

# Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2016

## **I. Call to Order**

Hurley Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

## **II. Roll Call**

Members present were: Hurley Johnson, Scott Barboza, Ray Gonzales, Eldon Branham, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Dean Lauman, Clyde Holt, Alan Raymond, Vern Maddox. Also present were: Pete Parker and Terry Dubois.

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

Minutes for the meeting of November 2, 2016, were presented and read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented and all voted in favor.

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

There was no report as of the date of the meeting due to the transition to a new treasurer.

## **V. Expenditures**

\$93.03 Pete Parker, Christmas party expenses.  
\$42.40 Hurley Johnson, Christmas party Ham.  
\$33.21 Anthony Cutola, plates, forks and drinks for Christmas party.  
\$560.00 David Nguye – airfare for Fall Show (includes \$200 ticket change)\*.  
\$786.30 Pedro Morales, Fall Show artist expenses.  
\$250.00 Hurley Johnson, demo tree for Fall Show.  
\$37.88 Dean Lauman, Fall Show expenses (2015).  
\$19.72 Ruby Holt, Christmas party expenses.

\*David donated his artist fee to the club.

A motion was made to approve payment for these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **VII. Routine Business**

Study Group will be held at Maas Nursery and hosted by Clyde Holt.

Ken shared his publicity report for the Fall Show which included significant mentions in many of the local papers' calendar of events including the Lazy Gardener. Fall Show Summary – noted that overall it went well. Mercer notified Alan that trash was left in the Visitor's Center. The club noted that this was an oversight and Hurley will send Mercer an apology letter on behalf of the club. Suggestions were made that we add more signage in front of Mercer next year to drive more foot traffic to the show.

#### **VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker gave an update. Next Board meeting is January 7, 2017 in Houston and is open to members.

Austin will not be ready with the new State Exhibit in time for their turn at the next convention so their hosting has been pushed back past 2019. The Houston club may be asked to host the convention in 2019 in partnership with the American Bonsai Society (ABS). The Dallas convention has had strong registration.

#### **IX. New Business**

No nominees for HBS officers or representatives were presented. Alan presented the slate of candidates for HBS office to a vote of the membership. It passed without comment.

Scott Barboza has set the entire 2017 presentation schedule.

Annual club auction moved to February.

Club needs to buy 2 demo trees for visiting artists. It was noted that we have 1 Bald Cypress that can be used.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Ray Gonzales made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of the meeting taken by Anthony Cutola