

# Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2018

## I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

## II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Anthony Cutola, Ken Cousino, Eldon Branham, Clyde Holt, Gale Childers, Ray Gonzalez, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Ryan Vollert, Brian Gurrola and Vern Maddox.

## III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for August 1, 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. A motion was made to accept the expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

## V. Expenditures

- Treasurer Eldon noted that he cut an HBS check in the amount of \$275.00 to Memorial City Mall to pay for the insurance for our Fall Show there in October.
- **Reimbursement for September meeting refreshments is unknown?**  
A motion was made to approve expenses submitted. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

## VI. Unfinished Business

- Noted that the Saturday Study Group was held at Maas Nursery and hosted by Clyde Holt. It was held the week prior to the monthly HBS meeting due to a scheduling conflict.
- Fall Show Planning – Finalized the showing at Memorial City Mall in conjunction with the Chinese Bonsai Society. Mall opens at 6:00 AM and we noted that we will need people there early Saturday for setup with tree drop off from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday night. 20 8-foot tables plus chairs were requested. We will not be needing the club stands for displays. Suggested that we keep viewing hours Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. It was noted that the bulk of the setup would be in front of the Dillards store. Additional details and number of trees needed to be determined and finalized next meeting. A motion was made to postpone the Donald Green Memorial Award due to the difficulty of judging at the Mall location. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.
- 2019 Convention Planning Progress – Next planning committee meeting will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pete's house at 10:00 AM.

Programs are finalized and vendor list is almost finalized.

Brian's company completed the printing of all the convention brochures and everyone agreed they look great.

It was requested that Ken have 500 additional Convention postcards printed to hand out during the Fall Show. Ken will also create a 1-page black and white convention flier that can be handed out at the Fall Show.

Gale noted that she will have Square enabled so that people selling convention raffle tickets can take credit cards.

A motion was made to allow HBS to buy decorative Bamboo poles for the convention display. This will be an HBS expense and is expected to be around \$100. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Anthony noted that the Convention portion of the HBS website is complete and available for review. The final convention registration link will be activated on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. Routine Business**

Artist Tyler Sherrod is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 29 & 30 with an all-day workshop on Sunday. Terry secured the St. Marks Methodist Church at 600 Pecore from 2:00 – 6:00 PM for the Saturday program. Sunday's workshops will be held at Hurley's place, Timeless Trees.

## **VIII. LSBF Activities**

- Terry will get a demonstration tree (potentially a Juniper) from Hurley.

## **IX. New Business**

- Pete spoke to the facility manager and it was noted that HBS should start searching for potential new meeting locations for next year. He noted we need to be sure to end the programs by 9:00 PM, and clean up the space and be out by 9:30.
- Pete asked Hurley to head up the nominating committee to acquire candidates for the Fall Board member elections. It was noted that the President, Second Vice President and three At Large Member candidates will be needed.

## **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.