

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2017

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Scott Barboza, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present were Terry Dubois, Alan Raymond and Gale Childers.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the June 7th meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Minutes for the July 5th meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham presented the Treasurer's Report:

Income:

Membership payments	\$ 80.00
Total Income	\$ 80.00

Expenses:

Hurley Johnson – Meeting refreshments for the July meeting	\$ 540.06
Ken Cousino – Meeting supplies, tablecovers	43.14
Brian Gurrola – Demo tree, Bjorn – Oct. shipping	125.00
Brussels Bonsai – Demo trees (2) – Jonas & Suthin	1,116.75
Life Stores – Uncle Bob's Storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,923.95

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

V. Expenditures

Sharon Barker presented a receipt for \$56.47 for the refreshments for the evening. Scott Barboza paid for the artist Suthin's airfare for \$200.00. His hotel expense is \$77.30 and his fee for the evening's demonstration is \$400.00. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

The August 5th, Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Quality Feed and Garden in Houston.

Alan Raymond reported that we could do a two day Fall Show at Mercer Botanic Gardens on Saturday and Sunday September 30th and October 1st. Jonas Dupuich is in town as the LSBF Texas Touring artist so he would be available. A motion was made to hold the 2017 Fall Show at

Mercer Botanic Garden on this date. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Terry Dubois volunteered to do the signups for the workshops. Terry Dubois and Pete Parker will work out the schedule for Jonas.

Pete Parker mentioned that he's having trouble getting a proposal for the 2019 Convention from The Westchase Marriott. He will keep trying.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino indicated there was no publicity update. Eldon Branham reported that we currently have 93 members.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Terry Dubois reported that there was nothing new to report concerning LSBF activities.

IX. New Business

Mention was made that it's time to think about nominations for Board positions for the 2018 calendar year. Hurley Johnson and Alan Raymond volunteered to head up the nominating committee. Positions that need to be filled are First Vice President, Secretary and Publicity Chairman. Also three Members at Large positions will need to be filled in that Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez and Brian Gurrola's tenures are ending.

Anthony Cutola mentioned that his neighbor wants to donate some trees and some pots to HBS. Anthony will write a thank you note to him and will bring the trees and pots in for the Annual Auction in 2018.

Scott Barboza mentioned that we need to think about which artists to bring in for demonstrations for 2018. Bjorn Bjorholm is already scheduled and we have a large prostrata juniper available for his demonstration. It was also mentioned that we might consider auctioning his demo tree instead of raffling it in that it is a very expensive, excellent tree and we want to make sure it goes to an individual that can take care of it properly. Much discussion followed but no decision was made.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.