

Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2008

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Steve Nimz, Mark Leon, Dudley Hulbert, Gregory Severino, Doug DeMoss, Randy Liu, Chris Hudnall, Sergio Vasquez, Maria Aceves, Thomas Aceves, Andrew Hardman, Wayne Hu

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

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. The July 2008 minutes were approved as written.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii

i. *What's Bugging You?* will be held on Friday, November 21, 2008, at McCoy Pavilion. Steve met with Teresa today and expects to finalize the paperwork by August 25, 2008, for submittal to WCISA. Two speakers are lined up with a third one still to be confirmed. He'll also need tree samples with insect damage from AAA. This should be a combination of common problems that we see such as sucking, chewing, leaf miner damage, etc., plus a few unusual things.

b. Research Committee

i. Nothing new to report.

a. Coconut Care Guidelines

i. Steve took a first pass at editing the Coconut Care Guidelines and it's out for review. Thanks to Steve for taking the lead on this.

b. Mokuleia Activity

i. Steve hasn't had time to work on this yet. If someone else wants to help him, feel free. September 20th looks too tight at this point. Late October/early November or perhaps a Christmas party might be better. Most of the work is cut and drop stuff.

c. Knots Workshop

i. Greg has put together an outline for a skills workshop to address new climbing requirements but the workshop is on hold pending Navy legal review. Steve suggested a place in Kalihi where it could be held. He'll meet with Greg and go check it out. Carol suggested Holy Family Catholic Church which has a big banyan and needs some tree work done. Greg will ask Carol to help get the word out wherever it is. This will be a Makani Consulting event, not an AAA event. Dudley noted that people still need Knots 101 as was evident at the Climbing Skills Workshop in June. Steve said that the knot

thing could be done anywhere, but the Kalihi site has a classroom if needed. It's good to cover some basic skills.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pest of the Month – Sudden Oak Death Quarantine Pest Alert
 - i. Distribution: Western U.S. – California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia
 - ii. Host: 38 species susceptible, additional 16 species associated with disease. Deadly to beech and oak. Hawaiian Island associated hosts include Camellia, Rhododendron, and Victorian laurel
 - iii. Symptoms: Canker on trunk, may be oozing. If plants showing symptoms are found, call the PEST hotline for your county.
 - iv. Control: Clear cutting, burning, and herbicide applications of infected plants
- b. New Training Venue Available
 - i. Roxanne Adams emailed some info about Kailua Ulupo heiau, a possible future training site that has earpods and banyans for removal. Insurance for volunteers is covered.
- c. Ironwoods/Shoreline Erosion
 - i. Doug DeMoss reported his observations from a beach project that he's been working on recently. The large ironwoods at the high tide mark in this area away from manmade problems seem to be exacerbating the erosion problem. The massive root systems are acting like a seawall, making a vertical beach instead of a nicely sloping one. His opinion is that the trees need to be eliminated entirely including stumps, leaving only those above the high water mark. Greg said that he's going to be taking six ironwoods out at Haleiwa beach but will be leaving the stumps per City instructions. Doug believes that total elimination including stumps would be better because the trees are impeding the sand coming in and going out with the seasons.
- d. New Shigo Book
 - i. *The Nature of Tree Care: Conversations with Alex Shigo* will be available for sale after the meeting at \$10/each.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Welcome to AAA member Wayne Hu of Eager Beavers.

- b. HSUFP Seminar *LEEDing the Way* will be held on September 3, 2008, at McCoy Pavilion. Go to www.hsufp.org for more info. Late registration is \$100/person.
- c. Greg announced that Dan Severino had a bad fall while working in a monkeypod 28.5' up when the branch he was tied into pulled out. He hit both legs, fractured his left heel, broke his right ankle, and fractured his L5 vertebrae. He's doing well considering. The stitches came out last Tuesday, the pins come out next Tuesday, and then more time for healing and physical therapy. His spirit isn't broken and he's looking forward to getting back up into the tree. In Greg's opinion, 21st century arboriculture is starting to get people into trouble. Christian Schultz at the St. Louis Conference Fun Climb got to 40' and the branch let go. He had the same type of injuries as Dan. Maybe we're teaching the climbers wrong. We shouldn't be tying into 2" limbs at the tops of trees. Doing so puts climbers at risk. Greg thinks it should be 4" minimum and have a crotch to catch it if the limb fails.
- d. Prior to September 9, 2008, Waikiki Elementary School needs a couple of loads of mulch or one big load. They will put it on the pathways for an upcoming event. Please contact Lydi Morgan at 295-3375 for more information and to schedule delivery. Mark will take care of it.
- e. There will be a LICH CLT exam on September 13, 2008, at Ho'omaluhia. Chris invited anyone who is interested to come by and see what it's like. In the future, CLTs will be required for certain maintenance and installation contracts. This is a way of raising the level of the industry. Randy noted that it's a big production. Mark volunteered to be a judge.
- f. Mark reported on the St. Louis ISA Conference.
 - i. For resistograph testing, it's important to go directly through the growth rings, not at an angle, to get valid results. The new resistograph can be programmed with data through Bluetooth. Some older models can be retrofitted as well. A new resistograph runs \$10K for the whole system. It costs around \$3K for retrofit of recent models.
 - ii. The tomography has been updated. Used in conjunction with resistograph testing, it's an excellent system. It costs about \$30K total for the two systems. Nail spacing must be accurate. Steve noted that when you drop a tree like a white monkeypod and there's decay inside, everyone goes crazy, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it's going to blow over. We're condemning a lot of trees unnecessarily.
 - iii. Ground radar isn't accurate in areas with high water. The high water echoes back as large roots. It's only really effective in drier areas.
 - iv. Bernd Strasser won ITCC.

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, September 17, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2008 AAA Membership application
2. Pest Alert – Sudden Oak Death

**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: _____

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