

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

### I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. He said he hoped to keep the meeting as short as possible to ensure enough time be available for the auction to follow.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of March 2, were presented and read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. 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	\$ 44.77
Deposit Stamp - Office Max	21.44
PO Box renewal - USPS	240.00
Brian Gurrola - club dig expenses	141.23
Howard Smith - Feb. meeting presenter	801.41
QuickBooks - monthly fee	12.78
Uncle Bob's Storage - monthly fee	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,360.63

#### Receipts

Membership payments for 2016	\$ 525.00
Newsletter ad income for 2016	50.00
Newsletter ad income for 2015	<u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 625.00

#### Exception Items and Notes

Unpaid stale membership checks from 2014	\$ 80.00
Donald Green Memorial Remaining Fund	\$ 200.00

Barbara Adams mentioned that if you take last month's end balance from the Treasurer's Report, add this month's receipts and subtract this month's expenses, the end balance for this month is off by \$31.12.

Wayne said he didn't know why. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Wayne also reported that this would be his last meeting as he will be moving to North Carolina.

**V. Expenditures**

Expenses to be paid include \$66.64 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for this evening and \$460.00 to Ken Cousino for printing of club brochures. A motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses. All voted in favor.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

Hurley Johnson mentioned that in the meeting this evening he will announce our intention to add Brian Gurrola as a Member at Large. This would be the second mention of it, per the bylaws, and a vote would be taken tonight.

**VII. Routine Business**

Ken Cousino reported that he has had club brochures printed and generally distributed and as such, they will be available for the upcoming Japan Festival. He also mentioned that there will be a Japan Asian Festival to be held in Katy, TX in early May.

Scott Barboza reported that the website is up to speed except the online application process through PayPal. He said he'd have to get with Quyen to resolve the issue. He also mentioned that the more the site is visited, the higher up on the search engine it will appear, so he asks that we please visit the site as much as possible. He also asked that members please take photos of events and forward them to him to add to the website and/or our FaceBook page.

**VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker reported that Rodney Clemons is scheduled to 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 and 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. to be held at the Judson Robinson Community Center, 2020 Hermann Dr., Houston, TX 77004. The workshop is 60% full.

Pete also mentioned that the State Bonsai Convention will be held in Corpus Christi October 14th through the 16th. Reservations can be made at the Emerald Beach hotel and rooms will cost \$95.00. Registration materials will be ready sometime in June.

**IX. New Business**

Hurley Johnson announced that we will be needing a new Treasurer in that Wayne Malone will be moving. We're also looking for a refreshments coordinator in that C.J. is also leaving.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.