

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes September 26, 2017

Present: Erin Lee, Chris McCullough, Micah Barker, Ken Sugai, Jennifer McDaniel, Garrett Webb, Keoni Kealoha, Ty McDonald, Murli Fedorowski

1st Order of Business: Officer Positions: Chris has stepped down from President of HILA as he has accepted the position of President of LICH. Ken Sugai has been elected President of HILA, Micah Barker elected Vice President of HILA, Hugh Landes elected Secretary of HILA, and Erin Lee remains Treasurer of HILA.

2nd Order of Business: LFA Workshop: HILA has organized a Little Fire Ant workshop on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00am at HCC Palamanui in Kona.

3rd Order of Business: Vick Paulson Memorial Garden: Chris has met with Mayor Kim regarding the improvements at the junction of Palani Rd. & Queen K hwy, however, he reports the Dept of Transportation won't allow the relocation of the Royal Poinciana Trees. Chris will continue to network and pursue resources to move forward with this memorial garden. Ka'uhane Morton of Kuki'o has agreed to donate Loulu fan palms.

4th Order of Business: Annual Conference; The conference will be on Friday November 10th at Hapuna Beach Resort. Chris has confirmed Steve Nimz as our presenter for the Arborist track. In view of the new shorter 4 track conference schedule the Board is proposing a "Pau Hana" at the end of the conference with pupu's, drinks, and music.

- Ty will send out a "save the date" email to our industry this week.
- Conference attendance fees will remain the same as 2015 (Members \$120,\$100, Non-members \$140,\$120 Students/Master Gardeners \$85)
- We need to confirm O'o stick recipients (honorees). Ken will reach out to Scott Seymour. Ty will reach out to Derek Shigematsu. Chris will confirm Diana Duff. Murli will reach out to George Broderson. When reaching out, ask if they are willing to be honored, and ask for a short bio of their career.

5th Order of Business: Scholarship Awardees: The Board has awarded two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to the following two recipients:

- Simon Ellis, a graduate of Konawaena High School, now attending Dartmouth College, majoring in Government and Environmental Science.
- Jenson Kohashi, a graduate of Waiakea High School, is now attending UH-Hilo earning a degree in Tropical Horticulture with the goal of conserving native forests and endangered plants in Hawaii.

Erin will draft a letter congratulating and awarding the two recipients and provide to Jennifer for distribution.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday October 11th at 3:30p.m. at Hualalai construction office.