

**Aloha Arborist Association
Monthly Meeting
September 20th, 2023 6:30pm**

In attendance: Tylor Schwarze, Justin Barrios, Sophia Colella, Desiree Page, Johann Lall, Dan Dinell, Brailey Hirose-Hulbert, Ilana Nimz, Jake Kane

Quorum: yes

1. Call to Order and approval of June & July 2023 Minutes. 6:48PM- approved June, July, and August.
2. Welcome Guests- Dan Dinell—Malama Manoa-- right tree, right place, right care. Paid professionals via grant to assist with planting trees in the proper location. Offer advice for what types of trees to plant and provide resources to where they can find recommended plants and what companies can plant them. Tylor is currently working on this project—funded up to \$2,000.00 by Mālama Mānoa.
 - How to get this to outer islands? Not given any thought about outer islands yet. Mālama Mānoa is the pilot program. This is a community-based project to facilitate the funding to pay the experts.
 - \$50 per visit per expert. Send out to HOA's and create subdivision/area specific group of plants that will excel in that area.
 - How are these arborists being chosen and weeded out? Is there a review process to ensure only knowledgeable arborists are participating? – Only looking for active certified Arborist within the zipcode.
 - Possible collaboration with Select Tree?
 - Smart trees run by Kevin Eckert already has the program with tree selection and nurseries etc.
 - Possible add in zipcode link on AAA website that link to active certified arborist to the zipcode.
3. Maui Fires- What we know & how we can help?
 - i. Jake Kane- request letter of support
 - He lost everything in the Lahina fire. Government is not following their word. They promised jobs to locals but they are hiring outside Arborist?
 - Is AAA willing to write a letter stating that local arborist be used?
 - Yes, AAA will write a letter of support for this matter.

- JB- Motion on behalf of AAA to governor & mayor to keep arborist tree work in the hands of local arborist. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL.
- Does AAA have any AR or other trainings available soon? He has at least 6 guys to train.
- Under AAA fees will be paid, no charge for Justin's time, just flights. Jake already has dummy. Shanda submit CEU paperwork. NEED A DATE.

4. Committee and Officer Reports

- a. Jamboree- Tabled
 - i. Who is on the committee?
 - ii. If you are the committee chair, should you be allowed to compete?
 - iii. Big Island locations
- b. Training
 - i. AR on Oahu—End of August or Early September
- c. Treasure reports

5. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. Manu-o-Ku-
- b. Annual Meeting

6. New Business

- a. Exclusivity of AAA. Should it only be Certified Arborist?
 - What is the difference being an officer and a regular member?
 - Officers should be certified arborist and a majority of the board should be certified arborist.
 - Voting members/board members should be certified arborist and or currently work for a professional licensed company. Not all positions on the board require certified arborist qualifications (admin, secretary, treasure).
 - Possibly consider treasure to be a paid member that also contributes.
 - Non voting members can be anyone.
 - Try to work on getting the non-profit status back. Maybe consider hiring a professional bookkeeper to get things in order to get status back.
 - JB- Motion have all voting members/board members should be certified arborist. Company memberships can have up to 3 votes and all votes need to be from certified arborist. -TABLED

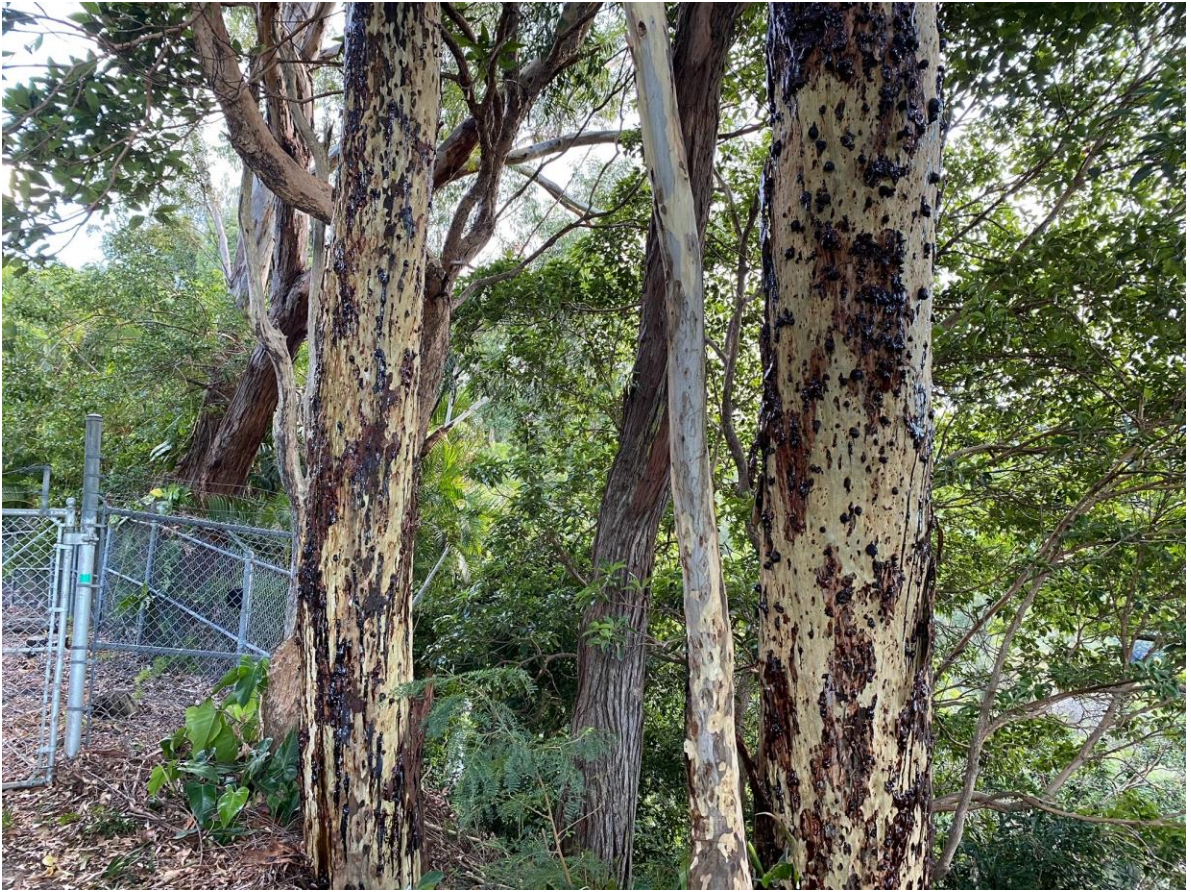
7. Announcements

- End of October workshop. Looking for 2-3 more volunteers to assist with giving out ulu trees.
- Dead adult CRB found on Maui. Live ones found on Kauai and Big Island.

8. Pest of the Month/ Tree of the Month

- a. We got an email from Tim Roy regarding Eucalyptus trees near Pacific Heights on Oahu. Said some of them are looking suspicious and wants to know if they could possibly be diseased. If so, what kind?
 - i. Some sort of boring bug that produces a lot of sap. The tree will eventually start producing new bark and push the insect out. This has been seen a lot in Lemon scented gum. Access tree, monitor it and get it tested if they are really worried about it.





Meeting adjourned: 8:28PM

Join us for our next monthly meeting!

October 18th, 2023 at 6:30PM