

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

### I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

### II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Anthony Cutola, Clyde Holt, Ryan Vollert, Gale Childers, Dr. Hoe Chuah, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Alan Raymond, Vern Maddox, James Kelly, Nandita D'Souza and Maria Grissom

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for February 7, 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 closing Wells Fargo Bank old bank account and transferring funds into active checking account.

Note to correct Gale Childers requested a new checking account for 2019 convention not a PayPal account

Dr. Ho Chuah submitted motion to reimburse member Ruby Holt for home cooked meal. Motion approved unanimously.

### V. Expenditures

Eldon confirmed that last month's speaker Sergio Cuan's hotel bill has not been reimbursed in the amount of \$132.27

### VI. Unfinished Business

- Dr. Hoe confirmed that HBS will hold its study group during the Japanese Festival next April 14-15 at the Japanese Gardens.
- Due to scheduling misunderstanding with the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion our April meeting will be held on the second Wednesday April 11, 2018. All other 2018 meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month as usual.
- April 11, 2018 will be HBS annual auction that helps raise funds for the clubs goals.
- Members were asked to donate generously and bring healthy plants.

2019 Convention planning progressing

- Ken Cousino submitted invoice of \$135.00 for 2019 Convention logo printing reduction
- K Cousino also requested approval to buy software to complete adds and meet convention deadlines. Additionally he mentioned that the new brochures had been printed with the old membership fee amounts. Members suggested to manually correct and use the postcards at a later date
- Pete Parker suggested to make a list of the convention vendors so they are not approached multiple times

- Pete also commented that LSBF reported good registration turn out for the upcoming convention in Longview, Texas.

**VII. Routine Business**

- Touring artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Sept 29 & 30. Workshop is scheduled for the 30th

**VIII. LSBF Activities**

About 5 members of the board are planning to attend the LSBF in Longview, Texas.

**IX. New Business**

- HBS auction will be held during our April meeting. Auctioneer to be Hurley Johnson or Alan Raymond.
- Refreshment coordinator is needed
- K Cousino suggested to have an introductory list of bonsai reference material for new members
- Phil Drilling inquired about what was needed to be a vendor in the Japanese Festival
- Next HBS meeting

**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 Maria Grissom.