

**Aloha Arborist Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2008**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz, Mark Leon, Jon Perry, Dudley Hulbert, Dan Severino, Gregory Severino, Thomas J Aceves, Ashlen Aquila, Drew Hardman, Val Aipperspach, Doug DeMoss, Nusi Manufekai, Chris Hudnall, Quenna Johnson, Doug Ward, Kevin Eckert, Randy Liu

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

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. The April 2008 minutes were approved as written.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Climbing Skills Workshop**

- (a) Written approval from UH for AAA to use its facilities has been received. Jon will be walking around campus with Roxanne Adams to verify the different trees that will be used for the event and the layout on Friday, May 23, 2008.
- (b) A quote for the insurance in the amount of \$914.78 has been received. AAA will front the cost to expedite the process and submit for reimbursement from Stihl.
- (c) Charley Wagner and Chad Brey both have plane tickets thanks to PLMI, Greg Severino, Pacific Landscape Company, and Aloha Power Equipment. We are still seeking \$480 to cover the full cost of their airfare.
- (d) Assistant instructors are still needed. Station layout has been setup and the desired trees have been selected. Each instructor will set up his own station on Friday, June 6, 2008, 2-6 p.m. All instructors must attend.
- (e) Jon is working on borrowing banners for trees from California.
- (f) Sodexo Catering sent a food proposal of \$23.57 per person, considerably more than its \$15 per person verbal estimate. It was decided to delete the breakfast pastries (\$1.95/person). Payment is due to Sodexo by May 31, 2008. Late registrants must get their own food in exchange for a \$10 per person discount.
- (g) Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Val will help with registration. Carol will e-mail the registration list to Jon and Val by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- (h) Greg got a phone call asking if we will be qualifying people on the aerial rescue station so they can use it towards their CTW exam qualifications. Jon said we would but we'll need to make up certificates. Carol will e-mail a sample format to Jon.
- (i) Greg brought the knot board that he made for the workshop to the meeting. Chris noted that it looks great and asked if it was available for borrowing. It is.

**B) WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii**

- i) *What's Bugging You* will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008, at McCoy Pavilion. Dr. Michael Raupp, Desmond Ogata, and others will be speaking. If anyone has suggestions or other input, please let Steve know. This will be promoted across the green industry, not just for arborists. Dudley asked if we can give Michael input on our insect problems. Steve confirmed that Michael will be briefed in advance.

C) Research Committee

- i) Chris Dacus is optimistic that some grant money will come through. Our project came in third on the ranking for the grants. It will be 1-2 months before the decision is made.

D) 2008 LICH Conference

- i) Early bird registration is due by May 22, 2008. LICH members get a discount. The arborist track will be about palms. Steve noted that you can pay for one day or the other. It's not necessary to go to both.

E) AAA T-shirts

- i) Val noted that we still have a lot of 2007 AAA t-shirts left. The price was dropped to \$5/each. She'll be selling t-shirts and books at the Climbing Skills Workshop.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Pest of the Month – Ohia Rust, *Puccinia psidii* Winter

- i) Distribution: Widespread throughout State of Hawaii except Niihau
- ii) Hosts: Wide range of hosts on various members of the Family Myrtaceae including ohia, *Eucalyptus*, paperbark, guava, rose apple, allspice, *Eugenia*, myrtle, and others.
- iii) Other common names: eucalyptus rust, guava rust
- iv) Symptoms: Starts as tiny bright yellow powdery eruptions in a circular pattern. These expand causing necrosis of infected leaves, stems, or shoots. Most often seen on tender, young growing points.
- v) Treatment: No approved fungicide as yet. Good sanitation practices recommended to bag or destroy infected leaves or other plant parts. Keep foliage dry when irrigating. Do not move infected plants between islands.
- vi) Doug reported a rumor that ohia rust was introduced to fight rose apple, an invasive species. He's not sure if that's right or not. He's found in his nursery that one out of three ohia appears to be resistant to the rust. At the seedling stage, all of them get it but some react more than others. The orange ohia that introduced the rust to his nursery has outgrown it. He has been treating it with alcohol and sunspray oil at 1 Tbsp per quart. He's only seen the rust attack emerging new leaves. He also noted that rubbing alcohol is not an EPA approved fungicide.

B) Meeting Location

- i) IHOP Pearl City was proposed as an alternate meeting location. It's in the same shopping complex as Cattle Company. There's an enclosed private room available for

free during the week. However, they don't serve alcohol. Carol will check if it's OK to BYO and let people know before the next meeting.

C) Volunteer/Fun Activity

- i) Chris suggested that AAA members hold an event for fun, like a golf tournament, UH football game, surfing, etc. Dudley noted that camaraderie combined with volunteer work is a great thing. Steve said that a workday at Mokuleia is still open if we're interested. There are a few trees to trim and lots of fun, fishing, a zipline, and other activities. It was agreed to discuss it further at the next meeting.

D) Meeting Attendance

- i) Steve noted that we need to improve attendance of the meeting by other tree care companies. We should invite more people to come, work on the meeting format to get it done quicker and get to socializing sooner. It's got to be something where they want to come. What do they want from us? What benefits does AAA membership have to offer them? Non-profits are supposed to have an annual meeting. We should get a quorum, do a short 5-minute agenda, and then socialize. Maybe a family picnic would be nice.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Carol will be on vacation in Texas June 3-10, 2008.
- b) Free wood chip dumping, North Shore. Contact Meleana Judd at 551-8132 or [meleanajudd@gmail.com](mailto:meleanajudd@gmail.com) for more info.
- c) Chris Hudnall noted that while Stihl is still #1 for chainsaws, Echo has come out with some nice models with five standard safety features and a one year commercial warranty. HISCO is carrying these if anyone is interested in checking them out.
- d) Carol is getting bounces from hotmail.com e-mail addresses for those who may have missed out on the April minutes. If you want them, please contact Carol.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kwan

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at IHOP at 98-1258 Kaahumanu, Pearl City.*

Attachments:

1. 2008 AAA Membership application
2. Pest Advisory – Ohia Rust

**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!

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**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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