

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 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, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, Clyde Holt, Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present was Gale Childers.

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the August 2 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. No minutes were presented for the September meeting in that it was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham presented the Treasurer's Report for August:

Income:

Artist Suthin Raffle and Membership payments	\$ 522.00
Total Income	\$ 522.00

Expenses:

Sharon Barker – Meeting refreshments for the August meeting	\$ 56.47
Hurley Johnson – Suthin lodging	77.30
Scott Barboza – Suthin airfare	200.00
Suthin demo fee	400.00
Life Stores – Uncle Bob's Storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 832.77

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

Eldon Branham presented the Treasurer's Report for September:

Income:

Membership payments	\$ 12.50
Jonas Dupuich – demo tree raffle	<u>337.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 349.50

Expenses:

Ken Cousino – meeting supplies, tablecovers	\$ 43.14
Hermann Park Conservancy – meeting rental space – Jan – Dec 2018	540.00
Alan Raymond – Storage room shelving	252.99
Hurley Johnson – Jonas Dupuich hotel for three nights	333.35
Eldon Branham – Raffle tickets and bucket	32.04
Jonas Dupuich – Demo fee	200.00
Life Store – storage space rental	<u>99.00</u>

Total Expenses

\$1,500.52

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

**V. Expenditures**

Barbara Adams presented a receipt for \$69.87 for the refreshments for the evening. Anthony Cutola presented a statement for Internet Domain Name Services for our domain name (HoustonBonsaiSociety.com). The fee is \$45.00 for one year, \$80.00 for two years or \$180.00 for three years. The Board members chose to pay for three years at this time. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

The October 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Timeless Trees in Rosenberg.

Pete Parker mentioned that he's in negotiations 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. Profits from the event will be split between the three organizations by attendance. Pete mentioned that we will have more room at the hotel than before with room for the display of at least 100 trees. The date for the Convention is set for April 11 – 14, 2019.

Hurley Johnson gave recommendations for the Board positions needing to be filled at the end of this year. They are: Maria Grissom for Secretary, Ken Cousino for Publicity and Scott Barboza for Vice President. Member at Large positions include Gale Childers, James Kelly and Ryan Vollert.

**VII. Routine Business**

Ken Cousino indicated there was no specific publicity update. He is in need of 500 more brochures. Eldon Branham reported that the club currently has 100 members.

**VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker reported that the Texas Tour Artist, Jonas Dupuich, was very much a success. Forty-six people attended his tree styling demonstration and the raffle of the tree brought in \$337.00. 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.

**IX. New Business**

Mention was made that due to the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, Mercer Botanical Gardens will be closed for over a year. Members are encouraged to research new potential venues for the 2018 Fall Show.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.