

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

I. Call to Order

As the President, Pete Parker, was absent, Scott Barboza, 1st Vice President presided and called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Scott Barboza, Hoe Chuah, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present was Terry Dubois.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of January 4, were presented and read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and all voted in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report:

Note - as the December 2016 Budget report was not presented, those figures are included in January's report.

Expenses:

Dr. Hoe, Donald Green - Best of Show Award	\$ 100.00
Sharon Barker, meeting refreshments	56.32
Hermann Park Conservancy, Meeting space 2017	540.00
LSBF, 2017 dues	258.00
Scott Barboza, table covers	154.75
Intuit Quickbooks, monthly fee	25.58
Uncle Bob's storage, storage rental plus late fee	<u>114.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,248.65

Income:

Membership deposits, posted December 2016	\$ 335.00
Quality Feed & Garden, business ad - newsletter	50.00
Membership deposits, posted January 2017	<u>625.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,010.00

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

Mention was made that there are membership deposits in the Pay Pal account that no one knows how to access. Anthony Cutola volunteered to call Quyen Tong to get that information.

V. Expenditures

Hurley Jonson presented a bill for name tags for the Board Members for \$86.60. Ruby Holt and Soon Cheah presented receipts for \$72.00 for refreshments for the evening. A motion was made to approve payment for these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

The February 4th, Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Quality Feed and Garden. The Club Dig is scheduled for that Saturday as well at Brian Gurrola's ranch in Bedias, Texas. All attending should meet at the ranch at 10:00 a.m.

Mention was made that the July monthly meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 5th. The question was raised as to whether members would appreciate it being changed to another date in that it follows so closely to the July 4th holiday. Discussion ensued and it was decided to leave the meeting date set for July 5th. Hurly Johnson said he'd check with the Conservancy to make sure it will be open.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino had no publicity updates to report. He did mention that there seemed to be a lot of interest from new members and changes to the Website and additions to the Facebook pages of the Club were really excellent. All members agreed.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Terry Dubois reported that the 2017 LSBF Touring Artist will be Jonas Dupuich and he will present a demonstration and hold workshops on September 29 and 30th.

He also mentioned that the 2017 State Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas on April 6th through the 9th. Registration for this event is already in the double digits and the hotel registration rate is \$99.00.

As LSBF hasn't had a meeting as yet this year, there was nothing new to report.

IX. New Business

Scott Barboza asked if the Board wanted to consider manning a booth this year for the Japan Festival. It was mentioned that at the Festival last year, Dean Laumen's tree was stolen as well as a companion plant. Dr. Hoe volunteered to check with the Festival organizers to see if we could be allowed a booth inside the Cherie Flores Garden pavilion. Another option would be to rent a truck to store the trees overnight.

Scott Barboza also mentioned that the artist scheduled for the November meeting, Mauro Stemberger, has cancelled so the slot is now open. There are still four other artists scheduled for presentations this year. He also mentioned that the presenter for next month's meeting will be Danny Coffee. His presentation will be "Bonsai Show Display and Exhibit Critique." Members are encouraged to bring in bonsai trees that they intend to show at the upcoming Dallas Convention in April. Members present who volunteered to bring their display trees in for this critique include Dr. Hoe, Hurley, Scott and Vern. Dr. Hoe suggested that it would be a good idea to bring in display stands from the storage facility as well. He volunteered to get some stands from the facility to bring to the meeting. He mentioned that Soon would also bring in accent plants.

Mention was made that the Board needs to think about reimbursing four people for their registration fees for the April Dallas Convention as we've done in the past. Registration fees are \$170.00. A motion was made to reimburse four people for their registration fees. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The drawing will be held at the April meeting.

Barbara Adams suggested that the Club needs to procure a portable microphone for presentations. Hurley Johnson said that the Club already owned one but that it wasn't working. Scott asked him to bring it to the next meeting so we could assess whether it could be fixed. Hurley said a new one would run approximately \$275.00.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.