

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Anthony Cutola, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Clyde Holt, Ryan Vollert, Gale Childers, Nandita D'Souza, Ray Gonzalez, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Vern Maddox and Maria Grissom

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for June 6, 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 Branham read the treasurer's report and announced that HBS has a total of 102 members

A motion was made to accept the expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

V. Expenditures

- Reimbursement to Hurley Johnson for Bar-B-Q dinner to celebrate July 4th for \$ 432.30
- Reimbursement to Ken Cousino for stickers for convention sponsor packet folders for \$ 37.65
- Reimbursement request to reimburse Scott Barboza for drinks \$ 14.57.
 - A motion was made to approve expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

2019 Convention planning progress:

- Gail reported that the new bank account is open and ready to be linked up with Facebook and HBS webpage
- Gail requested more funds for the convention bank account and Pete said to use the HBS seed money
- Additionally Gayle needs program information to add to the registration page
- Scott is working on the final program
- Ken Cousino presented the board with sponsorship packages at the different funding levels
- Ken also shared the Proclamation "A Day to Celebrate the Art of Bonsai" signed by the Mayor
- Pete mentioned that ABS requested the link to the 2019 convention more noticeable in our webpage

VII. Routine Business

- Clyde Holt reported on the June 9th study group at Maas Nursery to have had 38 attendants and 1.5 hour long talk

VIII. LSBF Activities

- Artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 29 & 30 with an all day workshop on Sunday

IX. New Business

- Scott Barboza is working on the program for 2019.
- Needs to know what budget he is working with
- Scott will line up 3 artists to come to Houston
- There was a discussion when to have HBS auction because of the 2019 Convention in April 2019
 - There is concern that people would not donate to both auctions
 - Suggested the auction to be in March.

X. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Maria Grissom.