

Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2007

Members Present: Steve Nimz, Carol Kwan, Val Aipperspach, Leon Marcus, Kevin Eckert, Dudley Hulbert, Patrick Oka, Mark Leon, Sergio Vasquez, Hernando Enriquez, Nusi Manufekai, Doug DeMoss, Chris Hudnall

Guest: Teresa Trueman-Madriaga, Drew Hardman, David C. Woodworth, Laszlo Bencsik

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

- A) Vice President Leon Marcus called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. The May minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) 2007 ISA Conference & Trade Show

i) ITCC

- (i) Leon asked if Davey Tree will have its bucket truck onsite during ITCC. Laszlo said it would.
- (ii) July 7, 2007, is the preparation pruning day at University of Hawaii. Greg will provide a couple of bucket trucks for that. Leon will remind those who volunteered for this individually.

ii) Field Day

(a) Local Arboriculture Booth

- (i) Mark will bring coconut palm samples for the booth. Carol will check with Mary Steiner on what arborist volunteers might be available. Pat Oka volunteered for a two hour shift. Carol will talk to Abner to see if he can provide some sample sections also. Steve offered to check with Stan Oka to see if his people could help staff the booth.

iii) Trade Show – Climbers' Corner

- (a) We need to get the word out to Certified Tree Climbers about Climber's Corner. It's a great opportunity for CEUs.

iv) Fundraising

- (a) Mark submitted a letter to Bank of Hawaii. Because of the short notice, they won't be able to fund such a large amount. They budget a year in advance. They will be able to help with a smaller donation. He also contacted Aloha Power who signed up for a booth. South Shore has also agreed to do something. Part of the problem is that when he contacts the local company, the Mainland parent company takes over. Teresa sent a letter to HECO; they're thinking about it. The Forest Service gave \$20,000. Pat suggested contacting the State Department of Agriculture since they gave \$50,000 for the nursery

convention. The problem is that we need more lead time than what we have. Many companies and organizations need at least a year lead time. The ultimate question too is why we need the money. Sergio contacted Joe Johnson, a sales man at Allied Machinery and he was interested but needs more information. Mark said that he'd contacted the owner of Allied Machinery who was lukewarm about it. One big problem is that the program is going into final print, so they won't get much recognition. Teresa will call HECO on June 21st to follow up.

v) SCA Program

- (a) Steve reported that they walked the path through Waikiki on June 19th and it seemed to be OK but he's getting comments back from the others. Do we have body counts for how many people signed up for SCA? Kevin will get it for Steve. He still needs more volunteers at the Natatorium. The City will use its own equipment and lift and employees to operate. For climbing coconuts, he's scheduled spurs, tree bicycle, and barefoot. Myles from Kauai was suggested for the tree bicycle. That's all he uses so he's very experienced. Kevin will contact him and see if he's coming and if so, if he'd be willing to volunteer. The barefoot climb will be on belay, with Greg doing the belay. Steve still needs volunteers for dissecting and working with palms. They need to be cut the day before or else that morning (Wednesday, August 1st). He needs someone to help clean a tree by washing it off with a water hose to show the new root growth, and then dissect it to show inside. He doesn't plan to use chainsaws at the event but there will be some around in case something comes up. Steve would also like a few sample planks with spike wounds showing the compartmentalization. Carol will call Craig Swedberg who will be doing the coconut woodworking at Field Day to see if he can help Steve. We still need some coconuts, coolers, ice, and someone to open coconuts as well as demonstrations on Polynesian uses of coconuts. Nusi is going to help put something together, like weaving fronds into a wall, coconut meat use for animal feed, burning husks for insect repellent, and anything else anyone can think of. Steve could also use some suggestions for western uses of coconuts. Val suggested coconut bras. The tours will need to arrive at the Natatorium by 12:20 p.m. at the latest. Food will be delivered. People can eat, walk around, and ask questions. Mark will bring a coconut crown that's been nicked so people can see the effects of the damage.
- (b) Steve is still pushing to get a bus and get people to at least Foster and maybe Foster and Moanalua. He'll ask Eric Duchinsky and Steve Geist to e-mail everyone who has signed up for SCA to let them know there's an optional free bus tour but that they need to sign up right away. Roberts has already given ISA some quotes. Steve also needs a price for 10-12 person vans for people who can't walk from Sheraton to Kapiolani Park and the Natatorium. Teresa pointed out that there's some money in the grant budget for a bus.
- (c) Ocean Rake Master
 - (i) This will be a fun event that goes on in the lulls between climber championships. There are ocean and land events. One team from each chapter that comes plus a Hawaii team will compete. There will be six people per team with four people

