

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Hurley Johnson, Dean Laumen, Wayne Malone, Quyen Tong, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Brian Gurrola, Alan Raymond and Barbara Adams. Also present were Pete Parker and Ray Gonzalez.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of September 2 were read and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Wayne Malone presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

Reimbursements:

C.J. Everson - refreshments for September meeting	\$ 106.67
Quyen Tong - LSBF Donation Tools for Auction	100.00
Wayne Malone - Quick Books prior fees	51.12
Hurley Johnson - Memorial Donald Green	162.38

Expenses:

LSBF - entry fee for emerging talent	75.00
Wells Fargo - Image fees	3.00
Quick Books	12.78
Uncle Bobs Storage - monthly fee	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 809.95

Deposits:

PayPal Membership Transfer	\$ 28.83
Raffle proceeds	185.00
Auction proceeds	2,694.00
Workshops	230.00
Auction	120.00
Membership	<u>175.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$3,432.83

Uncleared Items

LSBF	\$ 75.00
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Total Uncleared Items	\$ 275.00

Exception Items - undeposited membership checks from 2014	\$ 525.00
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Wayne also presented a year to date Statement of Activity and Budget comparison.

V. Expenditures

Expenses to be paid include \$74.04 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for the meeting this evening and reimbursement to Brian Gurrola for the tablecloth with an HBS emblem he had made for shows. Brian says he will prepare and bring the invoice for next month's meeting. A motion was made to pay these expenditures. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

Hurley will prepare a Budget for the November meeting. The year to date Statement of Activity and Budget Comparison report presented by Wayne Malone will prove most valuable.

The Fall Show is scheduled for October 31 at Mercer Arboretum. Ray Gonzalez will do a demo on shohin and there will be a bring-your-own-tree workshop. For the Best of Show award Hurley will be presenting a check and a plaque. The award is to be called the *Donald Green Best of Show* award. Diane and Donata Green will be on hand and will present the award.

VII. Routine Business

Barbara Adams reported that she has 76 paid memberships to date. The total would be 91 individuals if you add the second person for couple memberships.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker reported that there are 59 people preregistered for the 2015 Learning Seminar to be conducted over 1 1/2 days, Oct. 9th and 10th at the Kingwood Community Center. There will be displays on bunjin, lectures and workshops. Matt Reel will be the artist. Quyen Tong will be the HBS representative for the Emerging Talent contest. Dinner will be provided on Friday and a luncheon during which the awards will be presented on Saturday.

IX. New Business

Hurley mentioned that we need a Nominating Committee for the Board for the end of this year. Positions needing a vote are First Vice President, Treasurer, four Members at Large, Publicity, Secretary and Web Master. Alan Raymond, Pete Parker and Terry Dubois will make up the nominating committee.

The question was brought up as to whether we should again offer a \$5.00 discount for early membership signups this year. Discussion followed and it was agreed that we would not again offer this discount. If an individual joins for the first time between October through December, the funds shall be allocated towards their membership for the upcoming year.

X. 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.