

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

**January 6, 2016**

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

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm. Hurley welcomed the new Board members - Ken Cousino, Sharon Barker and Ray Gonzalez.

### **II. Roll Call**

Members present included Hurley Johnson, Dean Laumen, Ken Cousino, Wayne Malone, Vern Maddox, Sharon Barker, Clyde Holt, Ray Gonzalez and Barbara Adams. Also present was Ron Ahles.

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

Minutes for the meeting of December 2 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

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

Wayne Malone presented the Treasurer's Report:

#### Expenses

Vern Maddox - Christmas Party ham	\$ 56.86
Scott Barboza - Christmas Party supplies	33.24
Hurley Johnson - Board Member Gift Cards	264.98
Dean Laumen - Advertising Fliers	76.86
Post Oak Trophies - Board Member name badges	32.48
Quickbooks	12.78
Uncle Bob's Storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 576.20

#### Receipts

Membership payments from 2014	\$ 75.00
Membership payments for 2016	130.00
LSBF Refund	100.00
2015 Newsletter Ad Income	150.00
2016 Newsletter Ad Income	<u>150.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 605.00

#### Exception Items and Notes

Unpaid stale membership checks from 2014	\$ 105.00
Donald Green Memorial Fund remaining funds	\$ 200.00

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

### **V. Expenditures**

Expenses to be paid include \$45.41 to C.J. Everson for refreshments for this evening and \$540.00 to the Hermann Park Conservancy for rent for the 2016 year. A motion was made and seconded to pay these expenses. All voted in favor.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

Wayne reported that three vendors have paid their advertising bills for 2014 and 2015 and three have not. Hurley said he would call and talk with Bob Patterson of Southwest Fertilizer and Larry Gockley of Pineywoods Bonsai about their non payment. Wayne Malone said he personally had dropped off an invoice at JRN Nursery.

**VII. Routine Business**

Ken Cousino introduced himself as our new Chairman of Publicity. He has a Masters degree in Marketing and Public Relations Management.

Barbara Adams reported that the club presently has 5 paid members for 2016. This number reflects those members who paid in November 2015 for the 2016 year. She has had no update information from Wayne Malone since that date. Wayne reported that he has had computer problem issues.

**VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker was not present to report on LSBF activities.

The 2016 State Convention will be held in Corpus Christi, October 14 - 16.

**IX. New Business**

Board members discussed the upcoming Spring Show that they wish to coincide with the Japan Festival to be held April 16th and 17th. Ken Cousino asked about brochures and fliers. Dean Laumen indicated that he has some brochures and that all fliers have been updated. Hurley, Dean, Scott and Ken will get together to discuss details of the show.

The Club dig will be held February 20, 2016 at Brian Gurrola's family property in Grimes County. Should it rain that day, the date will be reset for the first weekend in March. He wishes to keep the number of participants to no more than 15.

**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.