

**Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2007**

Members Present: Steve Nimz, Carol Kwan, Chris Hudnall, Mark Leon, Sergio Vasquez, Randy Liu, Brian Groelsma, Roberto Bounds, Val Aipperspach, Leon Marcus, Dan Severino, Jeremy Dunivan, Gregory Severino

Guest: Teresa Trueman-Madriaga

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

A) President Gregory Severino called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. The February minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) 2007 ISA Conference & Trade Show

i) ITCC

(a) Royal Hawaiian is confirmed for Sunday, July 29th.

(b) Fun Climb

(i) Royal Hawaiian doesn't have a suitable tree for the Fun Climb on Sunday, July 30th. Jessica Marx has asked that Kapiolani Park be considered for this but there are logistical problems plus the Ukulele Festival that day so it's not likely. Steve suggested the banyan at Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center in the area behind where the stage was. He's the arborist for the construction project in the area but work is scheduled to be completed May/June so it should be ready in time. The area around the base of the tree has been designed for hula classes so it should be accessible with no landscaping underneath. Steve will ask and if they're amenable, ISA can discuss it further with them.

(c) Preparation Day for ITCC

(i) Leon needs volunteers to prune the seven trees at UH on July 7, 2007. This will be just climbing and taking out the deadwood. All of the trees except one are accessible by lift. Mark, Dudley, Dan, Greg, Kevin, Roberto, and Sergio volunteered to help Leon. PLMI will bring a bucket truck. Barbeque will be provided.

(ii) The trees at the Sheraton also need to be prepped, but Leon doesn't think there's much to be done there. He'll inspect them again and set a date for that as well.

(d) ITCC Judges

(i) Leon is taking names for people interested in being judges or techs at the ITCC. Judges must have good climbing experience, knowledge of various climbing systems and help run the events. Anyone interested please contact Leon at 226-

0984 or ruminaton@hotmail.com. Leon will check if judges get free conference registration or not.

ii) Field Day

(a) Vendor Booths – 8 have signed up so far

(b) Coconut Frond Weaving

(i) Carol has not been able to communicate with Norman Ching. She asked if anyone knows someone else who could do this. Steve knows some people in the tree care industry who might be willing to help. He'll call around.

iii) Opening Reception

(a) There is \$20K available for food/drinks and \$10K available for entertainment. Since most of our ideas cost much more than this, they are on hold. Also, ISA is planning for the reception to last for one hour. Concerns were expressed that people will come late and miss the whole thing. We only have one chance to make a good impression. One suggestion was having a cash bar and putting all of the money towards the food.

iv) Closing Reception

(a) ISA doesn't care if we have a Closing Reception or not. There is \$10K budgeted for this. If we don't have one, the money goes to WCISA, possibly for a thank you party at a later date. Steve suggested giving the Opening Reception the extra \$10K and we can go eat at McDonald's for the volunteer thank you party.

v) SCA Program

(a) Steve reported that he still needs volunteers for SCA. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. Stan's people will help get things ready and organized at Kapiolani Park and provide an aerial lift. Teresa asked if all of the climbers' events meet ANSI standards since ISA is adamant about following ANSI standards. Steve will talk to the SCA president regarding this.

(b) Steve asked if AAA would be willing to sponsor a free tour to Moanalua Garden and Foster Botanical Garden. This would be in the afternoon after the official SCA program. The cost is \$1,200 - \$1,500 per bus. Leon moved that AAA sponsor a free tour to Moanalua and Foster Botanical Garden for one 50-person bus on a first-come-first-served basis. Chris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously. Dudley offered for Trees of the Tropics to pay for a second bus if there is sufficient interest. A suggestion was made to sell AAA t-shirts on the buses. This will be decided at a later date.

vi) Beach Olympics/Makahiki Games

- (a) Mark Leon will no longer be organizing the Beach Olympics since he is now in charge of fundraising. Sono Hulbert will organize Beach Olympics. Mark will continue to help as a volunteer. Val volunteered to help as well.
- (b) Beach Olympics will be held on Sunday at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sono will need to get each chapter signed up ahead of time. There will be a limit on the number of teams participating. SCA/WCISA will help provide judges. Sono needs to confirm this with WCISA because Teresa noted that Kevin had advised WCISA that it wouldn't need to help. Steve will also talk to SCA to see if it needs WCISA involved or not. There will be six events, Chapter vs. Chapter competition. Someone needs to design/make t-shirts.

