

Hurricane Lane – Kapulanikai

To the shareholders of Kapulanikai, please let this serve as a bulletin in relation to the impact that Hurricane Lane had on our piece of paradise on Maui.

As Lane approached the Hawaiian Islands, it grew in size and force, from a category 2 storm to a category 4 storm. The track of the hurricane would have it glance off the south tip of the Big Island and take a turn slightly northwesterly.

In preparation, board members were in touch with Chris and Rosalie on the ground, and emergency preparations plans were put into effect. If any of you have ever been on Maui when a weather event is expected, it can be unsettling.

Bill and Chris moved all of the furniture from the lanai into a vacant unit, and took down the umbrellas. Guests were furnished with directions and locations of shelters if an evacuation was ordered. Loose items were stored, and the propane was shut off in advance of the projected arrival.

The warning came from the weather service at 5:40 AM on August 22, with projected winds in the 100 mph range.

On August 24, at 7:08 PM, contact with the site disclosed that things were good, in fact very little had occurred thus far. They were hoping to receive the all clear the following day, or Sunday morning.

Finally, on August 26, word was received that Lane had passed, with some flooding and washouts on the Hana side of the Island. Sadly, a wild fire in West Maui/Lahaina took 6 homes leaving the residents with nothing. Thankfully, no serious injuries were reported.

Final report from site is that there was some rain, but no damage of any kind.

Thanks to Chris and Rosalie for the updates and looking after our guests at Kapulanikai.

Gary Creasser