

Hawaii Farmers Union United – Hāna Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 3, 2019 • Hana Farms

In Attendance: Matthew Van Paepeghem (P), AJ Murray (T), Scott Crawford (S), Mikala Minn (D), Carolyn Diliberto, Heidi Lea

Meeting called to order by Matthew at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes – May 2 Board meeting minutes and July 13 general meeting minutes were reviewed; motion (Mikala /AJ) to approve; passed unanimously.

President's Report – Vincent Mina is on hiatus. County budget includes a total of \$100K for HFUU, with \$60K allocated to support the convention to lower the registration fee and make it more affordable, and the rest to be divvied up between the chapters, probably proportional to membership. Will find out later if we need to submit any more info for county grant. State strategic planning session rescheduled for August. Matt opposed taking sponsorship from A&B and other corporations for convention, and the board decided not to. Contract was extended for David Case as State Secretary. Jay Lara was retained to coordinate membership drive. Strategic Planning session scheduled for August.

Treasurer's Report – Deposits: \$97.60 from state on 6/1, \$181 for tshirt/hat sales; \$106.45 reimbursed to Matt for Taro Festival supplies expenses; balance = \$1777.93

Membership Report – Membership spreadsheet now in Google Sheets; Matt will send link. ~73 current members in Hana chapter.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Next General Meeting ANNUAL Meeting on August 7, 4:00 at Hana Farms**
AJ won't be there. Scott will confirm with Marty to confirm venue. Brad (VP) and Scott (Secretary) terms expire, elections will be held. Scott doesn't plan to run again so think about who could serve as Secretary; women and/or Hawaiians encouraged! AJ will schedule a mushroom workshop to announce. Will update regarding convention: dates, delegates, etc. Mikala will do a seed order so we can help to supply Hana-grown food; may be more food truck vendors that attendees pay directly rather than being included in the event registration. Heidi suggested a grant-writing/farm funding workshop. Scott and Mikala would like to do another RLW workshop (to be videotaped).
- **Farmers Market**
Overwhelming positive (213 of 216 respondents) in favor of Hana farmers market. Weekly, Saturday 9-2 in Hana town or Hana Bay were most popular timing and locations. Mikala will call producers and gauge interest. Carolyn will check into locations. Farmers Market Committee meeting scheduled for July 18, 4:00 at Hana Farms (Scott to confirm w Marty).
- **Legislative Committee**
No activity. Open letter sent from Vince, Dash Kuhr (state Legislative Chair) and Saleh Azizi (state Policy Chair) to State of Hawaii, June 25 re food procurement and food hubs.

NEW BUSINESS

NA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hana Business Council meeting, July 10, noon at Holani Hale
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Minutes taken by Scott Crawford _____