



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
October 19th, 2022, 6:30pm**

In attendance: Tylor Schwarze, Justin Barrios, Kevin Eckert, Carol Kwan, Dr. Pikunas, Sophia Colella

Quorum: no

1. Call to Order and approval of September draft meeting minutes.

- 6:50PM
- Do not have Quorum- send by email for approval

2. Welcome Guests

- Dr. Katrina Pikunas- wants to advise on trees near her apartment building (near the Ala Wai canal & Ala Moana Blvd.) One tree has a large hole near the roots and the other is squished in between the roots. The trees are not doing well compared to the others in the surrounding area. Trees have been determined to be Ficus. One of the trees appeared to possibly be jack-in-the box (close to Ala Moana Blvd.)
- Carol K.- The Chinese Banyan trees along the Ala Wai Canal are noted as Exceptional Trees (protected under the state statue). These are the responsibility of the city.
- Kevin E.- a diagnosis needs to be done on these trees. There are several possible issues as to why the trees are in decline.
- Kevin E.- will send photos to the Arborist Advisory Board and have it included in the agenda for that meeting.

3. Committee and Officer Reports

a. Jamboree

- Will L.- is the chair of this. He will have updates.
- 2019 Maui Comp- Still need to reimburse Bobby for his out-of-pocket cost. Carol needs an email in writing. Tylor S.- willing to call and help assist with this matter.
- Will and Doug have given Desiree contacts for venues.
- Goal is to have a location reserved by end of November 2022.

b. Hawai'i Tree Climbing Pā'ina

- Volunteers cannot help with the Master's tree or Work Climb
- 17 Competitors & 12 Volunteers (Judges)
- May have some people come in onsite day of event to sign up as well.
- Backyard Monkey will pay out of pocket- send receipts to Carol and she will reimburse us.
- Carol & Desiree have debit cards to use if needed.

c. Training

i. Brainstorm ideas for February 2023 mass training events.

- Regular AR trainings
- First Aid for Trauma – Austin Braaten
- First Aid in the Wilderness
- Arc challenge- Trauma & Shock
- Regular EHAP classes
- Carol – sent out an old list from a while ago to WCISA to see what types are available.
- Other- streamlining our responses to what EMS needs tree workers to do to best save & take care of the injured prior to their arrival. ISA is looking at taking a different approach to AR.

ii. Send out a survey to subscribers for training preferences.

d. Treasure reports.

- A little over \$25, 000 in bank and PayPal accounts.

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

5. New Business

- a. Manu-o-Kū- eeducational training for property management companies, company owners & homeowners. Possible category for Kaulunani grant? [tabled](#)

b. Arbor Day -November 5th, 2022

- i. Asking for AAA volunteers to advise on tree selection and care
- Need AAA volunteers to assist. Sophia will put out announcement in social media.
 - Tylor has a few people who may be interested in volunteering.
 - Kevin E- wants to revamp arbor day, possibly get people up in the trees & do demonstrations.

- TO DO- SEND OUT ON MAILCHIMP
- ii. Wants to use AAA logo.
- iii. Point of contact—Wai Lee from Smart Trees Pacific

6. Announcements

- a. November meeting in person at Lyon Arboretum
 - Hybrid meeting for people on the outer islands.
 - Tylor will find a good guest speaker to possibly get CEU's.
 - It would be beneficial to do an educational piece at every meeting to attract members.
- b. New CRB compliance training available on website www.crbhawaii.org/compliance
 - i. New point of contact for CRB outreach is Arisa Barcinas crbpr1@hawaii.edu

7. Pest of the Month/ Tree of the Month

- a. Avocado Lace Bug—link to presentation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4HzCUuSRFA>
Link to flyer- <https://mailchi.mp/1c05f3431f8e/fall-2022-newsletter-from-the-hawaii-avocado-association-11561226?e=94946cd11f>
 - Once the tree defoliates there is nothing they can do until the resprouts come out and then you can start the treatment.
 - Looking into releasing the green lacewing, which is a natural predator to lace bugs.
 - West Hawaii crop has been reduced by 11% since 2021
 - Azera is somewhat effective- it is organic so it will be okay for fruiting trees.
- b. Tree of the Month- Hura Crepitans- Sandbox Tree
 - When the tree is fruiting, the fruit can throw seeds up to 30 feet.
 - Can make poison from the sap (for fish)

Meeting adjourned: 8:00PM

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

November 16th, 2022 at the Lyon Arboretum.

No meeting in December 2022.