

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes December 6, 2017

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

1st Order of Business: Conference Review: Ty shared the conference generated approximately \$200. Chris will write an article about the conference for the LICH publication. The next issue focuses on native plants and nurseries that carry them. Diana Duff wrote an article about Scott Seymour for WHT December 24th issue.

2nd Order of Business: Palamanui Campus: Garrett informed us the campus will be used as a test site. Currently it is being ripped and leveled. Shade trees are needed. Fill material will be used after Adam Broderson helps with the rough grading. The irrigation clock is not running properly. Currently it is set for 7 stations to run 4 times at 30 minutes every day. Garrett will seek the help of Lynette to program clock. Max from RMG is assisting with the landscape plans, and Ty will contact Martin about use of the classroom.

3rd Order of Business: Classes and Test Dates: Board set “tentative” dates. Classes begin the first week of April. Lynette is holding an irrigation school on May 25th and May 26th. One day will be in a classroom and the other will be hands on in the field. June 9th will be the Pre Intensive Class at Hualalai’s Wahi Malama room. The written test will be held on June 14th and the field test on June 16th. It was suggested that Kauai and Maui alternate test taking years. Giving college credit for taking classes was also discussed. Ken suggested tours to Hilo nurseries for students. There is an interest in inviting Ed Gelman from Florida to do a class.

4th Order of Business: Next Meeting: Erin will present financial results from 2017 to help create a budget for 2018. Palamanui might be a new expense. The financial background of HILA was discussed. As a non-profit, HILA is greatly helped by volunteers, donations, and grants.

5th Order of Business: Christian Renz: Christian passed his Manager Certified Technician Tests! Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday January 10, 2017 at Hualalai construction office.