



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
January 19th, 6:30pm**

In attendance: Desiree Page, Carol Kwan, Angela Liu, Dudley Hulbert, Justin Barrios

Meeting was held via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- 6:41PM

2. Welcome Guests

- Meet Shanda Lee-Barrios; potential new admin.

3. Committee and Officer Reports

a. Jamboree

- Maui's turn to host. Desiree would like to hand it over to volunteers there.
- Doug Tochtrop and Bobby Burrit were proposed as possible volunteers
- Dudley suggested Will Loomis, he will check in with him. Ernie Rezens may be able to assist with finding good trees upcountry.
- All volunteers/resources welcome to help with this. Please let Desiree know if you're interested.

b. Training

- **TRAQ**- Kevin Eckert was the instructor for the course held at Justin's base yard from December 15th-17th, 2021. 12 people in attendance and came from statewide. There were more people interested but they were too late to register. Kevin is willing to run another one, Justin is willing to host again. Need to coordinate with Rose, would like to do it this year.
- **Chainsaw training**- Justin is training 80 Hawaii County employees chainsaw operations, maintenance, and base tree felling. 10 people per class. County workers are enjoying the course and are enthusiastic about the subject matter.
 - Carol would like to see training for State workers- DLNR, State parks, etc.
 - County Parks and Recreation Aerial Lift certification was completed by Arbor Global.
Instructors: Kevin and Justin
 - EHAP training was also completed by Arbor Global, instructor Kevin.
- **Other**-bring back statewide safety workshops.

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

a. Annual Meeting

- All positions up for reelection in 2022. Desiree plans to step down as president. Tylor Schwartz was suggested to replace her.

5. New Business

- a. None
6. Pest of the Month
- a. Acacia Whitefly (*Tetraleurodes acacia*)
7. Announcements [Shanda – for future reference – anything from outside organizations or not an action item for AAA goes under Announcements – that’s our miscellaneous category]
- a. Western Chapter still looking for members for Commercial Arborist Committee
 - b. Citizen Forester training coming in February
 - c. TCIA Winter Management Conference on Kauai February 3rd
 - d. Certified Arborist & Certified Tree Worker exams – April 9, 2022, in Honolulu.
 - e. ISA is discontinuing Aerial Lift Specialist after 9/30/2022. Please respond to WCISA survey checking to see if there’s enough demand to hold an extra exam in summer, June/July timeframe.
 - f. HISC is trying to find producers of firewood especially on the Big Island. They want companies producing firewood locally to minimize the risk of introducing/moving pests and diseases – especially so we’re not importing it from the mainland at stores like Safeway.
 - Desiree suggested that Justin get a log splitter and expand his business.
 - g. Voicemails – Angela checked AAA’s voicemails because she hadn’t been receiving any notifications. Our mailbox was full. She deleted approximately 100 messages, so people can leave voicemails for us again.
 - h. HFIA Woods of Hawaii Show – Angela attended. It was a cool show – presented photos.
 - i. Urban Wood
 - Angela looking to find out other programs who utilizes urban wood.
 - Recycling- maybe HDOA grant to set up buURSiness or nonprofit for it
 - Dudley attending parts of ISA conference – there was a guy there harvesting all kinds of urban wood SoCal, have a warehouse where they work with it
 - j. Plant ID
 - Angela asked if anyone knows what a Dungle tree is. One noted at a school, but she hasn’t been able to find it online or in references.
 - Desiree showed some photos of various trees and got suggested IDs

Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

February 16th at 6:30pm via Zoom