

**Hawaii Farmers Union United – Hāna Chapter
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 3, 2018 • Hana Tropicals Oasis**

In Attendance: Mikala Minn (P), Brad Taylor (VP), Scott Crawford (S), AJ Murray (T), Matthew Van Paeppeghe (D), Tessa Moxley (**Bold** are voting board members constituting quorum).

Meeting called to order by Mikala at 4:11 p.m.

Minutes - Motion (Matthew/Brad) to approve minutes of April 4 general meeting and May 3 meeting, passed unanimously.

President's Report - Mikala going to strategic planning in Haiku for national convention to help decide agenda. Talked about Vincent and not wanting him to burn out. Brief discussion about the standardization of prices farmers could sell to retailers, cooperative transportation/marketing, etc.

Treasurer's Report - Introduction of AJ, review of how to handle invoices and ledgers, etc. Need to re-sign signature card at bank.

Membership Report - Possibility of doing membership drives to boost numbers but need to make sure that we are recruiting people for the long run not just for one subscription period and then leave. Currently at 1250 members statewide.

OLD BUSINESS

Taro Festival

Successful booth, sold produce and shwag ~\$278. Gave away rat traps and slug kits, and Miki Bekkum did slug picking game for kids. Mikala won the Queen's Challenge for dryland taro (no wetland entries).

June Membership Meeting Planning

Location: start at Robert Boudreaux for farm tour, then go down to Mahele Farm and plant starts for HCC Ho'olaule'a farmers market Aug. 18.

NEW BUSINESS

Hana Cultural Center Ho'olaule'a Farmers Market

Timing of next meeting is good to do seeding to harvest for Ho'olaule'a. Mikala will coordinate planting. Motion (Scott/Matt) to buy bail of sunshine and bag of fine cinder for sterile planting mix. Mahele will donate seed and greenhouse space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kapahu Living Farm community workday May 12

Kahanu Garden La Makuahina May 12

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Scott Crawford _____