



ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – 1/16/2019 – APPROVED
Dixie Grill, 99-016 Kamehameha Hwy, Aiea, HI

Members in Attendance: Desiree Page, Sergio Vasquez, Angela Liu, Dudley Hulbert,
Justin Donahue

Guests: John McComas

1. Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes of 11/14/2018 - The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Approval of the minutes was deferred.
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 – Dr. Kaufman requested a donation of \$1,500.00 to pay the annual fees for reserving his research plots, an unfunded cost needed to preserve his ability to proceed with his tree research project. At the time of the meeting, Kevin Eckert and Mark Leon had committed to donate \$1,500. The board considered and unanimously approved a motion to also go ahead with a donation of \$1,500, which Dr. Kaufman will use for supplies and student help. The board members requested further updates about the project.
 - ii) Guidelines for Tree Care Near Manu-o-Kū (White Tern) Nest Sites (Angela Liu) – The rough draft is being shared with the Steering Committee within the week, after which a Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled. An email list is being assembled for the Working Group, which will include a broad range of stakeholders including tree companies, large property owners, property management associations, public agencies, and wildlife conservation interests. Though it's not specifically a part of the scope of this project, there was discussion about developing a postcard or other similar format that tree companies can distribute to clients and the public.
 - c) Training Committee (Chair: Andrew Kendall)
 - i) Aerial Rescue Training, Maui, January 12th, 2019 (Justin Donahue) – Advance registration was low but tree companies on Maui brought their employees, and the event trained twenty tree workers. Sixteen were tested for climbing rescue, and eleven tested on aerial lift, with a 100% pass rate, and positive feedback from the attendees. Doug Trochtop assisted with the instruction for the first time, providing valuable assistance and gaining good experience in this role. For future AR training events, it is strongly recommended that AAA provide one individual to assist with registration, and at least one technician in the tree. Though it is possible to teach the class with one instructor, two instructors is preferred (instructors provide judging for the exam portion of the program). Income after expenses was about \$500. AAA extended our gratitude to Bobby Burritt, Jake Kane, Doug and others who helped make this happen.
 - d) Tree Jamboree Committee, Hawaii Island, February 16th and 17th, 2019 (Chair: Desiree Page) – Desiree reviewed prizes to be awarded, the status of volunteer coordination, and the T-shirt design and ordering process. Competitors receiving the top three scores will be given plaques. There will be competitors from ten different states. The event is being publicized through social media (Instagram). There is a \$20/person expense for the insurance coverage provided by WCISA.
3. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a) Autumn Volunteer Workday (J Zambo, Dudley Hulbert) – The event didn't have enough volunteers and was cancelled. The board members discussed having more tree companies involved. It was suggested that we hold the next event at Kualoa Ranch. They have been very supportive of AAA by allowing us to hold events there, and this will be a way to show our gratitude. After agreeing to aim

for a Saturday in May, there was a discussion about recruiting different companies to participate, including John McComas' employer HTM.

4. New Business

- a) Education Topic – Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) – Tabled.
- b) WCISA Annual Conference, Sheraton Waikiki, April 29th to May 2nd, 2019 (Angela Liu) – The last time this event was in Hawaii about ten years ago, it attracted 400-500 attendees. WCISA is unsure as yet what the turnout will be this year. Angela is chair of the Entertainment Committee, which will provide a chanter to open the event with a blessing, a hula performance, and a combination of ukulele player, DJ, and live band for other portions of the event. All performers and musicians are required to provide their own insurance.
- c) Membership Development (Sergio Vasquez, Angela Liu) – There was a review of possible dates for monthly meetings with CEUs, and discussion that the Urban Garden Center might serve as the location. Quintin Nilo made a \$1,000 contribution for his membership dues, becoming a lifetime member.

5. Announcements

- a) Mayor Caldwell Urban Forestry Goals – Angela shared that Mayor Caldwell had set two different goals for urban forestry. His office has targeted a program calling for planting 100,000 new trees on Oahu by 2025, as well as to achieve 35% canopy cover by 2035. The efforts are being led by Matt Gonsler and the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR). As an example of tree planting, the tree giveaway at island-wide Arbor Day events were added to the count when each person taking home a tree completed a “Certificate of Adoption.”
- b) The calendar of events was reviewed:
 - *Save the Date – 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., Elks Lodge – Sergio will be there to represent AAA.
 - *Hawaii Invasive Species Awareness Month – February*
 - Thurs, Feb. Sat 7th & 9th - *Agriculture & Environmental Awareness Day* – Pearl City Urban Garden Center, Oahu – with volunteers from AAA going each day.
 - *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>
 - Sat, Sun, Feb. 16th & 17th, 2019 – *Hawaii Tree Jamboree, Botanical World Adventures, 31-240 Old Mamalahoa Hwy, Hakalau, HI 96710*
- c) ***Please join us on:***
Wednesday February 20th, 2019, 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting, Dixie Grill, Aiea

6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Liu