

Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 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, Gale Childers, Anthony Cutola, Clyde Holt, Nandita D'Souza, Hurley Johnson, Eldon Branham, James Fuller, Roger from Ft Worth, Ken from Austin, Gerald Rainville, Greg Evans, William Winston, Rodrigo, and Chris Lannen.

III. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept August's minutes was made by Gale Childers and seconded by Janny Van Beem. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Eldon verbally reviewed the report. Notable points were income of \$1814 for August and expenses of \$1011. The August auction generated a total of \$312. New membership income was \$1104, [\$1004 from Paypal]. Expenses included \$160 to Clyde from the auction; \$300 for Rodney Clemons' lecture, \$159 PO Box reinstatement for 6mo, \$350 for Bill Valanas [outstanding]. Current membership is at 112 members. Motion to accept report made by Janny Van Beem and seconded by Gale Childers. Motion passed.

V. Expenditures

No expenses were submitted/ discussed.

VI. Upcoming and Unfinished Business

a. Forward Plans—

- October: Janny has contacted Byron Myrick and Jim Doyle and is awaiting responses.
- The Saturday Study Group will be held at Timeless Trees on Oct 10th.
- Auction: Will be all silent.
 - Pete and any experienced members present will set minimum bids considering the donators' suggestion
 - Eldon and Gale will set up and print bid sheets, lot numbers, and check memberships when selecting winners
 - Tables: Ken has 5-6. It was suggested to order 10 more tables plus 25 chairs. Pete will contact Ken for instructions on parking and unloading of items.
 - Use of Masks and social distancing will be in place
 - Drinks for volunteers: Will check with Ken if he has coolers.

- Verifying club membership: At close of auction/ payment time Gale and Eldon will verify membership
 - All forms of payment will be accepted. [cash, checks, paypal]
 - 'Buy it Now' pricing will be placed on some items
- b. Virtual Fall show [Nandita]
- People's Choice award: photos will be posted on the 12th and voting will close on the 16th at 6pm. Nandita requested assistance in counting the votes.
 - Participants will be allowed to submit a single photo with a short description: species, time in development...
 - Pete will create 3 powerpoint presentations for the judging and sharing during the meeting

VII. LSBF Activities –

- a. Convention update: 2021 Austin, 2022 SanAntonio, 2023 Dallas
- b. We will consider applying to host the 2024 convention early next year. Corpus and Louisiana also are considering hosting the 2024 convention.

VIII. New Business

- a. Nominating committee for club election will be Pete, Hurley, and James Fuller. Open positions will be President, 2nd VP, and Treasurer.

IX. Adjournment

Pete Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 am.