vii) Fundraising

- (a) Mark had lunch with a couple of Bank of Hawaii executives. They need to know how much money and what exactly BankOH would be sponsoring. Carol suggested that BankOH sponsor fireworks for the Opening Reception.
- (b) Randy reported that Sheraton has donated items for the silent auction including nights at its hotels.
- (c) Brian noted that Kualoa Ranch might be able to donate passes to the Ranch.
- (d) Kaulunani will be doing a grant but some of the money is for scholarships so people can attend the conference. Kaulunani and WCISA will also be doing awards together at the conference.
- (e) Teresa said that we need to work out how we can get the proper recognition for our local sponsors. When Kevin gets back, the two of them will meet with Mark and go over fundraising more.

viii) Volunteers

- (a) The Boy Scouts Troop Leader hasn't called Mary back yet. She's getting volunteers 1-2 at a time but she needs a big group. Chris commented that she shouldn't give up on the Boy Scouts yet. Sometimes they're just slow to respond.
- (b) Greg suggested agriculture groups. Teresa noted that the problem is that it's summer time and students are dispersed.
- (c) Randy suggested environmental groups, like the ones that maintain trails. Teresa will follow up with DLNR staff on volunteering as well.
- (d) Kaulunani Council members could volunteer also.

ix) AAA T-shirts

- (a) New designs were presented (see attachments to the minutes). The consensus was that the design was acceptable with font design #2. 75% of the shirts will have a black background and 25% will have a white background.

x) Trade Show Booth

- (a) Trade Show booths are \$200 for non-profits. However, non-profits are not allowed to share booths so each must get its own. Steve said that he can borrow HFIA's display of Hawaii woods for the booth.

xi) WCISA/Kaulunani Awards Dinner and WCISA Business Meeting

- (a) Various awards will be given out. Nominations are still needed.

B) Shigo Memorial Fund

- i) The first Shigo Memorial Fund training is planned to be Pruning Basics on Friday, November 16, 2007, at McCoy Pavilion. The details are still being worked out, but the afternoon is planned for hands-on pruning breakout sessions with 3-4 stations and 2-3 volunteer arborists instructing at each station as a team.

C) Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams 4/14/07

- i) As of March 20th, ten CTW candidates had registered for the exam, at least six of who will be on aerial lifts with knuckle booms. It was decided to set up one tree for climbers and two for buckets. Leon will contact Stan to work out which trees will be needed and get the appropriate permits. Greg, Leon, and Jeremy volunteered to be judges. Greg will call Don Bergan to see if he can help with the aerial lift judging. Carol will check with Helu Alatini if he wants to help with the climbers.
- ii) Judges training and tree set up was set for Friday, April 13, 2007. Carol will process for the CEU sign up sheet.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A) None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Mark heard a rumor that some tree care companies on Oahu weren't licensed, so he checked it out at Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs (DCCA). He found that Pukiki Trees and All Trees do not have the necessary Contractor's License C27B required to work on trees. However, he was also informed that only persons or companies who have hired unlicensed contractors can file a complaint.

- B) United Agri Products (UAP) is having its 2007 Annual Seminars and Trade Show on May 17th. See attached flyer for more information.
- C) Leon announced that the wasp pollinator for the Bo tree, *Ficus religiosa*, is now active in the Islands. Foster Botanical Garden's tree put out a huge crop of figs last year and there are keiki everywhere now. It looks like we may have another invasive species.
- D) Chris Hudnall announced that HISCO has special prices on numerous items, including backpack blowers and rubber boots. Check out their website, <http://www.hiscosales.com>, for more details.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gregory Severino at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Restaurant – Stuart Anderson's at 98-1262 Kaahumanu, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2007 AAA Membership application
2. AAA T-Shirt Designs and Font Options
3. UAP 2007 Annual Seminars and Trade Show Flyer

**2007 Aloha Arborist Association
Individual Membership Application**

YES! Please process my individual membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2007 for \$25.00 (\$10.00 for students).

I am a New Member Renewing Member. Date: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

_____ Website: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

You may publish my information on the AAA website:

Please send this form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a \$25.00 check (\$10.00 for students) made payable to Aloha Arborist Association. Mahalo for your support!

**2007 Aloha Arborist Association
Company Membership Application**

YES! Please process our company membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2006 for \$75.00. We understand this membership is valid for up to three designated company representatives to receive AAA minutes and for discounts for our employees on certain AAA training workshops.

New Member Renewing Member. Date: _____

Company: _____

Company Members: _____

Address: _____

_____ Website: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail(s): _____

You may publish our information on the AAA website:

Please send this form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a \$75.00 check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association. Mahalo for your support!