

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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, Eldon Branham, Scott Barboza, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Ray Gonzalez, Clyde Holt, Hurley Johnson, and Ryan Vollert.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the October 5 meeting were presented by Pete Parker. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Hurley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Anthony Cutola and the motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham presented the Treasurer's report for October. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Hurley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Scott Barboza and the motion passed.

V. Expenditures

Ken Cousino submitted expenses for refreshments and Eldon Branham submitted expenses for a portable speaker. Hurley Johnson was reimbursed for previous workshop fees. A motion was made to reimburse the expenses by Hurley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Scott Barboza and the motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Ken Cousino confirmed Quality Feed and Garden will host the December 14 Saturday Study Group from 9:00AM – 12 Noon.
- b. **Survey Results Plan** – Janny van Beem will make a presentation on the results of the survey in January.
- c. **2019 Convention:**
 - **Report** – Pete Parker indicated he is waiting on two reports.
 - **Book** – Ken Cousino received an email from a person not receiving their copy of the book. Ken responded but has not heard back from the individual and will send the individual a book if he gets a response.
- d. **2020 Club Dig** – Chris Rinaudo will lead the 2020 Club dig (Ken Cousino will assist). The tentative date is February 22 and the location is undecided (deciding between two options). Hurley Johnson volunteered to lead organizing a wholesale nursery tour.
- e. **Sound System Status** – Eldon Branham bought a wireless speaker and additional speakers will be ordered if it works well at the Club meetings.

- f. **Recording Meetings** – Ray Gonzalez suggested the Club record meetings even if it is just raw footage. Scott Barboza provided his experience from recording a prior HBS meeting where Bjorn Bjorholm gave a presentation and noted his issue with storing the video. A YouTube channel to store videos was suggested as a solution to the issue of storing the videos online. Scott Barboza offered to bring a phone mount that he has used for filming with his phone to the December meeting. Pete Parker will ask his daughter about filming and editing using a phone.

VII. New Business

- a. **Nominating Committee** – Preference for one more member-at-large nominee.
- b. **December Meeting Format Committee** – The Board discussed various aspects of the December meeting format:
- Jonas Dupuich will be attending the January 2020 meeting and therefore Scott Barboza will do his talk that was originally planned for the January 2020 meeting at the December 2019 meeting.
 - Board agreed to provide breakfast tacos at the December 2019 meeting in lieu of the usual Christmas dinner due to meetings now occurring in the morning. Members will still be encouraged to bring sides.
 - Scott Barboza agreed to pick-up the breakfast tacos, Anthony Cutola will bring drinks, and Pete Parker will bring plates and utensils.
 - Board agreed to raffle off items to membership in lieu of doing White Elephant this year. Scott Barboza suggested the Club purchase several items for the raffle. Eldon Branham suggested the Club raffle the items across two groups: new members (members in which this is their first year to be a paid member) and the entire Club membership. Eldon Branham will put together the drawing for the raffle and Ken Cousino volunteered to provide a couple of items for the raffle in addition to what the Club provides.

X. Adjournment

Hurley Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Cousino and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.