

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015

I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Hurley Johnson, Scott Barboza, Dean Laumen, Wayne Malone, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Anthony Cutola, Clyde Holt, Brian Gurrola, Ron Ahles, Alan Raymond and Barbara Adams. Also present were Pete Parker, Ray Gonzalez and Quyen Tong.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of August 5 were read and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Wayne Malone presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

Reimbursements:

C.J. Everson - refreshments for August meeting	\$ 47.00
Pete Parker - Owen Reich expenses	516.84
Hurley Johnson - flowers for Donald Green Memorial	162.38
Wells Fargo - Image fees	300.00
Wells Fargo - Fees Clearing Account	5.00
Uncle Bobs Storage - monthly fee	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,130.22

Deposits:

Donald Green - donations in Memoriam	\$ 300.00
Memberships - 8/7/2015	<u>140.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 440.00

Uncleared Items

Outstanding Checks - City of Houston	\$ 257.00
Pete Parker	<u>516.84</u>
Total Uncleared Items	\$ 773.84

Wayne Malone mentioned that in going through some old file folders he found ten undeposited membership checks from 2014 totaling \$275.00. He will be conferring with each individual involved about depositing these checks. It was mentioned that the uncleared check from the City of Houston paying sales taxes from a year ago should be written off. Wayne indicated he would take it off future reports and would advise the Board should it be deposited in the future. 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 \$100.00 to Quyen Tong for bonsai tools to be donated to LSBF for the raffle for their upcoming Learning Seminar in October, \$51.12 to Wayne Malone for Quick Books monthly fee, \$106.67 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for the meeting this evening and \$75.00 to register Quyen Tong for the LSBF

Convention as our emerging talent representative. A motion was made to pay these expenditures. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

Wayne Malone and Hurley Johnson will confer and prepare a 2016 Budget at the next meeting. They agreed that the need to fine tune annual speaker fees and travel costs, demo tree costs and other related items pertaining to bringing in various artists throughout the year would be most helpful in planning such future events.

VII. Routine Business

Barbara Adams reported that she has 71 paid memberships to date. The total would be 81 if you add the second person for couple memberships.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker reported that LSBF efforts to rejuvenate the Speakers List for the Artists Program is not going well. At present, they are happy with two speakers a year.

Pete Parker reported that the 2015 Learning Seminar will be conducted over 1 1/2 days, Oct. 9th and 10th at the Kingwood Community Center. Matt Reel will be the artist. Organizers are looking for one person to work with the raffle group. Alan Raymond will talk to Homewood Suites representatives about giving a discounted rate to participants. HBS will provide their representative for the Emerging Talent contest. A motion was made to nominate Quyen Tong as our representative and, as a result, pay his \$75.00 registration fee. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Next year's Texas Tour Speaker will be Rodney Clemmons for April 22nd and 23rd.

IX. New Business

Alan Raymond presented proposed changes to the HBS Bylaws to add Webmaster as a specific Board position. This will increase the number of Board members to twelve. This position will be elected in odd numbered years. Alan Raymond will read this proposal during the general meeting. Quyen Tong is nominated for this position. Hurley Johnson will ask for a vote to accept or reject this change to the Bylaws and Quyen's nomination.

Mention was made that we need to plan for the Fall Show to be held October 31st. Alan Raymond has secured Mercer Arboretum for the venue. This will include the space under the pavilion, the volunteer cottage and the big meeting room. Presently we have no visiting artist coming to Houston at this time. Ray Gonzalez volunteered to present a shohin demonstration and Quyen Tong volunteered to present a juniper demonstration. All participants will bring their own trees.

Hurley Johnson announced that he would like to honor Donald Green's legacy by naming the Best of Show award in his memory. Motion was made to award a cash prize of \$100.00 for Best of Show and \$50.00 for runner up and that this award shall be named the Donald Green Award. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. As the award is presented Hurley will say a few words about Donald Green's HBS legacy.

Wayne Malone mentioned that he would like to invest HBS funds in either a savings account or CD. He will look into which would be the more profitable investment. Motion was made for Wayne to initiate a Corporate Resolution to this effect. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.