



**Aloha Arborist Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**April 21, 2021, 6:30PM**  
**Draft Minutes**

In Attendance: Justin Barrios, Desiree Page, Kevin Eckert, Tylor Schwartz, Dudley Hulbert

1. Call to Order and Approval of February Draft Meeting Minutes

2. Welcome Guests

3. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

a. Treasurer's Report

- Tabled

b. Training Committee

i. Tree care best practices near Manū-o-Ku breeding sites \*Wrap up

- Tabled

ii. Providing TRAQ to neighbor Islands

Justin confirmed with his crew and others he's spoken with, there is enough interest to move forward on Big Island.

Dates will be September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Desiree will inform Rita with WCISA and introduce Justin as coordinator.

Justin will secure a venue

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

- Tabled

iv. Possible training on Big Island for County Parks (Justin Barrios)

- Tabled

Dudley would like to organize a chainsaw workshop geared more towards saw maintenance and mechanics. Kevin Tylor and Dudley will work together on putting something together.

c. Jamboree Committee

Dates were chosen, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

We would like to do the night time open ascent, Desiree will reach out to Chris Coates

Lyon Arboretum can't be announced as the venue yet. Tylor is still working out details with the administration. Covid protocols to be determined.

Lawrence Schultz would like to teach a workshop in rigging, Tylor is going to discuss using the albizias we are pruning in exchange for the use of the venue for the workshop.

Desiree will make the announcement, start working with sponsors, and set up registration.

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

a. Becoming Non-Profit - Tabled

b. [Revisiting our Vision Statement and Mission Statement](#) - Tabled

c. [Carol's revision](#) - Tabled

5. New Business

a. Kaulunani Council's Survey

- i. The Policy Committee has compiled all current State/County rules, regulations, codes, resources, etc. related to trees and landscaping, into a dropbox folder. They have invited us to review and comment

Desiree will schedule a special meeting to review and discuss the documents provided in the dropbox folder

Kevin offered to organize a zoom presentation for Kaulunani with municipal foresters from around the world to share their experiences, struggles, and triumphs with different tree ordinances – Desiree will present the idea to the council

Attending members were generally disappointed that the Association was not being asked to play a larger role in these efforts to reform these policies or present legislation.

b. Updates/Announcements/ New Business from around the table

Kevin

\*\* mentioned Dudley presenting at Arbor Day event in November as they did last year? Need clarification

Community Forester Program – would like to form a panel to come to a consensus on common names for their purposes

Smart Trees Pacific is working on a grant proposal that would aim to provide a community involved tree program to include selection, planting, and maintenance.

6. Announcements

Please Join us for our next meeting!

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:00pm via Zoom