

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Clyde Holt, Ryan Vollert, Gale Childers, Dr. Hoe Chuah, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Vern Maddox, James Kelly, Brian Gurrola and Maria Grissom

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for March 7, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon read the treasurer's report . A motion was made to accept the expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Expenditures

Food receipts submitted for \$ 78.09

Ken Cousino submitted receipts for a total of \$ 813.50 for printing materials for the 2019 Convention (\$135.00 logo + \$ 575.00 (convention printing material) + 103.50 brochures)

VI. Unfinished Business

- Dr. Hoe talked about the Japanese Festival on April 14-15 and asked for volunteers. Passed around the sign-up sheet that had parking instructions, overnight care for the trees people would bring to the festival and requested a refreshment budget to have drinks and lunch for the volunteers. A motion for the drinks and lunch was made. All voted in favor to approve a small allowance for the refreshments
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2019 Convention planning progressing

- Ken Cousino submitted invoice of \$135.00 for 2019 Convention logo printing reduction
- K Cousino also requested approval to buy software to complete adds and meet convention deadlines. Additionally he mentioned that the new brochures had been printed with the old membership fee amounts. Members suggested to manually correct and use the postcards at a later date
- Pete Parker suggested to make a list of the convention vendors so they are not approached multiple times
- Hurley Johnson has sent out vendor letter requests

VII. Routine Business

- Touring artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Sept 29 & 30. Workshop is scheduled for the 30th

VIII. LSBF Activities

About 7 members of the board are planning to attend the LSBF in Longview, Texas

The raffle to win the registration fee was done and the winners were Eldon Branham, John Denton, and Ann Harris.

IX. New Business

- Refreshment coordinator is Kersten Castillo
- Membership fees revised to be \$ 30.00 for individual and \$35 for family due to misunderstanding in previous meeting and having printed material
- Ken and Scott reported and a bonsai seminar they gave in the Heights to have been well attended and raised interest for our club
- Pete Parker reported the Shreveport Bonsai club joined the Lone Star Bonsai Federation
- Pete also reported on the Lafayette Bonsai club waiting on approval to join the Lone Star

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Maria Grissom.