

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2018

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Anthony Cutola, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Clyde Holt, Gale Childers, Ray Gonzalez, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson and Vern Maddox.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for July 11, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the following changes: Gale Childers name was misspelled in the New Business section and will be corrected. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

IV. Treasurer's Report

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

V. Expenditures

- Reimbursement to Ruby Holt for cups and plates for food serving at meeting for \$18.71
A motion was made to approve expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

- Saturday study group to be held (8/4) at Quality Feed and Garden hosted by Ken.
- Fall Show Planning – Will be held at Memorial City Mall. Requires \$275 insurance payment to the mall and separate \$75 insurance payment for each vendor that is present. Mall opens at 7:00 and has a storage room that we can access to store trees overnight. Date will be October 13th and 14th. Suggested that we keep hours Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Additional details to be determined. A motion was made to pay the insurance fee and it was seconded and passed.
- 2019 Convention Planning Progress – Site visit at the Marriott Hotel will be next Saturday 8/4 at 2:00 pm. Program creation is in place and almost complete. Draft of the program is due on 8/15 and needs to be reviewed by the LSBF Board and the ABS Board.

We should ask the ABS personnel to hand out convention advertisements at the national Convention. Pete will ask this.

VII. Routine Business

- Ken noted that Bryan had out sponsor material printed at less than cost previously quoted by other printers.

VIII. LSBF Activities

- Artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 29 & 30 with an all-day workshop on Sunday. We need to find a space to hold the program. It was noted that many local community centers are closed on Sunday so this is a potential issue. Hurley offered his place for the Sunday program. No decision yet made.

Terry will get a demonstration tree (potentially a Juniper) from Hurley.

IX. New Business

- Clyde suggested we bring the wireless mic to the meetings for better presentations.
- September Study Group moved to September 1st, due to a conflict. Will be at Maas Nursary.

X. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Anthony Cutola.