

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes April 21, 2015

Present: Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Hugh Landes, Chris McCullough, Garrett Webb. :
John Marshall, Micah Barker

1st Order of Business: Website: 1) Garrett will add an order form for PLANET training manuals on website. 2) Website to list/market companies (not individuals) with certified personnel. 3) Chris suggested we post the minutes from the Board of Directors meetings on website. 4) Need to update website with this year's Annual Conference details, at the very least a "save the date" as soon as possible.

2nd Order of Business: LICT CEU: 1) Need a link on the HILA website that directs LICT's to the "how to keep LICT current" page on LICH website. 2) Garrett has a list of PLANET registered LICT's and will forward notices of workshops with CEU's to Big Island LICT's.

3rd Order of Business: HILA Finances: Erin will transfer funds from PayPal account to the HILA checking account.

4th Order of Business: LMT classes: Ty reported a total of 21 people signed up for the entire series and it appears only 10-12 are interested in taking the LICT test. It was suggested we look into asking LICH to "subsidize" HILA in years with low test candidate numbers. Garrett volunteered to run the numbers on our "break even" point for the LICT test.

5th Order of Business: Annual Conference: "Water" has been selected as this year's conference theme. Chris will come up with a conference title for our review. Next meeting we need to nail down topics and speakers and decide if we will do a special event. (Like last year's Kupuna awards)

6th Order of Business: Annual Conference Date; Our current date is Saturday 10/24/15. John suggested we look into holding the conference on a weekday to attract more attendees. Chris volunteered to send out an email to members asking if they would prefer a Friday conference over a Saturday date.

7th Order of Business: Coqui Control: HILA Board reviewed Kukio's new Coqui Control Program. Erin suggested minimum 90day, and ideally 120-180 days after installation to certify coqui free. Chris suggested we create a list of nurseries and contractors with a "Plant Pono" type of certification. The Board suggests also enacting

LFA measures. Chris will distribute the Kuki'o Coqui Control program sheet to other Resort communities on the Kona-Kohala coast to encourage participation and education among the greater resort landscape community.

8th Order of Business: NASADA: National Association of State Departments of Agriculture is holding an annual meeting in Kailua Kona in September and has invited HILA to attend. We will decide next meeting whether or not to attend.

9th Order of Business: HILA Membership: Chris requested we review our current HILA membership. Garrett has suggested the website is currently up to date with members. Review for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday May 7th at Hualalai construction office.