

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2016

### **I. Call to Order**

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **II. Roll Call**

Members present included Hurley Johnson, Ken Cousino, Nandita D'Souza, Anthony Cutola, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Pete Parker, Alan Raymond and Barbara Adams. Also present was Ken Credeur.

### **III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for the meeting of July 6 were presented and read. Corrections were noted: Third paragraph - "minutes for the meeting of June," not May, "were presented and read." Also last paragraph, LSBF Activities - "The Texas Touring Artist will be Jonas Dupuich," not Dupree. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended and all voted in favor.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

As Wayne Malone, Treasurer, has moved to North Carolina and no replacement has been named, there was no treasurer's report submitted. Hurley Johnson says he is working on filling the Treasurer position.

### **V. Expenditures**

Expenses submitted included \$66.10 to Soon Chuah for refreshments for this evening.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

An HBS Fall Show will be held at Mercer Arboretum on November 12. We will again honor Donald Green in handing out awards in his name.

### **VII. Routine Business**

Ken Cousino reported that five people joined the club last month.

### **VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker reported that LSBF annual conventions are set 'till 2018. A convention will be held in Dallas in the spring and the theme will be flowering bonsai. At the convention they will again have a Texas Talent competition. Hopefully some members of HBS will enter that competition. HBS will reimburse three to four people who sign up for early registration. Anyone registering early can then show us their documentation to have their names put in a hat for the drawing. We will have that drawing at the October meeting.

### **IX. New Business**

Alan Raymond reported that there will be a Mercer plant sale September 24th. The Bromeliad and Orchid societies will have booths there. Should we wish to participate with a booth there would be no charge to us.

It was mentioned that there was to be a charity softball game to be held October 28th at Reliant Stadium to raise money for cancer research. Participants will be local DJs and musicians. It was suggested that we could set up a booth which would be free to us and show people how to get their minds off cancer by working on bonsai.

Scott Barboza wants the Board members to consider talking with Ryan Neil about doing a presentation and holding workshops for us. His fee is \$1,200 per day that would include only two events. Besides his fee, costs would include a very nice tree, travel, meal and hotel expenses and he requires copper wire to be available. Ken Credeur said that Ryan was the best bonsai artist in the U.S. Alan Raymond mentioned that the club has adequate funds and should consider bringing in such an artist. A motion was made to let Scott Barboza draw up a plan to have this artist come to HBS. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Hurley Johnson reported that David Nguyen will do a demonstration on a collected California juniper for the October meeting. As this artist would appreciate being allowed plenty of time to work on the tree, it was suggested that we start the meeting half an hour early in order to accommodate his request. Brian Gurrola said he would have a flier ready for the next meeting in September.

#### **X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.