

Ahualoa Community Association
Minutes of Meeting March 18, 2010

Last meeting: Sept. 9, 2009
Attendees present: 15

The meeting took place at the Volcano Island Honey Co. meeting room.
Thank you Richard Spiegel.

Connie Fay calls meeting to order at 7:06

After some informal discussion it was agreed that the first agenda item would be the election of officers. I, Eric Johnsen was asked to and agreed to serve as recording secretary. Fred Holschuh volunteered Dianne Holschuh to continue as treasurer. She has cheerfully held that position for as long as anyone can remember. Thanks Diane.

Further discussion resulted in Ben Disco volunteering as Vice President. He said that he would facilitate a web site for sharing information in the community.

Diane Holschuh gave a treasurer's report: ACA bank account balance is presently \$1,171.38.

Connie then presented an agenda of items for discussion:

1. Coqui Frogs.
2. The broken roadway, dating from the 06' earthquake on Old Mamalahoa, just up from the highway near Tex drive in.
3. Highspeed internet, the difficulty in accessing it.
4. The poor, and according to some, deteriorating cell phone reception in Ahualoa, specifically on the ATT network.

First item discussed was the ATT issue. Bill George said his service has deteriorated, perhaps due to tree growth. Eric Johnsen and Karin Hazelhoff were asked to look into this as a committee and report to membership in the future.

The second discussion was about the Coqui situation. Bill George reported that the county recanted on selling the community sprayers. They will remain with the community to use. All further maintenance costs are on the users. He further stated that coqui are increasing in physical size and population. Fred Holschuh reminded us that in a past meeting there was agreement that a letter should be sent out to residents of the area pointing out the real and potential problem posed by the noisy frogs and the resources and methods available to deal with them. Bill agreed to further that effort.

A discussion then ensued regarding publishing the aforementioned letter as well as news about the ACA in the Hamakua Times, as opposed to actually mailing it out to residents of the area. This discussion seemed to lean towards publishing rather than a mailing.

Next item discussed was the earthquake-damaged road. I shared the news of my phone call with Hamakua Roads Dept. and the county engineer in charge of FEMA work. The day of this meeting, I phoned the roads office and spoke with 'Mac'. He said that that work was waiting to be done with FEMA funds and that he didn't know how or when it would be done and suggested that I call the county engineer in Hilo, in charge of FEMA funded work. I did call Hilo and found that the engineer was unfamiliar with the problem!! He said he would look into it.

Fred Holschuh suggested that a letter regarding this should be sent to Mr. Eddie Castillo, President Hamakua Safety Council. He said he serves on the council and provided the address: Box 10, Honokaa 96727.

Greathe Jeakle asked whether the county shouldn't be mowing the road shoulders to control the invasive yellow flowering, pasture wrecking weed known variously as 'fire weed or rabbit brush'.

Richard Spiegel asked "what is the story" on the water tank and well project that is taking place near the Ino Ino bridge. Julie Wiskind said she would look into it and report back to the membership.

It was suggested by several present that Connie Fay should serve as President as she was doing such a great job at getting the meeting going. Connie agreed to stand as president since no one else was volunteering. The slate of officers was moved, seconded and approved by a show of hands with no dissent.

A next meeting date was set to be May 20, 2010

There was brief further discussion regarding publishing community association news along with the coqui information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Presented by Eric Johnsen, Secretary ACA