



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
November 16th, 2022 6:30pm**

In attendance: Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Tylor Schwarze, Will Loomis, Angela Liu, Sophia Colella

Quorum:

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

6:35PM-- September and October minutes not ready; Carol and Angela will follow up with Shanda and they will be reviewed in January.

2. Welcome Guests

- Lydi Bernal- Oahu Farm to School Coordinator- seeking a possible partnership with AAA to support schools with tree care and education.
- ii. Lydi Bernal, UH Junior Extension Agent, presented about the DOE Farm to School program. She is developing Learning Gardens to help students experience and connect with growing and consuming food. There's a strong statewide farm to school movement in last 15 years for tree planting. She currently doesn't have data on food trees on DOE sites however data is being collected. Next year the program is expanding to include activities like custodian training. Farm to School requires an application process so schools that participate are more likely to have positive experiences.
- The AAA directors commended the program and contributed their positive experiences working with schools. There also was discussion of negative perceptions against trees (due to issues like increased maintenance care) and poor tree care practices at schools.
- Lydi and Tylor raised the possibility of AAA providing training for fruit tree pruning. CEU credits could be available for any Certified Arborists or Certified Tree Workers who volunteer to teach. Carol will work with Lydi on the CEU event application form.

3. Committee and Officer Reports

i. Jamboree

- Purchasing of official signage for the jamboree (registration, gear check, AAA banner, etc)
 - Jamboree banner is missing, if anyone knows its whereabouts, please let Will or Tylor know. Otherwise, we'll get a new one; it's probably time for a fresh look. Sophia volunteered to design a new banner.
- Will is working with Desiree to scout and get commitment for a location for the Maui event, a couple of promising options are on the short list.

- Dudley suggested buying a new copy of the Master Arborist training CD's and available to AAA Members. Carol to check the price; she reported that AAA has the funds for the purchase.
- Dudley requested the organization's 2007 T-shirt to be updated and reprinted. Tylor added that AAA shirts should be printed and made available for purchase at the Jamboree.

ii. Training

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

- Carol reported that AAA will send out a survey to everyone but especially Neighbor Island partners to get input for the event theme, speakers, etc.

iii. Treasure reports

- Carol reported the organization's balance and reported a small income resulting from the John Ball event for Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. This would not have happened had it not been for Nilo Landscaping sponsoring the event. Agencies like DoFAW also sent large numbers of their personnel and helped to improve the event's financial results. Pā'ina climbing competition also was in the black. She's finalizing the climbing event's reimbursements and other financial tasks.
- Carol spoke to Bobby Burritt about the reimbursement owed to him for the last Jamboree.

4. Unfinished Business and General Orders

5. New Business

- i. Manu-o-Kū- eeducational training for property management companies, company owners & homeowners. Possible category for Kaulunani grant?

6. Announcements

i. No meeting in December.

- ii. January 2023 meeting will be Hybrid & in person at the Lyon Arboretum. Guest speaker and CEU's will be available.

iii. Tree Climbing Pā'ina- October 2022 Results

- Will Loomis took 1st place
- Matt Mognet took 2nd place
- Johnny Olter-Kanuha took 3rd place
- Sophia will get the results and other good stories out on social media.

iv. AAA now has a rescue dummy that can be used for future events.

v. AAA T-Shirt

- There was a discussion about T-shirt potential designs, T-shirt colors, and vendors. There also was a discussion and general agreement that AAA is due for a logo redesign. Carol shared a quick history of how the current AAA logo came to be

7. Pest of the Month/ Tree of the Month

i. *Lecythis zabucajo* (monkey pot tree) – family *Lecythidaceae*. Native to South America. this tree is famous for its large woody capsules – monkeys will reach into the operculum to grasp the seeds inside, and get their hands stuck. The Lyon Arboretum has one, ask for its location when you go visit.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48PM

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

January 18th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

No meeting in December 2022.