

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

July 5, 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, Hoe Chuah, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present was Terry Dubois.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Barbara Adams was absent for the June 7th meeting. Anthony Cutola took the minutes for that meeting but was absent for this meeting. As a result, no minutes were presented for acceptance.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

David Nguy – demo tree for October (Bjorn Bjorholm)	\$ 700.00
Life Stores – Uncle Bob's Storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 799.00

No income reported

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

V. Expenditures

Hurley Johnson presented receipts for the Barbecue for the evening at \$540.06. Ken Cousino presented receipts for tablecloths for the evening costing \$43.14. Anthony Cutola presented a receipt for shipping for Bjorn Bjorholm's big prostrada juniper tree for \$125.00. A motion to pay the expenses was made. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Hurley mentioned that costs for the two demo trees including shipping approved at the last meeting total \$1148.35. This includes a big pine for Jonas Dupuich and a juniper for Suthin Sukosolvisit.

VI. Unfinished Business

The July 8, Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Timeless Trees in Rosenberg.

Pete Parker reported that he's been in contact with three different hotels to possibly host the 2019 Convention in April – not to include Easter weekend which is the 21st. He would like to plan the event for the weekend before or after Easter. Artists lined up include Boon Manakitivipart, Juan Andrade and Mauro Stemberger. Hotels he's been contacting include the Marriott at Westchase and the Southshore Harbor Resort and Conference Center in League City.

Hoe Chuah mentioned that he's been looking for possible venues for our Fall Show. He's asked the Mercer Arboretum Marketing Manager but he hasn't replied yet. Pete mentioned that he'd like a venue where we don't have to set up and pull down in the same day. At Mercer we could have

the demos outside and the exhibit inside in an air conditioned meeting room. Also Mercer is free while other venues can be quite pricey. Several potential artists were mentioned including Michael Lebanak. A motion was made to budget \$1,500.00 for artist expenses for the Fall Show. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino indicated there was no publicity update. Eldon Branham reported that we currently have 84 members.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Terry Dubois mentioned that the next LSBF meeting wasn't scheduled until the following Saturday so there were no new developments. The Texas Touring Artist this year is Jonas Dupuich which is set for September 29th and 30th.

IX. New Business

The 2018 State Convention is to be held April 20 – 22 in Longview. They will have two themes – blooming/flowering bonsai and forest or clump plantings.

Hoe Chuah mentioned that he'd like to change our annual auction to a later month in the year. In February deciduous bonsai haven't even started to bud out yet so later in the year would be more profitable. Much discussion ensued. A decision was not made on changing the date.

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.