

**Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Doug DeMoss, Chris Hudnall, Dudley Hulbert, Gregory Severino, Dan Severino, Ashlen Aquila, Randy Liu, Steve Connolly, Rodney Nakashima, Wayne Hu, Drew Hardman, Thomas J. Aceves, Maria G. Aceves, Sergio Vasquez.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. The January 2009 minutes were approved as written.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Research Committee.

i. Dudley discussed the value of research, referencing articles from National Geographic and Discover magazine. He's learned from Andy Kaufman that the DOT proposed grant may be funded this year or next. Andy would be interested in doing other research but he relies on funding to pay for the work. Funds to hire a grad student would total \$18K to \$20K.

b. Coconut Care Guidelines

i. The guidelines have been completed except for graphics. A copy is attached to the minutes. The old graphics are fuzzy and need to be redone. Dan volunteered. Carol will send him the old graphics as samples.

c. Mokuleia Activity

i. Ashlen and Greg did some work for a couple of days. Greg went back with his daughter a couple of weeks ago. It was a fantastic. Ash will schedule the work event for late spring or early June. Greg recommends separating the fun from the work.

d. Training Workshops

i. Spring 2009 - Knots Workshop

1. The flyer was sent out. Registration deadline is March 7.

ii. Fall 2009

1. The Tree Biology/Dissection workshop was tabled.

b. Hawaii Tree Climbing Competition (HTCC)

i. Greg received a verbal commitment from Robin at Kualoa Ranch for three weekends (April 4th and the two preceding weekends) for HTCC. The first weekend will be for preparation and the next will be to practice. Work stations will be set up April 3. Ash, Steve and others have volunteered for

additional days but more people are needed if anyone is interested. Judges are still needed as well. Please contact Greg at 478-1972 or gks1@hawaii.rr.com if you're interested.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pest of the Month – Stem Bleeding of Coconut Palm

- i. Cause: *Chalara paradoxa*, a mainly soilborne plant-pathogenic fungus
- ii. Hosts: *Areca catechu*, *Barhea edulis*, *Caryota* spp., *Cocos nucifera*, *Elaeis guineensis*, *Phoenix africanus*, *Phoenix canariensis*, *Phoenix dactylifera*, *Raphis* sp., *Roystonea elata*, *Sabal palmetto*, *Sygarus romanzoffinia*, *Washingtonia filifera*
- iii. Symptoms: black stain coming from a hole or wound and seeping down the coconut stem
- iv. Management:
 1. Prevention and avoidance – don't injure trunks, avoid contact of soil on wounds, avoid irrigating trunk, inspect regularly for symptoms, minimize stress by proper nutrition and moisture and avoid cosmetic pruning. Avoid using spikes to climb the palms.
 2. Treatment:
 - a. Early infections – chisel or scrape out rotten portion, treat with fungicide and tar. Burn/destroy chiseled pieces.
 - b. Advanced infections – remove palm and destroy.
 3. Replanting: avoid replanting in same spot. Consider treating or replacing soil.

b. Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams

- i. The next Honolulu exam date has been set for April 18, 2009.
 1. There will be a prep class on Oahu, 4/3 & 4, 4/10 & 11, 4/17. The price is contingent upon number of registrants. Contact Kevin Eckert at 254-4161 or keckert@arborglobal.com if you're interested.
 2. Austin has secured a park permit so the trees at Kapiolani Park can be used for the CTW skills exam per Greg.

3. We are developing a team of judges for the CTW skills exam. The intent is to keep the judges together so they're familiar in working with each other and know what they should be doing.

c. New Webmaster

- i. Jon Perry, our old webmaster has left Hawaii. Tina Aceves volunteered to take over the job. This position is for developing website content and working with Doug Behrens who maintains the website for us.

d. Proposed Annual Meeting/Election of Officers April 2009

- i. It was agreed that we will have an official annual meeting this year on April 29th, the last Wednesday in April. This will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled April meeting on April 15th. The meeting will be at a golf course clubhouse, possibly Navy Marine or Waikele. The business meeting portion will be short with socializing afterwards.

1. A drawing will be held at the annual meeting for a Stihl MS200T chain saw, donated by Stihl. AAA members in good standing will have their names entered in the drawing. A question was asked whether someone could pay more to get more entries in the drawing. Carol noted that company members will receive three entries in the drawing.

2. The proposed slate of officers: Dudley Hulbert, president; Steve Connolly, vice president; Randy Liu, treasurer; Carol Kwan, secretary. No additional nominees were named at the meeting although write in candidates will be accepted during the election.

e. Outer Island Meetings

- i. Dudley asked about outer island meetings. The last one proposed was in 2006 for the Big Island and that didn't work out with HILA. We could probably do one sometime in the summer on Kauai if KLIC is interested in coordinating with us. It's Kauai's turn next.

f. AAA Membership IDs

- i. Stihl prepared a membership ID format which Carol presented. The format was approved as designed. It looks great.

III. Announcements

- a. Jon Perry says "hi".

- b. Buddy Makiau, a master woodcrafter, (friend of Randy Liu) who primarily does Pahu Drums from coconut trees is interested in coconut trunks as close to the bottom of the palm as possible. If anyone has some for disposal, please call Buddy at 341-7454.
- c. Laurie (Randy's coworker) is looking for 3 coconut stumps for her hula halau. The dimensions she needs are 17" diameter (54" circumference) and 21" to 26" height. Please call Laurie at 341-2762 if you can help.
- d. Darcy Oishi (HDOA) will be joining us at our March meeting to discuss red palm mites. Please be on time. We may invite him to our meetings on a quarterly basis.
- e. Carol will be on vacation April 9-22, 2009.
- f. Chris Hudnall mentioned there will be a lighting seminar on Oahu on March 4th and one on Maui March 5th. Lighting trees will be covered too.
- g. Chris also announced that he is being promoted and transferred to Maui. He expressed much mahalo to AAA for what they've done for him and HISCO. He will be a branch manager and his cell phone number will change. It won't be a Nextel anymore.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2009 AAA Membership application
2. *Stem Bleeding of Coconut Palm*

**2009 Aloha Arborist Association
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2009.

Membership: \$10 Student \$25 Government employee \$50 Individual

\$150 Company \$1,000 Lifetime Member Date: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

If Company Membership, please designate 3 company representatives:

Address: _____

_____ **Website:** _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

You may publish this information on the AAA website: Yes No

Please send this completed form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association.

Mahalo for your support!