

Minutes - Board Meeting 05/11/23

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ATTENDEES -

Sarah Kamanu, Erin Lee, Ty McDonald (Zoom), Christian Renz (Zoom), Tony Savarese, Ka'uhane Morton

AGENDA

- Erin gave a financial update
- We have two sign ups so far for the upcoming irrigation class
- Sarah talked to Pete about a possible donation for the WHEA project
- Erin and Sarah will coordinate a visit to WHEA so they can check out the potential site
- Christian and Sarah will meet with Mayor Mitch Roth and others on Tuesday to discuss the Waikoloa project
- James and Sarah had a productive meeting with Ka'uhane's team to collaborate on the upcoming hands-on courses. Lots of enthusiasm and good vibes.
- Ka'uhane would like his team of instructors to be involved in all of the classes
- The board agreed the instructors from Kukio would get free attendance to the other classes
- Ty and Christian will do a site visit to Kalaemano to prepare for the upcoming class
- There's a tentative class size limit for the first irrigation course, 25. But we agreed to not set a ticket limit on the website yet and we'll play it by ear.
- Tony briefed the board on recent changes to the hilahawaii.com website. The hilahawaii@gmail.com email address has been added to the bottom of each page, enrollment for the first irrigation course has been added, the student membership option has been deleted, a community outreach tab has been added, CTAHR's courses have been added to our training page

(does this need board discussion?), and the irrigation training has been added to the news page.

- Russell has offered to help with HILA's irrigation courses
- Christian will email Karen to remind her to promote HILA's classes on the LICH website
- Christian gave an update on the status of funding for the classes
- Christian said that the rights to the content would be owned by LICH once it's developed.
- LICH would get paid for administering the 12 week course
- The individual island organizations would get paid for administering their individual field days
- Ty suggested starting our 2024 scholarship program a little earlier to give students a chance to get it on their radar
- The group agreed January-February would be a good time to roll the scholarships out
- They would most likely be two \$1000 scholarships
- Sarah brought up the need to provide refreshments for the students taking the Irrigation Courses. The board agreed that it was a good idea and that HILA would pay for it.

NEXT MEETING

- The subcommittee will meet on Zoom on Thursday, 6/1/23
- HILA will meet at Kukio on Thursday, 6/8/23