

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2017

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Scott Barboza, Hoe Chuah, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of April 5, 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 presented the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses:

LSBF – 14 membership dues collected through PayPal	\$ 42.00
Anthony Cutola – US Post Office P.O. Box rental	262.00
Kurstyn Castillo – refreshments	64.04
John Denton – LSBF Convention reimbursement	170.00
Maria Grissom – LSBF Convention reimbursement	170.00
Vincent D'Souza – LSBF Convention reimbursement	170.00
Hurley Johnson – LSBF Convention reimbursement	170.00
Uncle Bob's Storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,147.04

Income:

Membership deposits	\$ <u>80.00</u>
Total Income \$	\$ 80.00

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

V. Expenditures

Blaine Davis presented receipts for \$82.14 for refreshments for the evening. A motion was made to pay this expense. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

The May 6, Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Ken Cousino's business, Quality Feed and Garden.

Hoe Chuah has asked the Japan Festival organizers to provide us with 11 tables for our booth at their upcoming festival – 10 for display of trees and one for publicity. He has also asked for a pop up tent. He has received parking stickers for loading and unloading and will pass these out to those who have volunteered for the first shift. The loading zone is the same place as last year near the reflection pool. Anthony Cutola said he would collect stands, the box with table coverings and club banner, water sprayer, extra brochures and the plastic bin with tent from the storage facility. Hoe will also bring a

cooler with water. Hoe asks that volunteers bringing trees on Saturday to be there by 9:00 a.m. It was mentioned that last year there were volunteers manning golf carts for the purpose of transporting people and goods back and forth from the parking lot. Volunteers are also asked to bring their own folding chairs. Break down of the booth on Sunday will start at 5:00 p.m.

Pete Parker will read the proposed changes to the By-laws to the members present at the meeting this evening. The members will then vote to either allow or disallow these changes. The changes involve allowing the nominating committee to make changes to the term limits of current Board members. This will allow members in Board positions to continue in their official capacities on an as needed basis.

VII. Routine Business

As Ken Cousino was not present, there was no publicity update. Eldon Branham reported that we currently have 76 members.

VIII. LSBF Activities

As Terry Dubois was not present, there was no LSBF update. Pete Parker mentioned that the LSBF Board doesn't meet until June. He also said that the 2018 Convention is to be held in Longview.

IX. New Business

We have three visiting artists coming later this year. Suthin Sukosolvisit will be here for our club meeting in August. The LSBF Touring Artist this year is Jonas Dupuich who will be in Houston in September. Finally, Bjorn Bjorholm will be returning for a visit in October. Scott Barboza mentioned that we will need two tree for these artists. We already have a bald cypress at Timeless Trees for one of them. A motion was made to approve the purchase of two trees for \$1,200.00 or \$600.00 apiece. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Barbara Adams reported that she would be out of town for the June meeting. Anthony Cutola volunteered to take the minutes at that meeting.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.