

**Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2008**

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Mark Leon, Doug DeMoss, Randy Liu, Chris Hudnall, Maria Aceves, Thomas Aceves, Wayne Hu, Erin Purple, Coursen Hoke

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

A) President Doug DeMoss called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. The August 2008 minutes were approved. Subsequent to the meeting a correction to the minutes was received from Boyd Ready via email that “exasperating” should be “exacerbating”. The correction was made and the revised minutes submitted for posting on the AAA Website.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii - *What's Bugging You?*

i. The flyer has been finalized and is being processed for bulk mailing. Carol emailed it to AAA's training list today. The deadline for early bird registration is November 14, 2008. AAA members get the discount.

b. Research Committee

i. Nothing new to report per Dudley via phone call prior to the meeting.

a. Coconut Care Guidelines

i. Tabled

b. Mokuleia Activity

i. Tabled

c. Knots Workshop

i. Tabled

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pest of the Month – Banana Moth

i. Distribution: Islands of Oahu and Hawaii

ii. Host: Mortality in Hawaii has been found in *Pritchardia* sp., floribunda palm, foxtail palm, Manila palm, and coconut palm. Alternate hosts include grasses, banana, and coffee as well as in any decaying vegetation

iii. Symptoms: Browning of leaves, heart leaves easily pulled out with necrosis of living stem tissues beneath, heart rot, entry holes of larvae, and frass pellets.

- iv. Management: Minimize plant stress especially due to drought and poor nutrition, herbicide overspray, and over-pruning of leaves. Pruned surfaces should be treated with an approved insecticide such as one derived from *Bacillus thuringiensis* (“Bt”). Doug added that “Dipel” contains *Bacillus thuringiensis*.
- b. Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams
 - i. So far for CTW Skills there are 8 aerial and 3 climbers registered from Davey and GLTT. Davey numbers may increase. Carol forwarded Rose’s email with the numbers to Greg who will coordinate with Stan regarding judges. The written exam should be covered with 3 volunteers including the proctor.
- c. Leon Marcus
 - i. Leon Marcus emailed and said to tell everyone “hello” at the AAA meeting. He’s been in New Mexico all summer staying with friends and doing a little bit of tree work here and there. He went back to Hong Kong the second week of September to work for Kevin again and will probably stay there for another six months or so.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Welcome to AAA member Coursen Hoke from Maui.
- b. The Aloha Power Equipment Special of the Month is the Echo CS-330T-12” Chainsaw for \$259.00 plus your choice of a FREE T-shirt or hat. Please contact Doug Ward at 226-4971 or doug@alohapowerequipment.com for more information.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2008 AAA Membership application
2. Pest Alert – Banana Moth

**2009 Aloha Arborist Association
Membership Application**

Please process my membership with Aloha Arborist Association for calendar year 2009.

Membership: \$10 Student \$25 Government employee \$50 Individual
 \$150 Company \$1,000 Lifetime Member

Name: _____

Company: _____

If Company Membership, please designate 3 company representatives:

Address: _____

_____ **Website:** _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

You may publish this information on the AAA website: Yes No

Please send this completed form to Aloha Arborist Association, P.O. Box 893953, Mililani, HI 96789-0953 with a check made payable to Aloha Arborist Association.

Mahalo for your support!