$625 for ISA members, and \$750 for non-members. Tuesday 6/3 and Wednesday 6/4 the course will be from 8am-5pm and Thursday 6/5 8am-1130am.

#### B) LICH- field day fundraiser

- i) LICH is working on organizing a fundraiser field day where green industry vendors could demonstrate their products. For example, mowers, chippers, aerial lifts, stump grinders, chainsaws, or dingo etc. A potential venue could be UH Waimanalo Research station where there is space available to cut trees, mow grass etc. AAA could support the fundraiser by talking with vendors to determine if they are interested in participating in an event like this.

C) 2015 HTCC

- i) Greg Severino will run the 2015 HTCC. AAA will work on setting a date. AAA President should be separate for the HTCC Chair.

D) AAA Annual Meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

- i) The next AAA meeting will be the Annual meeting, scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at Seven Palms Bar and Grille. AAA will vote for a slate of officers. The nominations are: Carol Kwan- Director, Dudley Hulbert- Director, Sergio Vasquez- Director, Steve Connolly- President, Andrew Kendall- Vice President, Jamilee Kempton- Secretary and Steve Nimz- Treasurer.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Wahine Tree Climbing Workshop April 19<sup>th</sup> at Lyon Arboretum, 9am-1pm. Instructor Jamilee Kempton. Next Wahine Tree Climbing Workshop will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. Call 808 988 0461 for class info or to sign up! To view Lyon Arboretum's Class Schedule go to <http://www.hawaii.edu/lyonarboretum/education/classes2>

ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Steve Connolly at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamilee Kempton

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The Seven Palms Bar and Grille – May 28<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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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