

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2016

### I. Call to Order

As the President, Hurley Johnson, was not in attendance, the Vice President, Scott Barboza, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of August 3 were presented and read. Corrections were noted: In the paragraph under LSBF Activities, the 2018 convention will be held in Longview, not Dallas. And the sentence stating that anyone registering early could show us documentation to have their names put in a drawing, was deleted. 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. It was reported that the Smiths sent a refund check for overpayment of expenses for \$246.80.

### V. Expenditures

Blaine Davis submitted expense receipts for \$69.02 for refreshments for the evening. Scott Barboza reported that the bill for our internet domain name due November 12, has come in. The bill is for an annual fee of \$45.00 or we may elect to pay \$180.00 for five years. A motion was made to pay Blaine for refreshments and to pay the \$180.00 for five years for the domain name. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Scott Barboza announced that he has purchased black, polyester fitted table coverings for club use. He has purchased six 8 foot and six 6 foot coverings. He has generously donated these table coverings to the club. Thank you Scott Barboza.

### VI. Unfinished Business

It was reported that the club might consider having a booth at the Farmer's Market in Houston. October first or the eighth are to be considered.

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. There will be a design contest and a live presentation. Scott will prepare a video for an introduction to bonsai that will be screened in loop format. It is also suggested that people who purchased bonsais from the estate of Donald Green bring them for display.

### VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino reported that he would like to put together a publicity list for distribution for events. Clyde Holt will provide him with contacts.

Ken also reported that the Houston Chronicle has bought all local newspapers within the area. We will provide them with information on upcoming events and ask them to advertise in these local papers.

Ken also reported that Randy Lemmon presents a Garden Show on television on Saturday mornings. He is a friend of Randy and will speak to him concerning making announcements about upcoming events.

Anthony Cutola needs electronic copies of the June and July club meeting minutes. He has been unable to get them from Hurley Johnson.

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

Pete Parker reminded the Board about the state convention to be held October 13th - 16th in Corpus Christi. To be eligible for the drawing for a refund of registration fees for this convention, one must register early.

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

Scott reported that he was unable as yet to set something up with Ryan Neal about doing a demonstration and workshops for us but will continue trying. He has been in contact with Suthin Sukosolvisit about visiting with us next August. He's also trying to set up an arrangement with Bjorn Bjorholm for September or October and will also try to set something up with Mark Noelanders as well.

Scott reported that we've had a request for a donation from Nan Jenkins of the Texas State Bonsai Exhibit. They have moved their exhibit to Zilker Botanical Gardens in Austin, Texas but need funds for a permanent facility including viewing paths. Scott reported that Hurley requests that we donate \$500.00 this year. Pete Parker said he'd sent a proposal to them to coordinate their efforts with the LSBF but hasn't gotten a response. A motion was made that we donate \$500.00 to TSBE for this year. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

It was also mentioned that the Japan Society is asking our club to donate a tree for their fundraising silent auction to be held October 29th. Vern Maddox said he has a book on shohin bonsai that's written in Japanese and he'd be willing to donate the book as well. A motion was made to purchase a tree for the Japan Society's silent auction. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Clyde Holt mentioned that he felt it would be beneficial to the club to have all display stands in storage inventoried and put on the website to include number of stands, dimensions of each and perhaps a picture as well. Clyde said he'd be willing to make the effort to get this done.

#### **X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.