

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2018

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, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Clyde Holt, Ryan Vollert, Gale Childers, Dr. Hoe Chu, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Alan Raymond and Maria Grissom

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the January 3, 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 reported working with Wells Fargo Bank in order to clear old HBS account possible related to an old PayPal account.

Gale Childers requested a new PayPal account for the 2019 convention

No refreshments reimbursement requested because no refreshments were brought in .

V. Expenditures

. Scott Barboza made a motion to pay guest artist Sergio Quan for a total of \$ 864.47

- Demonstration \$250.00
- Airfare \$482.40
- Hotel \$132.27

A motion was made to pay the expenses and was seconded and passed.

Hurley Johnson submitted new board members name tags and invoice from "Be Unique" for reimbursement in the amount of \$75.75

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VI. Unfinished Business

2019 Convention planning progressing

- Discussed the need to submit ¼ page ad for ABS for "Save the Date" for the convention.
- Vendor proposals are being worked by Hurley, Scott and Pete
- Dr. Hoe is planning the display arrangement for the convention and the photo shots
- Pete will ask members for approval to increase membership fee from \$25 to \$30 for individual and \$40 for family
- Vendor membership will increase with approval to \$75
- Pete suggested to auction the trees & pots that were donated by Richard Rieger.

VII. Routine Business

- Ken Cousino is working on ABS advertising
- Eldon suggested to update the software with new membership fee
- Scott will take care of the mail out and updating Facebook with new membership fee

VIII. LSBF Activities

- Pete mentioned that Shreveport will be asked to join LSBF
- Touring artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Sept 29 & 30. Workshops and Demo

IX. New Business

Dr. Hoe mentioned that the Chinese Bonsai Club is suggesting to have a joint show, which would provide the club with free space at Memorial City Mall food court . This would be October 13 and 14,2018

HBS auction will be held in during our April meeting

Study group in for April will be on 13 and 14th at the Japan Fest.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Maria Grissom.