

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 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, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present were Gale Childers, Chris Rinaudo and Maria Grissom.

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the October 4<sup>th</sup> 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 for October:

Income:

Void check lost (Ken Cousino)	\$ 43.14
Total Income	\$ 43.14

Expenses:

Barbara Adams – refreshments	\$ 69.87
Vern Maddox – LSBF Lodging – Jonas Dupuich	160.62
Mercer Arboretum – donation for Harvey relief (from Sept)	1,000.00
Life Store – Uncle Bob’s – storage	99.00
Ken Cousino – rewrite voided check	43.14
Marriott – Pete Parker – 2019 Convention hotel reservation deposit	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,372.63

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

### V. Expenditures

Gabriela Torre presented a receipts for \$97.59 for the refreshments for the evening. Ken Cousino presented a receipt for \$400.00 for 500 tri-fold, glossy advertisement brochures. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

### VI. Unfinished Business

The November 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Ken Cousino’s shop, Quality Feed and Garden. He mentioned that he needed volunteers to help with participants.

Pete Parker mentioned that he has signed a contract with the Marriott Hotel at Westchase for the venue for the 2019 State Convention that HBS will be hosting in conjunction with The American Bonsai Society and the Lone Star Bonsai Federation. He’s given them a check \$1,000.00 as a down payment to reserve the date and secure a room rate of \$95.00 per night. The date for the Convention is set for April 11 – 14, 2019. Hurley Johnson will head up the organizing and planning committee for this Convention. Members of that committee include: Gail Childers, Scott

Barboza, Eldon Branham, Ken Cousino and Vern Maddox.

**VII. Routine Business**

Ken Cousino indicated there was no specific publicity update. Eldon Branham reported that the club currently has 101 members.

**VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker mentioned that The 2018 State Convention will be held in Longview, Texas on April 20 – 22. Bonsai artists to conduct classes will include Boon Manakitivipart, Rodney Clemons and Mike Lane. The theme will be group plantings and flowering bonsai. The 2018 Texas Tour Speaker will be Tyler Sherrod. Pete Parker asked that if anybody has a special bonsai artist in mind for future Texas Tour Artists, please let him know.

**IX. New Business**

Pete Parker reminded the Board that we're in need of a venue for the 2018 Fall Show as Mercer Arboretum will not likely be open by that time. Suggestions and information regarding potential sites would be appreciated. Ray Gonzalez offered to contact the West Gray Service Center.

Pete Parker related that as Brian Currola would not be available this year to coordinate and host the Club Dig, we are in need of a volunteer to head up that activity. Chris Rinaudo volunteered. He suggested a tentative date of February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Pete Parker also mentioned that Sharon Barker has asked to be replaced as refreshment coordinator. Gabriela Torre volunteered.

Pete Parker asked for volunteers to bring ham, turkey, paper goods and drinks for the Christmas party. Chris Rinaudo volunteered to bring ham, Pete Parker will bring turkey, Hurley Johnson will bring paper goods and Maria Grissom will bring the drinks.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.