

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2019

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Scott Barboza, Eldon Branham, Gale Childers, Dr. Hoe Chuah, Soon Cheah, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Clyde Holt, Hurley Johnson, James Kelly, Vern Maddox, and Ryan Vollert.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the February 2nd 2019 meeting were presented by Pete Parker. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Gale Childers. The motion was seconded by Scott Barboza and the motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Hurley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hoe Chuah and the motion passed.

V. Expenditures

VI. Unfinished Business

- Clyde Holt confirmed Maas Nursery will host the March 9th Saturday Study Group from 9:00AM – 12 Noon.
- **2019 Convention Update:**
 - Ken Cousino notified the Board that he will need signage for the convention soon to allow enough time for printing.
 - Starting March 10th, the Board decided to hold Planning Committee meetings every other week on Sunday evening until the 2019 Convention (March 24th and April 7th). Ken Cousino offered to host the Planning Committee meetings at his house.
 - Gale Childers provided the Board with an update on the current registration status of the 2019 Convention. There are 137 early registrants, five regular registrants, two single-day, 23 guests, and nine banquet for a total count of 176 (255 including 79 visitor passes as of March 2nd).
 - Dr. Hoe Chuah provided the Board an update on the current exhibit entry status of the 2019 Convention. 30 trees, five suiseki, and four kusamonos have been entered as of March 2nd.
 - Dr. Hoe Chuah provided the Board an update on the status of the 2019 Convention commemorative book. 26 photography sessions and 11 books had been ordered as of March 2nd.

- The previously, tentatively planned kusamono event at Quality Feed and Garden Company on March 16th was cancelled. The Board determined the kusamono event after the auction scheduled for the March 2nd meeting would be enough preparation.
- The Board agreed to extend 2019 Convention exhibit hours from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Friday and Saturday.
- Pete Parker notified the Board that 2019 Convention volunteers can bring a fishing shirt (or similar shirt) to either Pete Parker or Hurley Johnson to have embroidered with the convention and club logo (\$33.00).
- There will not be a regularly scheduled Saturday Club meeting for the month of April. Instead the Club will have an organizational meeting for volunteers and to distribute shirts.
- Pete Parker informed the Board a shipper had been arranged for the 2019 Convention (shipping trees/items purchased at the Convention).
- Pete Parker notified the Board that he will discuss with Hurley Johnson after the Board meeting about finalizing details of the Joshua Roth award for the 2019 Convention.
- Gale Childers informed the Board she will be ordering ribbons for the 2019 convention by the following weekend in order to have by the 2019 Convention.

VII. Routine Business

- Ken Cousino provided the Board with a publicity update concerning the upcoming 2019 Convention. Ken obtained a proclamation and a personal letter from Mayor Sylvester Turner, which will be included in the 2019 Convention registration packet. Ken got a spot on Houston Live (Channel 2 on 1:00PM) and the radio show LIVE has expressed interest. Additionally, the 2019 Convention flyer was released to 150 media representatives.

VIII. LSBF Activities

IX. New Business

- Anthony Cutola confirmed he will be disseminating the monthly Club newsletter going forward.
- The Board entertained the need for a sound system for use at the monthly Club Meetings given the new location (Trini Mendenhall Community Center). The Board decided to pull the existing sound system out of storage.
- Scott Barboza suggested the Club should purchase a new projector. Scott made a motion for the Club to purchase a new projector with a budget of \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Gale Childers and passed.
- Hurley Johnson and Alan Raymond volunteered to be auctioneers for the Club auction at today's meeting.

X. Adjournment

Hurley Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hoe Chuah and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.