

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2020

I. Call to Order

The Vice President, Janny van Beem, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

II. Roll Call

Members present were Janny van Beem, Ryan Vollert, Ken Cousino, Anthony Cutola, Gale Childers, Hurley Johnson, Eldon Branham, James Fuller, Ray Gonzalez, Hoe Chuah, and Chris Lannen.

III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

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 February 2020. Notable items: income of \$853 and expenses of 1,194.80. 2019 IRS filing was completed, 65 members have renewed their membership for the year. Check from LBS went thru, Janny returned check for a speaker's hotel bill to be voided [charges were placed on club credit card], A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Hurley Johnson. The motion was seconded by Gale Childers and the motion passed.

V. Expenditures

Following members submitted expenses: Ken Cousino: \$15 for door prize-microlife/ \$31.76 refreshments, Hurley Johnson: \$25 for door prize- water wand, and Janny vanBeem: \$362.87 for expenses for D. Coffey visit, \$133 for Mark Bynum booking, \$7 for the presentation kit, and a return on the CC for presenter's microphone. The cost of the club dig was \$106.05. A motion was made to reimburse the current submitted expenses by Gale Childers. The motion was seconded by Anthony Cutola and the motion passed.

VI. Upcoming and Unfinished Business

- a. **Saturday Study Group** – It was confirmed that the next study group will be at Quality Feed and Garden. [3/13/20 Update- Canceled due to coronavirus outbreak]
- b. **2020 Club Dig** – Ken Cousino reported the dig went well. The nursery still has 100's of trees available for future digs. total of expected attendees at 5. Club bought lunch for attendees.
- c. **Club Calendar** –
 - **Wholesale Nursery Visit** – Scheduled for March 21st, Hurley Johnson created handout/ itinerary. [3/13/20 Update: Nursery visit canceled after meeting via email due to coronavirus outbreak.]

- **Auction** – On schedule for April meeting. Will maintain the requirement of being a current member to bid. [3/13/20 Update- April meeting will be canceled with the auction to be held later in the year due to coronavirus outbreak]
- Mark Bynum has confirmed for May; Alan Raymond has confirmed for June
- **HBS Spring show at Japanese Festival** is being worked by Ryan Vollert and Hoe Chuah. [3/13/20 Update: Japanese Festival is being postponed due to coronavirus outbreak, it was decided to cancel the spring show for this year.]

d. **Monthly Care Sheet** – The first care sheet was printed for this month's meeting.

VII. LSBF Activities – 2020 Convention in San Antonio. Early Registration has closed. Some workshops are still available.

VIII. New Business

- HBS Inventory**- An inventory was made of the Humble storage facility. Request made to Board to add any additional items and their location to the Inventory sheet. Janny will email link to inventory sheet. Tables from the US Convention are in the storage unit, discussed breaking them down to save room. Extra access cards are available to storage unit if any one is interested.
- 2020 Plans and Budget** – To be discussed when Pete returns for April meeting. Need to line up the 2021 guest due to booking lead times. Possible Artists: Bjorn Bjornholm, Ryan Neil, Diasaku Nomoto [translator will be needed, and vetted before hand], Mark Nolander, Min Hsuan Lo [Taiwan], Bryon Myrick [pots]. Possible Topics: bring your own trees, swap meet, tree -pot selection, tree/ composition critiques.
- Future Club Dig**- Gale Childres will host at her property near Yorktown. Property will need to be surveyed. TXDOT work will begin in April.
- Monthy Meeting Topics** – Ken had taken pictures at the club dig which can be used for the presentation on collecting for Jan 2021 meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Gale Childres made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49am. The motion was seconded by the remaining board members. The meeting was adjourned.

March 12 and 13, 2020- Email Communication on Coronavirus:

- Ryan Vollert informed Board of postponement of the Japanese Festival, venue for the spring show. Motion made by Hoe Chuah to cancel the show and hold only a fall show. Motion seconded by Gale Childers, Pete Parker, Alan Raymond, Scott Barboza, and Hurley Johnson. Motion Passed.
- Motion to cancel remaining March gatherings and all April meetings by Peter Parker. Motion was seconded by Alan Raymond, Ryan Vollert, Vern Maddox, Ndas27 [email handle], Scott Barboza, Ellis Montes, Ken Cousino,

Gale Childers, Hurley Johnson, Anthony Cutola. Motion passed. The April meeting was scheduled to be the club auction, Ryan Vollert has noted the November meeting is available for a possible reschedule of the auction. Mid-April the Board will discuss status for the May meeting. On March 13th an email was sent to the membership informing them of the cancelation of the March study group, the March nursery crawl, and April's meeting/ study group along with intent of the Board to revisit the schedule on a monthly basis. Scott Barboza will also post this information on the Facebook page. There was also a request to continue issuing the newsletter.