

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2017

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, called the meeting to order at 7.10 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Scott Barboza, Hoe Chuah, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, 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 December 7, 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, the new Treasurer stated that he is still working on the format so no Treasurer's Report was submitted. He did, however, present a 2017 Budget complete with 2016 year to date expenditures and income through December. He asked that the Board members review the report for discussion at the next meeting.

V. Expenditures

Sharon Barker presented receipts for the evening's refreshments for \$56.32. Terry Dubois asked that we pay LSBF 2017 dues of \$258.00 calculated on a basis of 86 memberships. Hurley Johnson asked that we award Dr. Hoe a check for \$100.00 for his Best of Show prize at the Mercer Fall Show (which inadvertently was not presented to him at that time). A motion was made to approve payment for these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

The January 7th, Saturday study group will meet at Timeless Trees from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino had no publicity updates to report.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker 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.

It was 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 the permanent State Bonsai Exhibit will not be ready in time to coincide with the 2019 State Convention that was to be held in Austin, Pete Parker presented a proposal that Houston Bonsai Society in conjunction with the Lone Star Bonsai Federation and the American Bonsai Society hold a joint convention at that time. Discussion ensued and it was proposed that the Houston Bonsai Society accept this proposal. A motion was made that we accept this proposal. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Hurley Johnson volunteered to chair the Convention and Scott Barboza volunteered to be co-chair.

IX. New Business

Hurley Johnson reported that he'd been in contact with Wells Fargo Bank in connection with getting Eldon Branham's name added to our bank account. The bank is asking for a Corporate Resolution that states that we add Pete Parker's name to the current list of authorized signors to the bank account and remove Alan Raymond, JoAnn Batey, Donald Green, Anthony Cutola and Craig Boone. Members agreed to provide that Corporate Resolution.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.