competing in each event. One event will be on 12-foot surfboards. The team needs to get three to four people on the surfboard, go out around the buoy and come back. The second event will be using rakes as paddles on kayaks. The third event will be 20 coconut fronds out in the water. The team will have to use a throw line across the fronds to bring them back in. Whichever team gets the most fronds in five minutes wins. The fourth event will be carrying coconuts through a maze of cones and banana stalks. After getting through the maze, the competitor throws a spear, picks up the coconuts and heads back. The fifth event will be raking baseball sized coconuts through cones, tossing a coconut or log into the next hula hoop, tying a rope, and then moving everything back. This one is a relay going back and forth. There will be a shave ice booth and water for the competitors. Sono is coordinating this. She's also designing t-shirts. The t-shirts have a sponsor. Rodney from Sheraton is willing to help with the surfboard stuff per Chris. Nusi, Sergio, Laszlo, Chris, Rodney, and Enriquez have volunteered.

vi) Decorations

- (a) Pat Oka passed photos around of the decorations from the Made in Hawaii show several years ago. There were proteas and other beautiful cut flower arrangements. For that show he worked with a zero budget. Nursery people donated materials and plants (plants were returned afterwards). He's hoping we can help him make 2007 ISA wow like that was. In particular, he's looking for cut flower donations, particularly gingers and heliconias. There's a flower farm on Maui that's donating. Kualoa Ranch is donating. Leon said that Lyon Arboretum could donate too. Dudley suggested contacting Bobby Midkiff. He's got a property in Nuuanu that has a lot of flowers. He also needs people to pick up parts for the displays. He asked about arrangements in meeting rooms. Kevin noted that ISA doesn't want anything on the mezzanine level. Downstairs is fine. Steve pointed out that the time is getting short and we need bodies to get all of this stuff and deliver it to Sheraton so that Pat and his team can get it together. It could be really impressive. The material is available, we just need to get people to collect it and get it there. On Thursday, July 26th, get a container, on Friday, July 27th, install it. It's a huge undertaking and someone has to coordinate it. Pat and Jackie are in charge. Pat's number is 722-1069, e-mail poka@yahoo.com. Kevin requested that Pat e-mail him a list of places where we need things picked up and how much should be picked up at each place.

vii) AAA T-shirts

- (a) Mark has ordered 300 shirts. The demo shirt has been approved and returned to the company. It's going to print and should be done by July 1st. Carol will bring a receipt book to the next meeting. Mark will have the shirts at the meeting for delivery.

B) Public Education Campaign on Trees

- i) Carol reported that the grant Public Service Announcements will not be done given how much of our volunteer time is going to 2007 ISA. She's discussed this with Teresa and

will be purchasing additional books and videos for the State and University of Hawaii libraries instead.

- ii) Everything for the grant must be completed by December 31, 2007. The AAA brochures are still outstanding so once 2007 ISA is done, she will update the draft brochures based on the comments received and get them out to AAA for another review. These will need to be finalized quickly so that they can be printed and distributed prior to the end of the year.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Tree List for Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams

- i) Kevin, Leon and Carol have been working on updating the tree list for the CA/CTW exams. A draft was passed around for review. Comments are due to one of the committee members by June 27, 2007. If there is more than one common name for a tree, we can list both. Queen palm was suggested for removal from the list. Foxtail and loulou palms were suggested to be added along with Fiji fan palm. Others suggested were the Mediterranean fan palm and the ponytail palm.
- ii) Kevin and Dave Ringuette are putting together photos to be used for the exam. Photos should include flowers, leaves, fruit and bark for each species. Once all of the photos are together, we can post them on the AAA website so they'll be available for whoever is studying for the exam. Leon noted that Lyon Arboretum has a massive image index so if there are any gaps in what Kevin and Dave come up with, the Arboretum can fill in what's missing.
- iii) Steve asked if AAA will be involved in the July 28th exam. Kevin said that we're not; California guys will be handling it. Stan Oka will also be helping by providing the tree samples. The exam will be for CAs and for CTWs who just need to retake written parts of the exam. There will be no practical for CTWs.
- iv) Steve also asked how people can study for the new domain for Urban Forestry. Kevin responded that a new study guide is being written. He's got an outline from ISA for the Urban Forestry domain. If anyone needs it, have them contact Kevin. Cabling/bracing and lightning protection have been rolled into another domain.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) The U.S. Forest Service in Hilo is sponsoring a Certified Arborist training program August 6 -10, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The price is \$300. Kevin Eckert will be the instructor. Class size is limited to 25 people. For more information, contact Kevin Eckert at keckert@arborglobal.com or 254-4161 for a copy of the flyer and registration application.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Leon Marcus at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 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

**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: _____

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