

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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, Scott Barboza, Dean Laumen, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Sharon Barker, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Pete Parker and Barbara Adams. Also present were John Williams and Phillip Drilling.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of April 6 were presented and read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded 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.

V. Expenditures

Expenses submitted included \$1,853.00 to Pete Parker for expenses related to Rodney Clemmons including hotel, meals, workshops, mileage and demo tree. He reported that income from the workshops and raffling the demo tree was \$905.00. Other expenses included \$75.32 to Blaine Davis for refreshments, \$215.00 to Ken Cousino for 1,000 brochures, \$75.00 to Dean Laumen to replace his tree that was stolen at the Japan Festival, \$129.89 to Dean for an awning from Costco for the Japan Festival, \$75.00 to Brian Gurrola for shipping the demo tree for the September meeting and \$500.00 to David Nguyen for the California juniper for the demo tree in September. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

Scott Barboza reported that the Japan Festival was a success. Although it rained some the first day, the second day was fine, the turnout good and feedback was positive. The President and Vice President of the Festival made a point to come by and thank them for being there. On the negative side, Dean's ficus narafolia bonsai was stolen along with a pot plant. Scott also mentioned that there is a need to acquire cloth coverings for the tables for these functions. Scott said he would obtain ten black ones.

Hurley gave a wrap up of the auction held at the previous meeting. The club netted \$3,806.00.

Phillip Drilling spoke on our possible participation in the Urban Harvest East Side Farmers' Market held every Saturday at 3000 Richmond. Phillip has a booth there almost every Saturday and said traffic is upwards of 300 people per day. Ken Cousino told Phillip that he'd give him brochures to hand out in his booth. Rent for a booth is \$35.00. They do provide tables but it's best to bring your own. Hurley asked if anyone were interested in heading this up. Anthony Cutola said he'd be happy to head that committee. He'll pick a day, possibly in June to man a booth.

VII. Routine Business

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

Ken mentioned that for publicity purposes, getting brochures in nurseries around town is the needed next step in promoting the Club.

Hurley mentioned that Anthony has taken over as Webmaster. He will work with Quyen on getting the Pay Pal link up and running.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker reported that the Rodney Clemmons workshop went well. Nineteen of the twenty spots were filled.

IX. New Business

The question was asked if the Club wanted to do a fall show at Mercer Arboretum this October. As the State Convention is in October, it was decided that we didn't want to have a Mercer fete that same month. The middle of November would be a better time to plan it.

Hurley mentioned that C.J. Everson has moved and as a result, we need someone to coordinate providing refreshments at monthly meetings. Sharon Barker volunteered.

Hurley also mentioned that as Wayne Malone has also moved, we need a new Treasurer.

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.