



ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES –11/14/2018 – APPROVED
Restaurant 604, 57 Arizona Memorial Drive, Honolulu HI

Members in Attendance: Desiree Page, Sergio Vasquez, Angela Liu, Justin Donahue,
Kainoa Holt

1. Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10/17/2018 - The meeting was called to order at 6:53pm. The minutes were approved without changes.
2. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
 - a) Treasurer's Report (Andrew Kendall) – There was no report this meeting.
 - b) Research Committee (Chair: Dudley Hulbert)
 - i) Update on status of funding to Andy Kaufman – Tabled.
 - ii) Guidelines for Tree Care Near Manu-o-Kū (White Tern) Nest Sites (Angela Liu) – Work on this project is under way, with most of the Steering Committee members interviewed by phone. A draft of the guidelines has been started to develop the document's structure and start putting into place information shared by the Steering Committee.
 - c) Training Committee (Chair: Andrew Kendall)
 - i) Aerial Rescue Training (Justin Donahue) – January 12th was identified as the optimal date for this event, Desiree and Justin will check with Doug Trochtop that this date works. Kai will look for a location through his contacts on Maui, and work with Justin and Doug to finalize it.
 - ii) Beginner Chainsaw Safety Workshop (Dudley Hulbert) – This topic will be removed from the agenda until further notice.
 - d) Tree Jamboree Committee (Chair: Desiree Page) – Hawaii Island, February 16th and 17th, 2019 – Desiree suggested holding an Aloha Arborist Association meeting on the Big Island to coincide with the Jamboree, as a way to share AAA news and promote participation. The group reviewed various tasks that will require follow-up, including looking into using EventBrite, applying for ISA CEUs, and sending the registration link out. Desiree has brought on board a healthy group of sponsors; she is also planning to reach out to local companies on the Big Island so that they'll have the benefit of the publicity.
3. Reports of Special Committees
 - a) LICH Annual Conference, Wed. October 10th 2018, Blaisdell Exhibition Hall (Sergio Vasquez) – The LICH conference had good attendance and went very well. Sergio lent LICH about 45 *Areca* palms for decorating the facility, and the five speakers that AAA helped to recruit all delivered interesting presentations, including Justin Donahue whose talk about tree climbing systems was lively and informative.
4. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Autumn Volunteer Workday (J Zambo, Dudley Hulbert) – This event at the Senior Living Facility is scheduled to take place on November 17th.
5. New Business
 - a) Education Topic – Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) – Tabled.
 - b) Membership Development (Sergio Vasquez, Angela Liu) – Sergio and Angela are planning for educational events of 1.5 to 3 CEUs to be held in conjunction with the AAA meetings every three to

four months in 2019. Ideas were discussed about locations and times for the events, as well as possible topics.

6. Announcements

- a) Mayor Caldwell Urban Forestry Goals – Tabled.
- b) WCISA Awards – Western Chapter ISA is soliciting nominations for their awards program. The deadline is the end of December, and several possible nominees were discussed.
- c) The calendar of events was reviewed:
 - ***Hā O Ke Kai – 2019 Hawai‘i Climate Conference*** – January 14, 2019 – East-West Center, Honolulu, HI – climate.hawaii.org/conference
 - ***LICH Annual Meeting*** – Fri, 1/25/19, 5 p.m. Location TBA.
 - ***Hawaii Invasive Species Awareness Month*** - February
 - ***Agriculture & Environmental Awareness Day*** – Pearl City Urban Garden Center, Oahu – Thurs, Fri, February 7th & 8th
 - ***TCIA Winter Management Conference*** - St. Kitts Marriott Resort and Royal Beach Casino (West Indies), February 11-15, 2019: <https://www.tcia.org/TCIA/EVENTS/WMC/WMC.aspx>
 - ***Hawaii Tree Jamboree*** - Sat, Sun, Feb. 16th & 17th, 2019 - Botanical World Adventures, 31-240 Old Mamalahoa Hwy, Hakalau, HI 96710
- d) ***Please join us on:***
Wednesday February 20th, 2019, 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting, Dixie Grill, Aiea

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Liu