

**Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2008**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz, Mark Leon, Dudley Hulbert, Dan Severino, Gregory Severino, Doug DeMoss, Quenna Johnson, Doug Ward, Randy Liu, Hola Lolohea, Issac Lolohea, Chris Hudnall, Sergio Vasquez, Kevin Eckert, Maria Aceves, Thomas Aceves

Guest: Paula Hudnall

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

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The June 2008 minutes were approved as written.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Treasurer's Report

i. Randy Liu presented the Treasurer's Report as of July 16, 2008. A copy attached to the minutes. The net for the Climbing Skills workshop was \$1,411.73. The Shigo Fund has \$4,455.71 plus \$120 pending check deposit. The total AAA account balance is \$8,392.89 including Shigo Fund monies.

b. Climbing Skills Workshop

i. Randy provided some feedback that he'd heard about the Climbing Skills Workshop. It might help for some of the new climbers attending to structure something about 2' above the ground for some of the maneuvers. Then people aren't so intimidated and the rest of the class can see better. Dudley noted that everyone had an opportunity to do what was available but no one was coming forward. Mark added that the other instructors were the ones that wanted to learn from Chad and Charley and they weren't able to take advantage of it because they were busy teaching. People don't want to make a fool of themselves in front of everyone. Many of the attendees were beginners and had never done anything with climbing gear before. Steve suggested splitting out beginning and advanced levels. Local instructors can teach the beginners and the proceeds from that can be used to help put on an advanced class. In order to take the advanced class, the participant must have advanced skills. Others can come and watch and get CEUs but the core group of advanced climbers gets instructed by the ITCC climbers. Dan suggested making the basic classes a prerequisite.

ii. Greg moved that we pay Chad and Charley \$400/each for their efforts as instructors at the Climbing Skills Workshop. Dudley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jon Perry has their contact info. He'll send it to Randy for issuing the checks.

c. WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii

i. *What's Bugging You?* will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008, at McCoy Pavilion. Dr. Michael Raupp will be speaking at least twice. Teresa helped

Steve with the WCISA paperwork. The price will be \$90/person for WCISA/AAA members and \$110 for non-members. AAA members will bring in samples of pests to identify. The seminar will be promoted across the green industry, including in *Hawaii Landscape*. We should be able to qualify for pest control CETs. Golf Course Superintendents may also have some form of CEUs.

d. Research Committee

- i. Nothing new to report.

a. LICH Report

- i. Kevin reported that LICH is lobbying against a law about unionization that would enable unions to add numerous new rules that would adversely affect our industry.
- ii. Carol emailed Boyd regarding AAA members' research and concerns about unlicensed contractors. She also checked with RICO (Regulated Industries Complaints Office). Competitors can file complaints with RICO; however, RICO needs a lot of information and the contractor's job at the particular location must be ongoing for at least a week in order for RICO to get an inspector to the site. Photos help along with copies of ads. About 90% of these complaints come to nothing because RICO has insufficient proof to do anything about the violation. Complaint forms are available at <http://hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/rico/forms/>.

b. Coconut Care Guidelines

- i. The following members volunteered to be on the Coconut Care Guidelines Committee: Steve Nimz, Gregory Severino, Mark Leon, Kevin Eckert, and Dudley Hulbert.

c. Mokuleia Activity

- i. Steve still needs to contact the organization. There is about a half to one day's worth of work plus an area to camp out if desired, or it could just be a day thing and families could come too. Steve could use some help inviting people who don't show up at meetings. Doug suggested cooking a couple of pigs and we could get a great turnout. Sergio, Greg, and Dan indicated that they will come. Steve will try to schedule something for September, targeting September 20th.

d. Knots Workshop

- i. Greg reported that he hasn't done anything towards planning this yet.

e. AAA T-shirts

- i. It was agreed to sell whatever t-shirts possible after the meeting and donate the rest to either The Outdoor Circle or Kaulunani.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pest of the Month – Mango Powdery Mildew

- i. Distribution: Widely distributed throughout the Pacific
- ii. Host: Mango
- iii. Symptoms: Whitish-gray haze on panicles, fruits, and leaves. Killed flowers turn brown & gray.
- iv. Treatment:
 1. Plant cultivars that are less sensitive to the disease
 2. Avoid cool, humid locations and areas that receive rain during the flowering season
 3. Destroy infected fallen foliage and severely infected panicles
 4. Prune competing vegetation to allow more light and air flow
 5. Fertilize as required to promote vigorous growth
 6. Apply fungicide sprays registered for powdery mildew

b. 2009 Training Event

- i. Dudley suggested holding a Trees & Law workshop in 2009.

c. Heritage Designation for Trees

- i. Dudley reported that Willis Yap is interested in pursuing a heritage designation for trees. Perhaps a tree owner could get a tax break for keeping and maintaining a heritage tree instead of cutting it down. This would be a good way to protect the urban forest. Willis would like to attend one of our meetings to discuss this with us. Steve noted that he's suggested to The Outdoor Circle to form another category for not quite Exceptional Trees.

d. New Shigo and Trees Book

- i. There is a new Shigo and Trees Book: *The Nature of Tree Care: Conversations with Alex Shigo* available for \$10/each. AAA will purchase 20 copies to offer to members and others at book sales.

e. Possible Training Venue

- i. Steve reported that the Kalihi Kokua operation is doing a lot of work clearing out the valley. They don't have much money either. It might be a good AAA training site in the future for climbing, cutting, that sort of thing. There is an incredible amount of trees, about 100 acres. The rubbish can stay at the site.

f. Pay Raise for Carol

- i. Doug raised the issue of Carol's compensation given that our treasury has recovered. Kevin moved that the hourly rate be raised from \$15/hour to \$25/hour. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Welcome to AAA members Hola and Issac Lolohea from JLSS Construction. This is their first AAA meeting. Welcome also to guest Paula Hudnall, Chris's wife.
- b. Chris proposed introducing new attendees as soon as the meeting starts. He also reported that LICH is getting together for the CLT exam in September. If anyone is interested in maintenance or construction, now is the time to sign up. New specifications will require a CLT on the job at all times. Call Jay Deputy at 956-2150 for more info and to sign up.
- c. James Horie, a woodworker who makes clocks, is interested in wood 6" diam. and up. Please contact him at 677-4927, pager 686-8836.
- d. WCC Tree program starts in August so register ASAP via <http://windward.hawaii.edu>. Any problems, contact Dave Ringuette, ringuett@hawaii.edu or 236-9265.
- e. HSUFP is holding a seminar *LEEDing the Way* on 9/3/2008, McCoy Pavilion, 4.5 CEUs. Go to www.hsufp.org for more info
- f. Aloha Power Equipment's AAA special of the month is a 120' climbing rope rated at 7,300 lbs. The list price is \$101.60 but AAA members can purchase it for \$79 through August 20, 2008.
- g. Thomas and Tina Aceves shared the first part of a DVD that they made from the Climbing Skills Workshop footage. The DVD was professionally done and would make a great training video for tree care companies. Contact their new company, Home Video Studio, at 306-8443 for purchasing information.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Report 7/16/2008
2. 2008 AAA Membership application
3. Pest Advisory – Mango Powdery Mildew

**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): _____

You may publish our information on the AAA website:

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