

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2020 - Zoom Conference

I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

II. Roll Call

Members present for the Zoom conference call were Pete Parker, Janny van Beem, Eldon Branham, Ellis Montes, Gale Childers, Anthony Cutola, Ryan Vollert, Hurley Johnson, Ken Cousino, Scott Barboza, Clyde Holt, Katherine Grazer, Tom Lee, and Chris Lannen.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

May's Meeting minutes were not addressed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon Branham reviewed the report. The only charges for the last three months were for the storage unit and Andrew Robson's fee for this month's meeting. Motion to accept report made by Gale Childers, seconded by Ken Cousino. Motion passed.

V. Expenditures

No expenses were submitted.

VI. Upcoming and Unfinished Business

- a. **Forward plan for programs**– One or two presentations per month: with current club funds and artists charging \$300 per session it was agreed to move to two presentations for June. Having outside vs member presenters was not explicitly discussed but Janny had reach out to approximately 10 artists. All were familiar with Zoom and liked the powerpoint and demo/ Q&A type agenda. Janny will confirm an artist for a June 20th zoom meeting. July's meeting will be held thru Zoom with the second meeting on July 25th. The July study group will be held at Quality Feed and Garden. August meeting will be Rodney Clements with the study group at Timeless Trees.
- b. **Wholesale Nursery Visit** – Scheduled for June 13th. Hurley Johnson has chosen four nurseries. Hurley and Pete will each lead a group. Currently, 11 attendees have signed up thru Time Tree communications. HBS still needs to send out a communication/ sign up options and include the guidance on wearing masks, keeping distance from each other, parking issues, and any additional requirements from the nurseries.
- c. **Meeting face to face**- Community center has re-opened at 25% capacity. This means 15 people max occupancy for our regular meeting room. The agreed plan is to continue Zoom Meetings for rest of June and July. For August, Pete will check availability of community center's auditorium. If it is not

available we will return to Zoom and will tentatively plan to return to regular in-person meetings September/ October timeframe. Maas Nursery remains closed to meetings/ functions. Quality Feed and Garden is open to study groups due to outdoor space availability. Timeless Trees is open and holding classes at a reduced attendance.

VII. LSBF Activities –

- a. 2020 convention in San Antonio has been rescheduled Aug 6-9th. Tyler Sherrod will be replacing an artist that will not be able to attend the new date.
- b. 2021 convention is scheduled for Austin

VIII. New Business

- a. Board agreed to send flowers to Vern Maddox and family during their trying times.

IX. Adjournment

Pete Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am. The motion was seconded by Chris Lannen. The meeting was adjourned.