

DRAFT Hawaii Farmers Union United – Hāna Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2017, 4:00 p.m. • Hana Tropicals Oasis

In Attendance: Mikala Minn (P), Brad Taylor (VP), Krista Fuglestad (T), Scott Crawford (S), Matthew Van Paepeghem (D); Terry Kristiansen (Membership), Lauraine Ayers-Briel, Tom Bacon

Meeting called to order by Mikala Minn at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes of April 6 board meeting were reviewed; motion (Brad/Matt) to approve, passed unanimously. Minutes of May 4 membership meeting were reviewed; motion (Matt/Brad) to approve, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Matt gave an update on the state HFUU strategic planning meeting on O‘ahu last month - we welcomed two new chapters, and discussed the possibility of getting chartered by national with more to be discussed at the annual convention.

Treasurer’s report – The Treasurer's report reflects the confusion over the \$500 prize that Maui HFUU offered for dryland taro in the Queen's Challenge Kalo Contest. Three Maui Chapters of HFUU, including Hana, pledged the necessary monies to fund this prize. HFUU (Karen Reid) wrote a \$500 check to be delivered the day of the Taro Fest. I was told that the check had not shown and this information was relayed to Karen. On May 1, she kindly deposited \$500 in the Hana account to cover a check written by the Hana Chapter (and never used/see Treasurer's Report Check #1106 voided). Twenty days later, the original check turned up, having been cashed by Penny Levin of Hui Kalo. Investigation shows that this check was indeed given to the winner, Chris Gardner, who donated it back with the stipulation that the \$500 be used exclusively to fund next year's prize. As per correct accounting procedure, Karen Reid withdrew the \$500 on May 20 to cover the Maui HFUU check that was cashed. Mikala has offered to connect with Penny to confirm Chris' wish as to the use of his prize.

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RLW Response

HFUF has been awarded a grant of \$30,000 for RLW response, including hiring a coordinator and distributing vector control kits, as approved at our last general membership meeting. Request narrative and budget are attached. Hiring and grant management will be done under HFUF, but with the guidance of the Hana Chapter. Motion (Brad/Matt) to establish a special committee on RLW response, to support and make recommendations re the grant administration, hiring process, outreach and vector control kit assembly; passed unanimously. Mikala appointed Scott, Tom and Lauraine to sit on the committee.

Ohana Makamae festival on Saturday, June 10, Scott will coordinate setting up an HFUU table to share RLW info and have sign-up sheet to receive vector control kits.

Student Art Contest

Four submissions were received, but it was too late to prepare for Taro Fest (and they weren’t all according to specs); if we can get originals or high resolution scans we will present at next

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membership meeting for a decision of the members on the winner, the prize (\$100 plus art supplies was suggested), and how to use the art.

July Meeting Planning

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Mikala will check with Aldon Frost at Hana Gold to host the meeting.

Agenda will include:

- RLW response, grant, hiring of coordinator
- Student art competition
- Coordination of farmers market at Hana Cultural Center Ho‘olaule‘a on August 19 – need to have good participation from members to bring produce and help organize.
- Changing meeting date permanently to first Wednesday of the month?

Announcements

Benefit concert for HFUU at Iao Theater tomorrow night, Friday, June 2.

Meeting adjourned (Brad/Matt) at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Scott Crawford _____