

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2015

I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Present: Hurley Johnson, Dean Laumen, Anthony Cutola, Wayne Malone, Brian Gurrola, Alan Raymond, Ron Ahles, Vern Maddox and Clyde Holt. Also present were Ray Gonzalez and Phillip Drilling. A quorum was present.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of June 3 were read and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Anthony Cutola presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

Reimbursements:

Barbara Adams - refreshments for June (1988)	\$ 51.77
Donald Green - HBS Board Name Tags (1990)	81.19
Dean Laumen - Spring Show supplies (1991)	33.55
Hermann Park Conservancy (1989) - 6 months meeting expense fees	<u>270.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 436.51

Deposits:

Twelve Memberships	\$ 175.00
Outstanding Checks - City of Houston	\$ 257.00
- Scott Barboza	\$ 54.16

The balance in the Membership Checking account includes four \$5.00 maintenance fees charged in error. Anthony has communicated with the bank and they have promised to correct these fees charged in error. To date they have not done so.

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

V. Expenditures

Expenses to be paid include \$45.00 to the Hermann Park Conservancy for the Owen Rich demo, \$65.31 to Hurley Johnson for refreshments for the meeting this evening, \$180.00 to Hurley Johnson for a set of wire for club demos and \$518.40 to Alan Raymond as reimbursement for the HBS storage unit rental. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

It was recommended and all agreed that an audit should be conducted of paid memberships. Wayne Malone and Barbara Adams will attempt to reconcile the paid membership list to the bank records.

Anthony Cutola and Hurley Johnson still need to meet at Wells Fargo Bank to add Hurley as a current signatory on file with our account and both Anthony and Hurley as current signatories on file with the Pay Pal transfer account.

VII. LSBF Activities

The 2015 Learning Seminar will be conducted over 1 1/2 days, October 9th and 10th. at the Kingwood Community Center. Matt Reel is the artist. Content will be display and bunjin and handouts are available for the lectures and workshops. There will be a dinner on Friday evening and an award luncheon on Saturday.

The Touring artist for 2015 is Owen Reich who will conduct a demonstration July 17th here at the Garden Center. Workshops will be held on Saturday, July 18th at the Tracy Gee Community Center on Saturday from 8:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m and 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. The Tracy Gee Community Center is located just off Beltway 8 between Richmond and West Park.

It was mentioned that there were next to no signups for the workshops for the Demos of Texas Tour Speaker at \$40.00 so the price has been reduced to \$20.00 per session or \$30.00 for both morning and evening.

VIII. New Business

Members discussed the need to facilitate quicker membership payments each year.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Hurley Johnson and typed by Barbara Adams.