

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

January 3, 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, Nandita D'Souza, Clyde Holt, Vern Maddox, Ryan (?), Gale Childers, Dr. Hoe Chu, Scott Barboza, Maria Grissom, Hurley Johnson, Alan Raymond.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the December 2017 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 total annual Treasurer's Report for 2017 (attach?):

(note that club will try to spend less in 2018, as we spent more than we took in for 2017)

Eldon Branham presented the proposed 2018 budget (attached?)

Scott Barboza moved to accept the 2018 budget. Budget motion seconded and passed.

Scott Barbosa made a motion to pay the expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

--- Note to correct December 2017 Meeting Minutes, Expenditures Section, "Pete Parker also submitted an invoice to pay the Houston Bonsai Society's LSBF dues for 2017 for \$309.00." 2017 should be changed to 2018.

V. Expenditures

Pete Parker submitted an expense reimbursement of \$62.98 for the January meeting refreshments.

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

VI. Unfinished Business

The January Study Group is moved to the 2nd Saturday of the month due to a conflict with artists at Hurley's place.

2018 Convention Planning Meeting held in December 2017 with teleconference with members of ABS.

Headline artists secured by Scott Barboza. Board needs to select a convention theme.

VII. Routine Business

Ken Cousino noted that we were written up in the Lazy Gardener Newsletter.

Clyde Holt made a motion that the club reimburse three Early Bird registrations for the 2018 LSBF State Convention per our past practice. Motion seconded and approved. Club will hold a drawing from eligible registrants at the April meeting.

VIII. LSBF Activities

None.

IX. New Business

Board will order more nametags for new members.

Scott Barboza proposed that the club raise dues to \$30 for an individual and \$40 for a family. Board noted that dues have been the same for as long as anyone can remember. Pete Parker will research the HBS Bylaws to determine what needs to be done in order to raise the dues.

Ken Cousino proposed that we raise the Business Membership from \$50 to \$75. Hurley seconded the motion and it passed.

Alan Raymond suggested that the club look into what happens to the money if the club were ever dissolved.

Hurley Johnson will email the current business members to notify them of the increase and see if they want to continue their membership.

Richard Rieger will donate trees and pots to HBS. Scott volunteered to store them.

Dr. Hoe updated the club regarding the 2018 Japan Festival which will be held on April 14 - 15th. Club asked Dr. Hoe to ask the sponsors of the Japan Festival to see if they would be a sponsor the 2019 Convention.

Club needs to find another location to host the 2018 Fall Show. Mercer will most likely not be available. Alan will check on Mercer's availability.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Anthony Cutola.