

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes April 3, 2019

Present: Chris McCullough, Micah Barker, Garrett Webb, Ty McDonald, Erin Lee, Christian Renz, Keone Kealoha, Susanne Barrett Baca, Jon Aynessazian

1st Order of Business: LMT Classes; Ty has reported enough class sign ups to proceed with this years LMT classes starting Friday April 5th. Garrett is working on the ETF application and he hopes to have it completed and in to the state by the end of April. ETF applicants who qualify will receive their ETF funding from the date of the ETF approval, and it will not be retroactive to the start of the LMT classes. If they sign up for the test, they should be able to qualify for 50% on the test fee.

2nd Order of Business: HILA membership: Erin reports we have 8 paid memberships to date for 2019. Chris has drafted a membership letter and will send out this week. The online membership application form is not yet activated. The board has approved it as of the last meeting, but it remains to be signed into contract with the vendor per Garrett.

3rd Order of Business: Student Outreach: Christian has reached out to 3 schools about providing student scholarships in the form of seats at our LMT classes or other HILA trainings.

4th Order of Business: Lawn Artist LLC / Fire Ants Hawaii; Susanne Barrett Baca and Jon Aynessazian attended the HILA Board meeting seeking support in dealing with State fines for operating a business that treats for little fire ants without a Pest Control Operators license. Garrett and Chris suggest contacting a state legislator, the Department of Agriculture, and the Big Island Invasive Species Council for support and clarity on the matter.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday May 14th at 3:30p.m. at Hualalai