

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Scott Barboza, Hoe Chuah, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Vern Maddox, Clyde Holt, Ray Gonzalez, Brian Gurrola, Hurley Johnson and Barbara Adams. Also present was Gale Childers.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the November 1st 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 Branham presented the Treasurer's Report for November:

Income:	
No Income	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
Ken Cousino – color flyers	\$ 400.00
Gabiella Torre – refreshments for November's meeting	97.59
Life Store – Uncle Bob's – storage	<u>99.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 596.59

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

V. Expenditures

Hurley Johnson submitted receipts for cups, plates and plastic ware for the evening's Christmas party in the amount of \$20.38. Pete Parker submitted receipts for the turkey, potatoes, stuffing and gravy in the amount of \$157.96. Pete Parker also submitted an invoice to pay the Houston Bonsai Society's LSBF dues for 2018 for \$309.00. This represents 103 members at \$3.00 per person. A motion was made to pay these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

The Saturday study group was held on December 2nd at Maas Nursery in Seabrook from 9:00 a.m 'till 12:00 noon.

Pete Parker submitted a tentative budget for 2018 prepared by Eldon Branham. Scott Barboza pointed out that the budgeted amount for artist fees and demo trees will be down. He reported that to date only two artists have committed for next year. They are Ryan Bell and Sergio Cuan. Bjorn Borg will not be traveling next year as he is opening a bonsai school in Nashville. Scott has contacted Matt Reel and Juan Andrade but they have not as yet responded. Tyler Sherrod is definitely the 2018 Texas Touring Artist. Pete asked that everyone take a look at the tentative budget and email him any changes. He hopes to finalize the 2018 budget next month.

Hurley Johnson reported that the 2019 Annual State Convention planning committee has had their first meeting. They've split up assignments for planning purposes: Hoe Chuah and Vern Maddox will be in charge of exhibiting, Scott Barboza will be in charge of the program which will include some workshops, some lectures and some lecture/demos such as tool sharpening etc. Should anyone have any ideas for seminars, please tell Scott. Gale Childers will be lead in conjunction with the American Bonsai Society for registration. ABS will also handle national publicity while HBS will handle Houston publicity. We are committed with the Marriott at Westchse for seven rooms to accommodate simultaneous events and a \$95.00 per night room rate for participants. The next planning committee meeting will be held January 20th. The convention theme and logo are still open.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino indicated there was no specific publicity update. He did mention that he'd posted the 2019 Convention on the Houston Bonsai Society's website with basic details. He asked that members please visit the website as often as possible. For every visit, the website advances higher on search engine options.

Eldon Branham reported that the club currently has 103 members.

VIII. LSBF Activities

Pete Parker mentioned that materials for registration for the 2018 State Convention to be held in Longview, Texas on April 20 – 22 should be available for the next meeting. Bonsai artists to conduct classes will include Boon Manakitivipart, Rodney Clemons and Mike Lane. The theme will be group plantings and flowering bonsai. The 2018 Texas Tour Speaker will be Tyler Sherrod in late September or October. He mentioned that we could perhaps coordinate his visit for this event with our Fall Show.

IX. New Business

There were no new announcements.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.