



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
June 15th, 2022 6:30pm**

In attendance- Tylor Schwarze, Jolie Dollar, Dudley Hulbert, Quinn Vittum, Phil Ziegler, Kevin Eckert, Sophia Colella, Will Loomis, Angela Liu

1. Call to Order -6:35PM

- a. Approval of April minutes- approved.

2. Welcome Guests- Quinn Vittum & Phil Ziegler

- a. Guest speaker-

- i. Miles Thomas. Quick informational talk about Native Hawaiian Mosses. Tabled
- ii. Quinn Vittum- Re-Use Hawai'i. Quick informational about their new tree reclamation program.
 - Phil Ziegler is the head of milling program for Re-Use Hawai'i.
 - They are a non-profit. They work to keep building materials out of the landfill & re-use
 - Deconstruct buildings in the opposite way they are built to preserve the materials.
 - Their mission is to cultivate a circular economy, provide more affordable recourses for the community, engaging work force development (state funded.)
 - Provides work experience to recent graduates, program is in collaboration with the state.
 - Distinguishing element- all logs are tax deductible donation. They have a preference list of appraisers to help determine value for IRS requirements.
 - Acceptance requirements: logs at least 18" in diameter and 6 foot or more in length.
 - Monkey pod, mango, lychee, milo, kamani, mahogany, & norfolk pine are good woods to donate.
 - NO ironwood, kiawe, or harder woods.
 - If it is too hard to move the log, bringing the mill to the property is an option. But roll-off bins dropped off at the re-use site is ideal.
 - The only mill and donation location is on Oahu. They are looking to branch out to outer islands later.
 - Mill capacity is 72 inches
 - This program does not provide kiln dried lumber, slabs are sold green.
 - They are focusing on smaller logs and a smaller price.
 - Quality of the wood is not as high as other millers, but it is affordable.
 - Slabs can be purchased at the Kaka'ako warehouse.
 - An online catalog is available for customer viewing, prior to purchase.
 - Tylor- possible future relationship with the Arboretum. They have a lot of wood that they cannot use because it is too wet, and it never dries.

- Sophia- possibly present to peers.

. Quinn@reusehawaii.org

3. Committee and Officer Reports

a. Jamboree

i. Consult with Desiree about results from her follow up with Bobby and Doug.

- No updates from Doug. He could not find a venue.
- Moving Jamboree to February 2023.

ii. Come up with name for the friendly competition on the Big Island. Jam-rod-a-ree was a possible name.

- AAA- will come up with name. TO DO- put in July's agenda to follow up.

iii. Select dates for friendly competition

- October- need to select dates. Justin B. will know dates closer to August.

b. Training

i. WCISA Regional Conference Hawai'i Tour- John Ball

a. Dates—8/9 Honolulu, 8/10 Maui, 8/11 Kauai, and 8/12 Kona

b. Venues- Found for Honolulu and Maui, and Kauai. Working on Kona. Kona conference might be canceled due to conflict that has come up for Ty McDonald.

- Ty McDonald looking for someone to take on this role for this year so we do not have to cancel.
- Need to secure a venue, spreading the word, arranging food, AV set up, etc.
- Justin B. is willing to secure venue and assist with other arrangements.
- Budget of 33 seats at about \$105 seats. If 33 or more are filled, then WISA will share the profits.
- Morning pastries & coffee- usually a volunteer brings these items.
- Lunch- box lunch preferred. Buffets are hard to keep the time
- TO DO: Angela will confirm with Carol or Ty that there is no one else already helping with coordination.

c. Topics to be covered (discussion/decision)

- Changes in First Aid & Aerial Rescue
- New Z 2022 Standards and incidents that can be reduced if followed
- MRS vs SRS- data on climbing and efficiency
- Battery operated saws and how they are changing our work & tips for operation.
- Need to find out how much time he is willing to spend on each topic.

- SHANDA TO DO: SAVE THE DATE FOR ALL ISLANDS

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

5. New Business

a. Proposed honorary lifetime membership for Ernest Rezens

- Founding member of the Arborist Community in Hawai'i.
- Helped to develop the Maui County planting plan.
- Mentored many members of the community
- TO DO: put together a certificate to reflect honorary status.
- Unanimous approval
- Quarterly in person meetings- maybe hybrid.

b. Increase all memberships (lifetime & general) - Tabled

c. Add pro-tips section to website?

- Did you know section?
- Simple tips from past experiences.
- If a pro-tip section was added, make more user friendly. Possibly bring up as every meeting like we have the pest of the Month section.
- Could be a social media post- instead of putting it on the website.
- Desiree will be the best person to advise on the social media accounts.
- Website needs new content, all suggestions welcomed.
- Justin- motion to have Sophia as head of social media committee.
 - Tylor Second
 - Unanimous approval by board members present.

d. Meeting schedules

- Continue monthly meetings via Zoom
- Add quarterly meetings in person- may have to be hybrid.
- Lyons Arboretum for next quarterly in person meeting- September 2022

Dudley-. has a friend at the Ko'olau Baptist Church (was formally the golf course). This could be a possible venue for trainings. Work trade.

6. Pest of the Month

7. Announcements

- a. Updated contact number for Tylor (808)900-2393
TO DO: Update website with Taylor's new number

Meeting adjourned 8:00PM

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

July 20th, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom