

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2010**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Dudley Hulbert, Steve Connolly, Daniel Severino, Steve Nimz, Ashlen Aquila, Brian Fukada, Jon Perry

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2010, MEETING MINUTES**

A) President Dudley Hulbert called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. The January 20, 2010, minutes were approved as written.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A) Training Workshops

i) Single Rope Technique (SRT) Workshop 2/27/2010

(a) So far 18 people have signed up including presenters. We can go up to 25 paying people. The food will be BBQ style with a price point of \$8-\$10 per person. Parking is going to be tight because there are several other functions going on at the same time. Please carpool if possible. Steve Connolly will be bringing a lot of his equipment. Participants, please bring your equipment too if you have it. We need to keep track of the equipment, though, because it's easy to lose. Steve will label all of his equipment and suggests others do the same. There will be 3-4 work stations with groups of 4-7 people, depending on attendance. Mike from Climb Aloha will bring extra gear too and will be one of the instructors. Hopefully he'll bring some stuff to sell as well. Steve plans to double up on the best production systems so more people get a chance to try them. Dudley asked if there was a weather provision. There will be a big canopy tent from Lyon Arboretum with chairs. The outdoors stations will happen regardless of rain. Dan will help Steve with line setting. Jon is getting a raptor sent out here. It could be demonstrated after the workshop if people want to see it or a full blown demonstration could be held the following weekend at \$5 a person to cover the shipping cost. A raptor costs around \$2,400 now, but it's much less expensive than its competitors. It was designed and built by an arborist for arborists.

ii) False Crotch Technique Workshop

(a) Steve Connolly is willing to do a short workshop on false crotch technique tentatively scheduled for March 27, 2010. He'll forego participating in judging so there's not a conflict. He'll put on the workshop under Lyon Arboretum and get the money to help with Lyon Arboretum programs. The exam is on April 17, 2010. The workshop will be around 2-3 hours long. Steve will prepare a flyer and email it to Carol to send out to AAA's training list as a courtesy to Lyon Arboretum.

iii) Arborist Report Writing

(a) Arborist Report Writing has been scheduled for May 1, 2010.

B) Research Committee/Pearl City Urban Garden Center

- i) Dudley and Steve met with Bob Speer, Carlton Luka, and Jayme Grzebik. The Pearl City Urban Garden Center is a great facility and presents a unique opportunity for AAA to participate in providing the general public with information on how to correctly prune a tree. There are also opportunities for professional training workshops there. Carlton Luka, who works for the City at Foster Garden, has been an active volunteer arborist with the Urban Garden Center for years, so we'll be working with him to some extent. He's pruned their trees and wants to make sure that they continue to have proper pruning. AAA could also do a felling workshop and/or chipper class to help them remove some unwanted trees on the property, like opiuma and kou. There may also be an opportunity for research. Jayme knows everybody at CTAHR and would love to see some research at the Urban Garden Center. Our first Urban Garden Center workshop would probably be in November around Arbor Day.

C) Outer Island Meeting

- i) Tabled

D) *Up By Roots* Book Order

- i) The books have arrived. Carol is in the process of delivering them.

E) 2010 Hawaii TCC

- i) The Western Chapter TCC is on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Hawaii's will be in April or May but the date hasn't been set yet. A lot is going on in April already. Greg still has to talk to Kualoa. We'll need two weekends, one to clean and one for the competition. Steve Connolly pointed out that last year some climbers spent five days working on it before the competition. Competitors aren't supposed to be involved in the prep work. Jon added that if the climbers don't see the trees until the day of the competition, that helps keep it from getting boring. Brian Fukada asked if judges would be getting CEUs this year. Greg had mentioned it last year but nothing came of it. Carol will ask Rose about CEUs for the judges.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Nettle Caterpillar Revisited

- i) Hosts: Over 45 species of plants in 22 families. Monocots preferred over dicots. Common in palms, various grasses, ti leaf, iris, and most lilies including mondo
- ii) Range: Most of east side of Big Island, Kona district and Kohala district; Central Oahu and Waimanalo; Maui (Haiku, Paia, Makawao, Wailuku, and Kihei
- iii) Symptoms: Heavily damaged leaves, fecal pellets on the leaves
- iv) Spread through: primarily through movement of infested plants

- v) Health concern: stinging spines cause burning and itching of skin; swelling, welts, or blisters can occur followed by a persistent rash that may last for weeks. Severe symptoms include difficulty breathing. If severe symptoms or spines in the eyes occur, seek medical help immediately.
- vi) Control: biological control identified and scheduled to be released pending federal approvals.

B) Pest of the Month Suggestions

- i) Steve Connolly suggested crazy leg ants. Jon Perry suggested coconut weevil. The City has been removing some coconuts in Kailua because of it. It attacks the palm heart. When you pull back the fronds, you find the weevil. It seems to be a fairly new pest.

C) *New Arborists' Certification Study Guide*

- i) AAA has the new *Arborists' Certification Study Guide* available for purchase, \$80/ea. for members and \$115/ea. for non-members. Contact Carol at 381-1342 or [ckwan@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ckwan@hawaii.rr.com) if you're interested in buying one.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) ISA sent out an email regarding its new ethical standards requirements. All Certified Arborists are required to complete the forms and send them in. This includes a requirement to disclose any past criminal activity. It won't be used against you unless something comes up in the future.
- B) Steve Connolly found a source for high quality handmade hand tools from Thailand at reasonable prices. The company is Aranyik Importers, located at the corner of Kapiolani and Kalakaua. The website is detailed with photos of each individual knife. Visit <http://www.aranyik.com/main.htm> for more information.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A) The meeting was adjourned by President Dudley Hulbert at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kwan

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Pearl City.*

Attachments:

1. 2010 AAA Membership application
2. Pest of the Month – *Nettle Caterpillar*

**2010 Aloha Arborist Association  
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2010.

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!**