



**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
March 15th, 2023 6:30pm**

In attendance: Tylor Schwarze, Sophia Colella, Angela Liu, Dudley Hulbert, Kevin Eckert, Jolie Dollar, H. Nihipali, J.Oshiro, Casey McGraw

Quorum: No

1. Call to Order and approval of January 2023 and October 2022 (tabled from Jan meeting) draft meeting minutes.
2. Welcome Guests
 - a. Eric Guyett – Talk on the physics of tree work and rigging. -postponed
3. Committee and Officer Reports
 - a. Jamboree
 - b. Training
 - Will and Tylor would like to host a class on climbing last Saturday of April at Lyon Arboretum. Would focus on safety and include more traditional equipment and techniques as well as more recent innovations. Members will have a discounted rate.
 - Other possible AAA trainings include First Aid, Aerial Rescue, Pruning, Advanced Climbing, and others.
 - There should always be classes available for both continuing education of people already in the industry, and for individuals at the entry level.
 - Tylor would like to hold some of the events at other locations e.g., Urban Garden Center. Kevin suggested we contact Tina Lau at UGC.
 - Angela suggested making trauma kits available for an extra cost that include tourniquets, wound packing material, chest seals etc.
 - c. Treasure reports
4. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a. Manu-o-Ku Training- Tabled
5. New Business
 - a. Upcoming election of new board members
 - To take place annual meeting at AAA's May in-person meeting. The meeting is tentatively Saturday May 27, 2023, 4:00pm. A restaurant location can be difficult to arrange and is not conducive to getting business done due to acoustics, a park location may work better. Sophia will look into options for a venue. >>> TO DO: Save the Date email.

- Treasurer position – Tylor suggested we get a bookkeeper to get AAA’s QuickBooks up to date, with several attendees agreeing. The bookkeeper will be compensated, and preferably would be a different individual from the Treasurer but could be the Treasurer. If the Treasurer is doing the bookkeeping, then one other office must also approve all transactions.
- Positions that will be up for elections – Treasurer, Secretary.

6. Announcements

- Dudley shared his friend Rick’s photo of a tree he saw on the way to Frankie’s; it’s used as street trees in Brasilia. He will bring the photo next time.

7. Pest of the Month/ Tree of the Month

- *Cavanillesia platanifolia* – common name “quipo.”
 - From South America lowland rainforests, excurrent with a high crown, smooth light grey trunk with distinctive horizontal trunk rings.
 - Specimens at Foster and Hoomaluhia, 100 and 80’ tall respectively
 - Super light wood, good for canoes
 - In dry season, the roots can be dug and drunk (tastes like potato)

Meeting adjourned:

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

April 19th, 2023 at 6:30pm.