



Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
February 17th, 2021, 6:30PM

1. Call to Order and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Members in attendance: Desiree Page, Dudley Hulbert, Angela Liu, Carol Kwan, Tylor Schwarze, David Golden, Ilana Nimz.

Minutes: July 2020 Minutes – Amendment to Item 4.a, Board Elections – slate of candidates in the Minutes had been subject of an asynchronous (Google Form) vote. The Board approved the slate of successful candidates as the next Board.

September 2020 – Amendment to Item 1, Approval of Minutes – July minutes require correction to reflect that annual election of the board and officers was conducted.

November 2020 – No amendments

January 2021 Minutes – Amendment to announcements – Carol encouraged everyone to renew memberships

The above four minutes were approved as amended.

2. Welcome Guests

3. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

a. Treasurer's Report Treasurer reported AAA is current on all payables; the accounts balance is \$20,189.48.

b. Training Committee

i. Tree care best practices near Manū-o-Ku breeding sites – There will be two training events available, March 8th and March 11th, both from 2:30pm to 3:30 p.m, location TBD. DLNR Wildwife Biologist Tiana Bolosan to instruct. DLNR also will record the event to develop a training video. Carol will coordinate sign-up and registration payments of \$20/ attendee.

ii. Neighbor Island TRAQ – Tabled

iii. Big Island County Parks Training (Justin Barrios) – Tabled. Desiree reported there have been two incidents in the last four months, including one more recently involving a tree worker at height who fell and sustained major injuries. Arboriculture industry on the Big Island experiences a greater rate of major safety incidents. A discussion ensued about factors that have been contributing to safety risks and the higher rate of major incidents, including homeowner willingness to hire less-qualified services, lack of consumer awareness, insufficient training by employers, and personal decision-making and risk-taking by tree workers.

- c. Jamboree Committee May 21-23 or 28-30 – This date conflicts with Chris Coate’s climbing competition recently scheduled for mid-May. AAA will aim for early July. There was a discussion about potential locations, the differences between different competitions and climbers’ preferences.
 - i. Confirmed Sponsors – Tree Stuff, CMI, Teufelberger, and other previous sponsors on board.
 - ii. ITCC – Cancelled
 - iii. Other events –
 - NAOM - Last week of May (see above)
 - Natural State, Arizona – 2nd week of May
 - The Charlotte – October
 - Florida – “end of summer”
 - ARC – 2nd week of September
 - Michigan - September
 - iv. Western Chapter ISA Tree Climbing Championship – Cancelled

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. Non-Profit Status – Tabled
- b. [Revisiting our Vision Statement and Mission Statement](#) – Tabled
- c. [Carol’s Revision](#) – Tabled

5. New Business

- a. New legislation introduced and the role of AAA – Several bills have been introduced during the 2021 state legislative session that propose planting programs, consequences for destroying state trees, and other urban forestry related efforts, each having their pros and cons. The effort to mandate arboriculture standards and practices on all state projects has so far not been successfully introduced.
- b. Avocado Lace Wing updates – David and Ilana reported that Tree Solutions began testing lace bugs chemical control regimens last week. They’re testing foliar applications and soil drench (imidacloprid with fertilizer), both based on California research. They’ll provide an update on the results when available.

6. Announcements

- a. AAA has been recognized by the US Forest Service through the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program for our help with the Citizen Forester Program.
- b. Angela represented AAA at the recent Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii annual meeting, voting to approve the slate for the new Board of Directors.
- c. ***Please Join Us On:***

March 17th, 2021, 6:30PM – Monthly Meeting – Location: Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.