



**Aloha Arborist Association  
Monthly Meeting  
March 20th, 2024 6:30pm**

In attendance: Tylor Schwarze, Heather McMillen, Justin Barrios, Desiree Page

Quorum: no

1. Call to Order and approval of August and September Minutes.
  - a. Need October minutes.
2. Welcome Guests-
  - Heather McMillen- Niu Now—coconut practitioners who are dedicated to preserving coconut culture. Festival of the Pacific Arts—Early June at the Convention Center.,
  - Carving & weaving with coconut fronds, carving of dead stumps. Looking for companies to donate stumps & fronds. Fresh materials to be dropped off near the event date in early June.
3. Committee and Officer Reports
  - a. Jamboree Budget-
    - total raised \$10,750. Expenses was \$ 4892.41
    - thank yous to sponsors & volunteers- keychains, photos, goodies- TO DO
    - JB- 2025 Jamboree will be in Kauai, if AAA pays for his flight, he will go out and scope areas already. Desiree has a potential spot. State parks on Kauai have been hard to get into in the past.
    - If we use another state park, we will have to update the donation fee wording.
    - Lodging may not be worth the while; 20 rooms were blocked off & only 4 of them were used.
    - Camping options may be best, Kokehe or Waimea plantation village.
  - b. AR training at Lyons Arboretum.
    - Late may or early June
  - c. Treasure reports
4. Unfinished Business and General Orders
  - a. Manu-o-Ku-
    - Desiree will represent AAA at the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 event. Put in MailChimp.
  - b. Annual Meeting
    - In person meeting in May. For elections. Should get this out ASAP so people can make arrangements.
    - BBQ in Waimanalo Research Station.

## 5. New Business

- a. Membership drive- it is time to send out emails and collect yearly dues.
  - Need to send out emails asap.
  - Need to push more talks, trainings, & CEU opportunities.
  - Certified Arb prep, AR, EHAP should be done at least 1 on every island.
- b. Darcy Oishi from Dept of Ag—*"I wanted to inquire who among the group is conducting treatments for coconut rhinoceros beetle... maybe by some broad categories"*
  - Injections (and specify what injections- ArborJet, Mauget, Rainbow, etc)
  - Crown drenches
  - Root drenches
  - Tylor—has done the netting, it is difficult.
  - Justin—Dept of Ag person in Waikoloa uses a drone to treat them top

## 6. Announcements

## 7. Pest of the Month/ Tree of the Month

- *Brachylaena Huillensis* – From Kenya, and South Africa, the biggest daisy in the world. 130 feet tall and 2 feet wide. Used for charcoal in the 1830's.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40PM

*Please join us at our next meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30PM.*