

**Hawaii Farmers Union United - Hana Chapter  
General Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2018 at Hana Ranch**

**In attendance: Mikala Minn (P), Scott Crawford (S), Matthew Van Paepeghem (D), Tom Bacon, Eileen Comeaux, Faith Ewbank, Chris Gaarder, Eric Gage, Napua Hueu, Greg Koch, Michael Kristiansen, Terry Kristiansen, Duane Lammers, Chad Meyer, Tessa Moxley, AJ Murray, Leina Wender, Kamalu Carroll, Titus Cohen, Carolyn Diliberto, Gary Johnson, Rose Lammers, TJ Pule, Kyle Steele, Julia Van Paepeghem, Tanner Wagner**  
[**Bold** are current members eligible to vote.]

Meeting called to order by Mikala at 4:10

**Locavore potluck served**

Duane Lammers, Manager of Hana Ranch Agriculture, gave an update on Hana Ranch's activities and plans.

**Treasurer's Report**

None given; need to fill the vacancy of Treasurer.

**Old Business**

**Rat Lungworm Response**

- Scott and Mikala working under Hawaii Farmers Union Foundation as RLW Response Coordinators.
- Had a table at Hana Limu Festival in November; Miki Bekkum make a slug picking game for kids, had over 80 people play the game and gave away over 20 vector control kits.
- Planning farm visits for Kipahulu, Maka'ala and possibly Ke'anae Feb. 15-16
- RLW Survivors Support Group meeting on Sat. Feb. 24, 10-noon at Old School Cafeteria
- RLW Hana community update meeting with Dr. Pang on March 6 at 5:30 at Helene Hall
- Chad traveled to a conference in Thailand and a support group in Puna and gave reports; disease presents differently in Hawaii than areas in SE Asia, more of a long-term chronic disease; water catchment an issue being explored on Big Island.

**Little Fire Ant**

- Little Fire Ant found in Kaeleku, community update meeting in January; treatment has shown to be effective; important that farmers test their land and catch infestations early, and then be open to working with MISC if treatment is needed.

**East Maui Taro Festival**

- East Maui Taro Festival will be held April 21- discussion regarding HFUU-Hana Chapter booth in the ag tent again; motion (Terry/Mathew) to do a booth including the \$50 fee, and to donate 1/3 of \$500 prize for the Queen Emma Taro Challenge; passed unanimously. Tom will chair committee for Taro Festival planning. Donations of produce and signing up for shifts at the booth are needed.

### **Women Farm Conference**

- Faith gave a report on the Women's Farmer Conference she recently attended, requested support from Hana Chapter for a Women's Farmer Committee in HFUU-Hawaii; motion (Eileen/Tessa) to support the establishment of a Women's Farmer Committee, passed unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

Board Meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2018, 4 p.m. at Hana Tropicals Oasis

General Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 4-6 p.m. at Whispering Winds Bamboo in Kipahulu

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Minutes taken by Scott Crawford