

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

Members Present: Steve Nimz, Carol Kwan, Randy Liu, Val Aipperspach, Leon Marcus, Dan Severino, Gregory Severino, Rod Nakashima, Kevin Eckert, Jackie Ralya, Dudley Hulbert

Guests: Chauncey Hulbert, Brailey Hulbert

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

A) President Gregory Severino called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. The March minutes were approved as written.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A) 2007 ISA Conference & Trade Show

i) ITCC

(a) Preparation Day for ITCC

(i) Volunteers will prune the seven trees at UH on July 7, 2007.

(ii) Prep day for the trees at the Sheraton hasn't been set yet. They may not require preparation.

(iii) Sheraton will probably be postponing construction in the vicinity of ITCC.

ii) Field Day

(a) Ken James will be doing a demonstration of his stain meter system for wind loading in trees.

(b) Opening Coconuts

(i) Dudley's friend James Sutherland is unavailable for Field Day. However, he can help out at the SCA demonstration on August 1, 2007. This item will be dropped from Field Day.

(c) Palm Frond Weaving

(i) Steve spoke with Terry Rodrigues. One of his guys might be able to help with this.

(ii) Steve also suggested contacting the Job Corps. They might have someone.

(iii) Jackie suggested contacting Susie Osborne to see if some of her students might be able to do palm frond weaving.

(d) Tree Planting

- (i) Morris Kozai is willing to donate three kou trees. Carol will check with Roxanne if this is sufficient or if we need to look at other nurseries for donations.
- (ii) The Tree Fund is in charge of the tree planting. It can provide funding for some of the trees as well.
- (iii) It's likely that we can plant a tree in the Royal Hawaiian area on Sunday, July 29th.

(e) Tour des Trees

- (i) The bike ride into Field Day will probably be cancelled. All of the bikes on the island are spoken for since Tin Man was moved to the same weekend.

iii) Opening Ceremony/Reception

- (a) Bob will be escorted to the stage by Tahitian dancers, conch shells blowing, torch bearers, and two fire dancers. There will also be little keiki with 1,000 leis to hand out.
- (b) The Opening Reception budget is \$20K. To do what we'd like to do would require \$35K. ISA is worried about not doing well financially, so budgets are tight. We want to do some tasteful cultural things but not a huge amount. In theory, the reception will start at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m.

iv) Closing Reception

- (a) The \$10K budgeted for Closing Reception will likely be moved to the WCISA reception on Tuesday night. That will also be the appreciation reception. This isn't final yet as the budget details are still being worked out.

v) SCA Program

- (a) SCA will have two events going. One will be the Beach Olympics, which may be renamed the Land Games since SCA doesn't want any water sports. The budget is \$1,500 for this versus the previously planned \$6K. T-shirts have also been cut from the budget; however, we can have hats. People will sign up on the day of the event and not in advance.
- (b) The SCA field trip is on track. Both the budget and the walking tours are approved. Steve will be contacting the people on the volunteer list. He's still working on getting the additional bus tours approved with AAA sponsoring one bus and an AAA member (Dudley) sponsoring a second bus.

vi) Fund Raising

- (a) Tabled

vii) Volunteers

- (a) Mary has about 60 volunteers signed up so far. Dudley spoke to Gail at Punahou. may be able to provide some volunteers from there as well depending on who ends up teaching summer school. The UH sustainability group is an option too.
- (b) We'll be needing volunteers to pick up people from the airport, especially speakers. Roberts costs around \$8/head. Nelda, Rose, and Kevin are working on this. They're still collecting info for now.

viii) Hospitality Chair

- (a) Randy has agreed to be the Hospitality Chair. There will be volunteers manning the desk to talk to people who need info. This should be primarily local people. The desk will be open all days but not during the programs. The desk will also be at Field Day.

ix) AAA T-shirts

- (a) Bob Tate and Rose Epperson have already put in orders. T-shirt prices were set at \$15/each.
- (b) Mark will order the t-shirts. Dudley will ask Doug to send Carol the design file. Carol will send Mark the design file and the distribution for sizes and colors as well as the files with the chosen t-shirts so he can confirm the pricing.
- (c) Val volunteered to handle the orders. Pre-orders can be picked up at the conference and paid for at that time.

x) Educational Exhibits

- (a) There is limited space at the hotel. The Trade Show is overbooked already. However, Field Day will have lots of space for educational booths if people want to put info out.

xi) WCISA/Kaulunani Awards Dinner and WCISA Business Meeting

- (a) Kaulunani is dropping their awards for this year. There aren't enough nominees and too much effort is being expended elsewhere.

B) Hawaii Shigo Memorial Fund

- i) There has been some discussion among the Committee as to whether the first seminar should be on tree biology topics instead of a hands-on training. The consensus among

AAA members was to “touch trees” and hold a hands-on training. Pruning is preferred. The seminar is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2007, at McCoy Pavilion.

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

- i) The exams went well with a big crowd turning out. Greg would like to see AAA members provide input from the industry re the aerial lift test. He’ll send something to Carol for distribution.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A) None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Rose Epperson sends her thanks to AAA for the huge effort it’s putting into 2007 ISA.
- B) WCISA will be presenting *Modern Arboriculture: A Tribute to Alex Shigo* on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas Nevada. For more info, visit <http://wcisa.net/docs/050407.pdf>.
- C) The 2007 Green Industry Conference & Trade Show (LICH) is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. Steve and Mark will be speakers. The number of CEUs is unknown as yet. For more information, visit <http://www.lichawaii.com>.
- D) Steve was at Nanakuli High School on Saturday, April 14, 2007, helping them plant trees. They have two dead wiliwili trees and one stump to grind and would appreciate donated help in removing them. The wiliwili trees are being replaced with kou.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gregory Severino at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kwan

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, 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

**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!

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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