



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2021, 6:30PM
Draft Minutes**

Attendees: Desiree' Page, Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Doug Tochtrop, Justin Barrios, Kevin Eckert (have quorum)

1. Call to Order and Approval of Draft Nov. 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35 p.m. , minutes not approved pending review be board

2. Welcome Guests

3. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

a. Treasurer's Report

i. Seeking professional assistance in regaining non-profit status

Attachments – Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss

Nonprofit – would like to get, \$3K-\$K for attorney

Mod letter of engagement to include NTE \$4K without prior written authorization.

Would like monthly reports/invoices how much spent of total

Cost benefit analysis – Kevin. He doesn't think it's a good idea. Include 1 time and ongoing costs.

How much grants lost? Justin Barrios – how much can we get to subsidize/offset attorney fees.

Dudley – 1 time expense – not spending \$3K/year. To be running at the legal level is the way to go.

Opportunities that we're missing – grants

Grants that we got, having to go through member's companies (Angela, Justin Donahue)

b. Training Committee

i. Training Event Calendar

Tabled

ii. Training in Best Pruning Practices Around Manu-o-Ku Nesting Sites

Training – BMPs Manu-o-Ku – for tree trimmers. Tiana from DLNR proposed speaker, 1-hour course, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at UH Manoa. Carol to talk to Tiana, how many is she willing to do. MailChimp survey, how much demand. What's a good size of the class? \$20-\$25/person.

iii. [TRAQ Full Course - Kapolei, HI, December 16-18, 2020](#): Wrap Up

TRAQ – Renewal and Full Course held in December. Went well.

1. Next steps in providing courses to neighbor islands

Maybe do a survey. Need maybe 11-12 people minimum to hold a class on outer islands

iv. First Aid Course / Aerial Rescue | <https://jmdeckergroup.com/>

1. February & August

Aerial Rescue 1st Aid training – could be a lot to take on in a 1-day course. Would like to organize one on Maui and one on Oahu. Doug is happy to hop to the Big Island if needed too. CTW Exam dates 4/10 and 10/9/2021. Desiree' looking at holding 2 months prior in August. Hopefully pandemic under control by then. May need to do multiple classes if limited to 10 people due to pandemic. Might not pencil out if that's the case. Have to wait and see

c. Jamboree Committee

i. May 21 – 23 or 28 – 30

Justin and Desiree' talked about doing rec climbs, work climbs, something small and fun – mini competition on a specific island. Could do even with COVID. Desiree' likes improved involvement on Neighbor Islands – then COVID hit. But want to get the energy going again when we can. Need to start working on it.

– couple of Mainland trainers. Lawrence Schultz from Cal would like to do couple of trainings in tandem with our Jamboree.

Kevin thinks we'd have a better chance of not being canceled due to pandemic if held in July. Desiree' will check with Rose. Doug – won't get as many Mainland competitors, the closer we get into summer.

Last volunteer work day on Kauai had positive feedback. Included people from Mainland, they loved it. Will need somebody to volunteer to champion that. Dudley will help – go through Liloa Dunn at Lyon. Doug will help in recruiting volunteers. Justin and Desiree' talked about doing rec climbs, work climbs, something small and fun – mini competition on a specific island.

Last year on Kauai was just amazing, great camaraderie.

Desiree would like to survey female competitors to get consensus on feelings toward running women's division

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

a. [Revisiting our Vision Statement and Mission Statement](#)

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b. [Carol's revision](#)

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5. New Business

a. WCISA Tree Appraisal Revision (Classification Guide)

i. Update from Kevin Eckert?

Waiting for project to begin. Tabling discussion until momentum picks up

6. Announcements

- a. Smart Trees Pacific [Annual Tree Walk](#), January 21, 2021. Tylor Schwarz presenting, Kevin Eckert hosting. 5-6:30 p.m.
- b. Next meeting 2/17/2021.
- c. Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.