

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes February 4, 2016

Present: Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Chris McCullough, Garrett Webb, Micah Barker

1st Order of Business: HCC Palamanui Update: Ty, Erin, Garrett, and Ken all went up to visit the new campus at Palamanui and talk with Marty Fletcher and Calley Oneil about hosting HILA classes and tests. Ty reports there is enough room for about 30 students in the class room available to us immediately and part way through the classes additional space will become available if we need it.

2nd Order of Business: LMT Classes: HCC Palamanui is confirmed as the location for the 2016 LMT classes which begin on Thursday, April 7th. Ty is preparing and finalizing the LMT class promotional flyer. Ty will need to create a separate flyer (or page) for EFT applicants. The LICT test is also tentatively scheduled for Palamanui, an alternate location being the Kainaliu Extension office grounds.

3rd Order of Business: LICH Administration of LMT classes: LICH, in exchange for \$250 annual dues from HILA, will provide administration of the classes and ETF financial assistance for qualifying candidates. LICH's liability insurance policy will also extend coverage over the classes. All monies initially collected for LMT classes will be sent to LICH, checks are now payable to LICH. LICH will then make monetary disbursements back to HILA.

4th Order of Business: HILA Membership: Erin says we need to drive more membership dues. Garrett suggests preparing a trifold brochure and mailing them out to our industry. Chris will email our 2016 membership form to our green industry membership/ mailing list.

5th Order of Business: Irrigation Classes: LICH is putting on a 2 day irrigation workshop, with instructor Martin Miyashiro, on FRI 4/8/16 and SAT 4/9/16 at Kaupulehu Interpretive Center, Big Island. Garrett needs to create a flyer and set the price for this event ASAP.

6th Order of Business: Rapid Ohia Death; ROD continues to be a serious issue facing the Big Islands native forests. Garrett suggests HILA schedule a meeting with UH Forest Extension Agent JB Friday and Extension Agent Ty McDonald to do a field trip to the Ohia forest where ROD is present. We would like to be educated on proper management of disease areas and protocols for not spreading the disease further.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday, March 2nd at **Hualalai Coffee Co.** (by gas pump/store at Hualalai resort)