

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

I. Call to Order

Hurley Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of September 7, were presented and read. Minor grammatical corrections were noted and made. 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.

V. Expenditures

Barbara Adams submitted expense receipts for \$93.88 for refreshments for the evening. Scott Barboza reported that expenses for the artist for this evening would run approximately \$1,000.00. This should include \$600.00 for the demo fee plus one night in a hotel and part of the airfare. Note: During the demonstration the artist, David Nguy, announced that he would be donating his time for the evening's demonstration. Hurley Johnson submitted receipts for \$25.00 for a kilo of 3.5 gauge copper wire. The motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

It was announced that this Saturday's Study Group would be cancelled due to workshops being held at Timeless Trees with the artist David Nguy. The weekend after will be the Corpus Christi convention.

The Fall Show to be held at Mercer is set for November 12th and will be held in the main building and covered area. Members are encouraged to bring trees for the competition. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the categories of amateur or novice, more experienced and Best of Show. In each category, the applicants must have owned the trees submitted for at least a year and in the more experienced category applicants will have at least five years experience. Plaques will be given out and \$100.00 will be awarded to the Best of Show winner.

The attending artist will be Pedro Morales who will do workshops from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. and a demonstration from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. His expenses will total approximately \$800.00. Hurley Johnson will provide the demonstration tree. Scott Barboza will give a talk on Introduction to Bonsai at various intervals. Workshops to be held will be bring-your-own-tree and cost \$20.00.

Hurley Johnson will contact potential vendors.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino reported that he has put together a publicity list for distribution for events.

Both he and Ray Gonzalez manned a booth at the Mercer Sale. He mentioned it was a relatively good day except for the fact that it rained at 11:00 a.m. for approximately 10 minutes and therefore the area was damp for the rest of the day.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker reported that registration for the State Convention to be held in Corpus Christi is not going well. They have about 75 registrants with about one-third coming from Houston. A motion was made to draw five names of early registrants and reimburse them for a workshop and registration fees at this evening's meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Hurley Johnson reported that on Thursday night of the convention, there will be a Texas Talent Tag Team contest. There will be teams of three individuals per team at a cost of \$20.00 per team. Each team member will work on an individual tree within a time limit framework. As each team member hands the tree to the next participant, they will not be allowed to discuss strategy for designing the tree.

The 2017 State Convention will be held in April in Dallas and in 2018, it will be held in Longview.

IX. New Business

Hurley Johnson announced that the nominating committee for this year will be Alan Raymond and Ray Gonzalez. Nominations include: Pete Parker for President and Dr. Hoe Chuah as Second Vice President. Scott Barboza will remain as First Vice President. Terry Dubois is nominated for LSBF Delegate and Pete Parker as Alternate Delegate. Nominations for three Members at Large positions opening up are Nandita D'Souza (again), Clyde Holt (again) and Vern Maddox (again). A motion was made and seconded to approve these nominations. All voted in favor. Note: During the course of the evening, Eldon Branham agreed to run for Treasurer.

Vern Maddox brought a book on bonsai written entirely in Japanese to donate to the Japan Festival fundraiser silent auction event to be held October 29th. Barbara Adams agreed to get the book to the proper people.

Scott Barboza reported that he has two artists scheduled for next year - Suthin Sukosolvisit from Boston and Bjorn Bjorholm. He would like to schedule four artists but as yet has not gotten confirmation on others. A move was made to bring in these two artists and leave open a commitment on others. The move was seconded and all voted in favor.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.