

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

I. Call to Order]

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present included Hurley Johnson, Dean Laumen, Ken Cousino, Wayne Malone, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Sharon Barker, Clyde Holt, Ray Gonzalez, Alan Raymond and Barbara Adams. Also present was Anthony Cutola and Pete Parker.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of February 3 were presented and read. There was a correction noted for the spelling of Rodney Clemons name. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the spelling correction made. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Wayne Malone presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2016:

Expenses

Refreshments - CJ Everson	\$ 39.75
LSBF Memberships	231.00
Ken Cousino - copies/brochure printing	62.76
Barbara Adams - Xmas party	21.81
QuickBooks - monthly fee	12.78
Uncle Bob's Storage - monthly fee	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 467.10

Receipts

Membership payments for 2016	\$ 150.00
Newsletter ad income for 2016	50.00
Newsletter ad income for 2015	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 300.00

Exception Items and Notes

Unpaid stale membership checks from 2014	\$ 80.00
JRN Unpaid ads	\$ 100.00
Undeposited paid memberships	\$ 215.00
Donald Green Memorial Remaining Fund	\$ 200.00

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Wayne Malone handed Barbara Adams updated membership payment information. She reminded him that she no longer wished to be responsible for the membership list as she had informed him in an email earlier in the month. Wayne announced to the board members that he felt that "as this was *clearly a secretarial function*, the Board should consider finding a new secretary." Hurley Johnson informed Wayne that he had asked Barbara to volunteer to take over keeping up with the membership list the year before from Anthony Cutola, the Treasurer, who was swamped and unable to keep up with it.

V. Expenditures

Expenses to be paid include \$44.77 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for this evening, \$141.23 to Brian Gurrola for food and drinks for the club dig, \$300.00 to Howard and Sylvia Smith for their presentation fee and \$254.00 to them for travel expenses and \$147.41 to them for hotel expense. A motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses. All voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

Barbara Adams reported that Shawn Nguyen has JRN's check for \$100.00 for advertising expense in the newsletter.

Ken Cousino and Barbara Adams reported that the club dig hosted by Brian Gurrola on his family's property was a huge success. Sixteen members attended. Ken took some great photos.

Planning for the Japanese Festival to be held April 15 and 16 is still in progress.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino has updated the membership application and put together a tri-fold brochure for the Club that he said would cost approximately \$1.00 each to print. The members of the Board were very pleased with the brochure. A motion was made to have Ken print 500 of the brochures and provide carriers. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Ken also reported that 30 people showed up at the workshop held at his place of business the previous weekend.

Wayne Malone reported that 45 members have paid to date. Ken Cousino volunteered to take over responsibility for the updating the membership list (Clyde Holt Agreed to help Ken Cousino). Scott Barboza works on the club FaceBook website and Anthony Cutola volunteered to be the new Webmaster. Pay Pal still does not work on the website.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker reported that this year's LSBF Texas Tour Speaker, Rodney Clemons, will do a demonstration on Friday, April 22 from 6:00 p.m. 'till 9:00 p.m. at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr., Houston, TX 77042. He will host a workshop on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. 'till 11:00 a.m. and then from 12:00 noon 'till 3:00 p.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per session or \$50.00 for all day. The workshop will be held at the Judson Robinson Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr., Houston, TX 77004. There will be 20 spots available (10 in the morning and 10 in the afternoon). Pete Parker will be collecting fees for those workshops and will be procuring a demo tree.

IX. New Business

A motion was made that each new Board Member will be given one name badge. Should they want another name badge at a later date, they must pay for it themselves. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.