

**Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2008**

Members Present: Doug DeMoss, Carol Kwan, Val Aipperspach, Chris Hudnall, Steve Nimz, Randy Liu, Mark Leon, Thomas Aceves, Maria Aceves, Erin Purple, Nusi Manufekai

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2008 MEETING MINUTES

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. The February 2008 minutes were approved as written.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A) WCC Urban Forestry Program/Shigo Fund

i) Dave Ringuette sent an e-mail that he has sufficient funds for the WCC Urban Forestry Program at this time. If something comes up in the future, he'll let us know. A scholarship fund would be acceptable if desired. The decision was made to hold the funds for our own Shigo educational programs for now.

ii) Climbing Skills Workshop

(a) Jon Perry sent in a report via e-mail since he's off island. Roxanne Adams will be talking to her boss at UH today re holding the event there. She's hopeful. Once the venue has been confirmed then detailed planning will begin.

B) WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii

i) Steve reported that the Committee hasn't met yet.

C) Research Committee

i) AAA sent Chris Dacus a support letter for his grant application.

D) 2008 LICH Conference

i) The arborist track will be on palms. CEUs are available. See the LICH website, <http://www.lichawaii.com>, for details on the conference and registration.

E) Malama o Manoa 1,000 Tree Giveaway

i) Between meetings, Jon Perry proposed giving away 5-Minute Tree Care by Dr. Shigo at the event. Carol checked with Judy Shigo Smith and she's willing to sell them to AAA for the bulk rate of \$1/each plus shipping. The concern is that a lot of the people who come through the tree giveaways just toss this type of stuff instead of reading it. Chris Hudnall noted that it's better to just tell them "green side up". The decision was made to not purchase the booklets at this time but to keep them in mind for other events in the future.

F) Video Library

- i) Greg has AAA's videos. We should get a list of titles from him so we know what's available.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Asian Citrus Psyllid

- i) Distribution: East Hawaii Island and Maui
- ii) Hosts: Citrus and closely related species such as mock orange. The preferred host is mock orange.
- iii) Status as of FY2006: Hawaii Island surveys came back negative. Three ladybug species have been found in association with infestations of this pest.

B) Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams April 26, 2008

- i) Volunteers are needed for CTW judges and to help with registration and monitoring written exams. Doug, Carol, Randy, and Mark volunteered. Greg is likely to be there for judges training and aerial lift since he usually comes. By next meeting, Kevin or Stan should know how many CTW candidates there will be so we can firm things up. Anyone planning to take an exam should get registered within the next week or so.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Carol will be on vacation March 20-29, 2008.
- b) Doug stated that Carol should get a raise from her \$15/hour admin support rate. Carol stated that we don't have enough money in the treasury to afford it at this time but maybe later.
- c) Kevin Eckert has agreed to be the LICH representative. Thanks, Kevin! And thanks for the presentation that he did at the TCIA EHAP on March 14, 2008. Good job! About 150 people attended. Steve noted that the turnout was much better with the low fee than it would have been at \$75-\$100. Steve also proposed sending a letter to Stan thanking him for organizing the EHAP workshop. The City volunteers did a great job too. Stan was quick enough to call in and ask for EHAP to come to Honolulu. Also thanks to Rose Epperson for putting TCIA in contact with Stan.
- d) Chris Hudnall passed around HISCO's top selling landscape lighting fixture. It's made from copper, has a life-time warranty for the fixture, double sealed O rings, and provides a narrow beam of light when mounted on the ground. It's frequently used on coconuts and can be strapped to the palm so the trunk isn't drilled. It can be removed later if desired. The product is from Vista and goes for \$125/each.
- e) Doug got a call from someone who'd visited our website looking for good tree maintenance companies. It's nice to know that the website is being used.
- f) Steve mentioned that Asplundh is back on Oahu.

- g) Mark Leon would like to sell his chipper truck. It has an aluminum bed and is 145 GVW so it isn't necessary to have a Commercial Drivers License to drive it. He plans to get a bigger one. If anyone is interested, please call Mark at 235-4328.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company Restaurant – Stuart Anderson's at 98-1262 Kaahumanu, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2008 AAA Membership application
2. DOA New Pest Advisory – Asian Citrus Psyllid

**2008 Aloha Arborist Association
Individual Membership Application**

YES! Please process my individual membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2008 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!

**2008 Aloha Arborist Association
Company Membership Application**

YES! Please process our company membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2008 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): _____

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