

# Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 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, Ellis Montes, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, Hurley Johnson, Gale Childers, Ray Gonzales, Paul Henderson, Luis Teran, Ted, Romelia, and Chris Lannen.

## III. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept October's minutes was made by Anthony Cutola and seconded by Gale Childers. Motion passed.

## IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon had sent out the Treasurer's report electronically for review. Current membership is at 127 members, up 6 members from October. Motion to accept report made by Anthony Cutola and seconded by Gale Childers. Motion passed.

## V. Expenditures

No Expenditures for October

## VI. Upcoming and Unfinished Business

### a. Forward Programs

- January 2020- Janny mentioned a possible lecture on collecting and is considering a club dig on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.
- December Christmas party: Mercer Arboretum has been booked for 1-3pm. Janny mentioned another possible venue. Having a demo by club members was considered, Pete will check on materials and look for members interested in performing a demo. Gale Childers offered to manage the gifts/prizes. Anthony Cutola will handle food and drinks.
- Gale Childers will handle the RSVP with EventBrite for the head count for food.

### b. Virtual Fall show Lookback

- Overall opinion was that the show went well. Had 30 attendees during the critique which was well received. Everyone was very pleased with the Smith's critique and involvement.

**c. Nominating Committee**

- The Board will share with members the following nominations in November for the vote in December:
  - President: Anthony Cutola [2 yr term]
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Nandita D'Souza [2 yr term]
  - Treasurer: Gale Childers
  - Members At-Large: Scott Barboza, Luis Teran, Paul Henderson

**VII. LSBF Activities**

- a. LSBF will send HBS a \$500 check from the 2019 Convention.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. A suggestion to perform an audit of the HBS account before the change of the Board was raised. Anthony Cutola, presidential nominee, was in agreement. Pete will reach out to Ron Ahles who has performed the audit in past years.
- b. An increase of dues was discussed but decided against as dues were increased in 2019 and the HBS bank account is in good standing.

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 am.