

Aloha Arborist Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009

Members Present: Carol Kwan, Doug DeMoss, Chris Hudnall, Dudley Hulbert, Gregory Severino, Dan Severino, Ashlen Aquila, Randy Liu, Mark Leon, Steve Connolly, Steve Nimz, Roberto Bounds

I. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

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

I. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Treasurer's Report – see attached
- b. WCISA Regional Meeting in Hawaii - *What's Bugging You?*
 - i. This was a great workshop. AAA's net earnings were \$1,127.16. WCISA will be mailing a check.
- c. Research Committee
 - i. Dudley left a message for Andy about starting on another research project but he hasn't heard back yet.
- d. Coconut Care Guidelines
 - i. Western Arborist published our old guidelines in the latest issue. They got it from an attachment to our minutes awhile back. Kevin, Steve, and Carol have been working on updated guidelines along with input from Stan Oka. We'd like to have something suitable for submitting it to Western Arborist by February 1st so it can run as a correction in the next issue. The draft was reviewed at length during the meeting, particularly the bullet sections. A consensus was reached on the bullets. A finalized document will be presented at the February 2009 meeting.
- e. Mokuleia Activity – Camp Mokuleia
 - i. Ashlen and Greg did some work on their own with help from Dan (photographer) and Doug Ward (ground crew), but there's more that's needed. Shortly after they were there, an 80'-90' ironwood fell on the newly remodeled office. Chip trucks are needed because there's too much debris generated for the staff to be able to handle it. If we can organize an event with 10 people, we could do an awesome job. Ashlen will coordinate with the camp and send out email notices inviting people to participate. Greg proposed working one weekend and coming back another weekend to have fun, not trying to do both at the same time.

f. Book Donation

- i. We received a big mahalo from the Hawaii State Library for our book donations in December 2008.

a. Training Workshops

i. Spring 2009 - Knots Workshop

1. This workshop will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at Holy Family Catholic Academy, 830 Main Street, Honolulu. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the workshop will run 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. WCISA has approved 3.5 CEUs. The price is \$40 for AAA members, \$65 for non-members, and \$25/person for AAA member companies with five or more employees attending. The flyers should come out about a month before the workshop.

ii. Fall 2009

1. We have enough interest for a Tree Biology/Dissection workshop in Honolulu based on survey results. Steve will contact Kevin Smith.

b. Hawaii Representative for WCISA TCC

- i. Greg reported that five climbers had signed up so far. He's still working on a venue but Kualoa Ranch looks likely. He also wants to set up early and let all of the climbers have a dry run for practice a couple of weeks prior to the contest. Austin has some alternative sites in the Nuuanu area. Greg is looking for something out of the way that's quiet with plenty of parking. The judges will practice two weeks before the contest too. More judges are needed. So far there's Greg, Dan, Austin, Mark, maybe Bobby, and maybe Dudley if he's not competing. Do people have to be ISA members to compete? If they win in California, they'll have to become a member to compete in ITCC.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pest of the Month – Plumeria Rust

- i. Distribution: Main Hawaiian Islands
- ii. Host: *Plumeria* spp.
- iii. Symptoms: Powdery, yellow-orange lesions on leaves with powdery spore masses on the underside of leaves.
- iv. Management: Plant resistant species or hybrids, leaf litter control/destruction, plant in drier areas, apply approved fungicides when necessary, biological control with fungal hyperparasites and an insect (midge) predator, control

weeds to improve airflow, avoid overcrowding of plumeria and monocropping.

b. Certified Arborist/Certified Tree Worker Exams

- i. The next Honolulu exam date has been set for April 18, 2009.
- ii. Kevin Eckert has scheduled exam prep classes for the Big Island in March 2009. Enough people have shown interest in prep classes for Oahu that he's working on setting something up. AAA will get a cut for helping to get the word out for the Oahu class.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. There will be two Pro Bowl Planting projects this year on Oahu. One will be on February 5th at Niu Valley Middle School and the other will be on March 24th at Laie Elementary. Everyone is invited to attend and help out. Chris and HISCO will be supplying the truck and PLMI will be there as well. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please contact Jackie Ralya at jralya@hawaii.rr.com or 392-5167.
- b. Tim Walsh from New Hampshire sent his resume' to see if we might be interested in having him conduct training here. He trains in ergonomics and safety for tree work. The consensus was that he is overqualified for the current skill level of our work force in Hawaii and we should start with training by local instructors. Perhaps at some point in the future it might be worth bringing in an advanced instructor like Tim.
- c. Mark mentioned that there was a bad accident on Maui last month. A Maui Pineapple Company employee got sucked through a chipper and died. Workers need to be using a paddle to push stuff through. Mark sells them for \$25/ea. That's much cheaper than workers comp claims for injuries or death.
- d. Chris Hudnall announced an upcoming Vista Professional Outdoor Lighting seminar on March 4, 2009, on Oahu and March 5, 2009, on Maui. This is for low voltage lighting with no electrician's license required to install. There will be a special section on uplighting trees with removal straps to minimize the risk of tree injury. See attached flyer for more info.
- e. The Aloha Power Equipment Specials of the Month are:
 - i. All-Gear Rope, yellow/orange, 7/16"X120'. List price \$146.44, AAA member price \$108.11, part number AG16SP716120YO.
 - ii. All-Gear Rope, yellow/orange, 7/16"X150'. List price \$179.78, AAA member price \$136.61, part number AG16SP716150YO.
 - iii. Members can get more info at www.alohapowerequipment.com. Please contact Doug Ward at 226-4971 or doug@alohapowerequipment.com to place orders.

The meeting was adjourned by President Doug DeMoss at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kwan

PLEASE JOIN US!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cattle Company, Pearl City.

Attachments:

1. 2009 AAA Membership application
2. Treasurer's Report
3. *Plumeria Rust* PD-61
4. Vista Professional Outdoor Lighting Seminar flyer

**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 Date: _____

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!