

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015

I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Hurley Johnson, Scott Barboza, Wayne Malone, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Brian Gurrola, Ron Ahles and Barbara Adams. Also present was Ray Gonzalez.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of October 7 were read and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Wayne Malone presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

Reimbursements:

C.J. Everson - refreshments for October meeting	\$ 74.04
Larry Gockley - auction tree share	200.00
Alex Leong - demo tree fall show	10.00
Ho Chuah - Donald Green Award Fall Show	100.00
Timeless Trees - demo tree fall show	35.00
Quickbooks - monthly fee	12.78
Uncle Bob's storage - monthly fee	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 530.82

Receipts:

Membership from 2014	\$ 80.00
Fall Show raffle tickets	<u>140.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 220.00

Exception item - unpaid stale membership checks from 2014	\$ 180.00
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Wayne also submitted a corrected September Treasurer's report.

The correction included deleting a duplicate expense (from Aug) of Donald Green's memorial for \$162.38. A correction to the October Treasurer's Report was noted to change the sub-header date from September to October. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report with the date correction. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Hurley Johnson reported that advertisements in the newsletter have not been billed or paid for. He sent out six invoices at \$50.00 each for 2015 and \$50.00 for 2016.

V. Expenditures

Expenses to be paid include \$51.68 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for the meeting this evening, \$380.00 to Scott Barboza for accommodation expenses for our guest artist, Bjorn Bjorholm, plus \$200.00 for his airfare, \$242.00 to Timeless Trees for a set of copper wire for the club, \$26.55 to Ray

Gonzalez for plastic table coverings for demonstrations and approximately \$35.00 to Dean Laumen for additional table coverings. Brian Gurrola stated that he would be donating the banner and table coverings with club name and logo that he presented at the last meeting. Thank you very much, Brian. A motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses. All voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

Wayne presented a proposed 2016 budget laid out side by side with 2015 expenses to date. It was suggested that we increase the 2016 budget for visiting artist fees and travel expenses. The Board is to study the budget figures and vote on its approval at the December meeting.

The Fall Show held at Mercer Arboretum was a tremendous success despite the bad weather. There were 21 trees presented and judged in the exhibit including 8 in the novice category. Prizes were awarded as follows: Ho Chuah won first place, Quyen Tong won second place, Hurley Johnson won third place and in the novice category, Vern Maddox won first place, Ken Cousino won second, and Sharon Barker won third place. Donald Green's wife Diane and his son and daughter were in attendance to present the Donald Green Best of Show award.

VII. Routine Business

Barbara Adams reported that there were no changes to the memberships list since her last update at the previous meeting. It was decided that any club dues paid in November and December be allocated towards 2016 membership.

VIII. LSBF Activities

In Pete Parker's absence, Hurley reported that there were no LSBF updates other than the fact that the 2016 State Convention will be held in Corpus Christi.

IX. New Business

Board members discussed the upcoming Christmas party to be held at the next meeting. Scott Barboza volunteered to bring appropriate plates, cups and utensils for the holiday, Barbara Adams volunteered to bring turkey and Vern Maddox volunteered to bring ham.

Hurley mentioned that club members will be voting on the following positions for the 2016 - 2017 terms of office: First Vice President - nominee is Scott Barboza, Treasurer - nominee is Wayne Malone, Publicity - no nominee as yet, Secretary - nominee is Barbara Adams, and four Members at Large - nominees are Ray Gonzalez, Ken Cusino, Sharon Barker and Ron Ahles. Alan Raymond, Pete Parker and Terry Dubois are the nominating committee.

The 2016 club dig was discussed. Brian Gurrola offered to allow club members access to his property in northern Grimes County. His family owns approximately 100 acres at this location. He said the property contained an abundance of oaks, persimmons, wild plums, yaupons, pines and cedar elms. The date for the dig would be decided at the next meeting but would take place sometime between the end of February and the first of March.

Hurley mentioned that he would like to see the new Publicity Board member increase our advertising considerably next year. All Board members agreed.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.