

## Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2015

### I. Call to Order

The President, Hurley Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Present: Hurley Johnson, Scott Barboza, Dean Laumen, Anthony Cutola, Nandita D'Souza, Vern Maddox, Wayne Malone, Clyde Holt, Brian Gurrola, Ron Ahles, Alan Raymond and Barbara Adams. Also present were Ray Gonzalez, Pete Parker, Terry Dubois and Ken Credeur. A quorum was present.

### III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of March 4, were read and approved.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Anthony Cutola presented the Treasurer's Report:

#### Expenses:

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| Reimburse C.J. Everson - refreshments for March              | \$ 35.48      |
| Hurley Johnson - trailer rental for moving storage items     | 42.85         |
| Brian Gurrola - Club dig trip expenses (truck, trailer, gas) | 793.25        |
| Hermann Park Conservancy - March thru June meeting space     | 180.00        |
| US Postal Service - 12 months club PO Box rental             | <u>224.00</u> |
| Total Expenses   | \$ 1,275.58   |

#### Deposits

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Club dig deposits forfeited | \$ 125.00     |
| Membership payments         | <u>390.00</u> |
| Total Deposits              | \$ 515.00     |

Anthony also explained that the balance in the Membership Checking account includes two \$5.00 maintenance fees charged in error. He will communicate with the bank to get the charges reversed.

Wayne Malone asked if the account balance on this report reflected all outstanding items.

Anthony said it did not. The balance does not reflect an outstanding check written to the City of Houston for sales tax for \$257.00. Wayne asked that the Treasurer's Report be amended to include this item. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

### V. Expenditures

Expenses to be paid include refreshments for C.J. Everson for the meeting this evening and parking reimbursements to those members who helped at the Home Show including \$17.00 to Anthony, \$12.00 to Wayne, \$20.00 to Barbara, and \$10.00 to Clyde. A motion was made to pay

these expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Alan Raymond mentioned that he would like Anthony to coordinate with the current storage facility to have the club credit card charged for the monthly fees. Currently they are being charged to Alan's card. Anthony said he would call the facility to make the change.

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

The audit of the Club books will be done during the meeting this evening by Wayne Malone, Ron Ahles and Hurley Johnson with Anthony Cutola.

Anthony and Hurley need to get signature cards on file with the bank for the new Membership account.

Anthony reported that the visitors' turnout to the Home Show was disappointing. There were far fewer vendors than usual with displays and those that he talked to complained about the few number of people attending. Someone mentioned that there are at least three Home Shows a year scheduled instead of just one or two. Anthony recommends that the club not participate again unless we know for sure that more people will be in attendance.

Barbara Adams mentioned that she and Alan Raymond searched the storage facility for the club banner to use in the Home Show and could not find it. As Brian Gurrola works for a reprographics company, he was asked if he could provide us with a new banner and table covering with the club logo. He will need someone to provide him with the logo. A motion was made to contract with Brian to provide these items and pay the related expense. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **VII. Routine Business**

Barbara Adams reported that as of this date, 52 members have paid dues and she's received forms from Anthony this evening to include seven more, totaling 59.

#### **VIII. LSBF Activities**

Pete Parker reported that the 2015 learning seminar will start at noon on Friday, Oct. 9th and end with the auction and banquet on Saturday October 10th. and is to be held at the Kingwood Community Center which will provide 7,500 sq. ft. within two rooms. There will be a display of trees with an emphasis on bungin. The artist will be Owen Reich who will conduct a bring-your-own-tree workshop. Vendors will also be in attendance. The cost of the venue will be paid by LSBF.

The LSBF next Board meeting will be held at Pete Parker's home on June 13th.

The touring artist for 2015 will be Owen Reich on July 17th and 18th. The venue has not yet been established.

#### **IX. New Business**

Alan Raymond is to draft specific wording for changing the By-Laws to include a web designer/maintenance individual as a Board Member.

Dean Laumen has been in contact with a Melissa Kraus, the event organizer for The Japan Festival scheduled to be held Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th. inside the Japanese

Gardens in the Hermann Park area. He reports that she was very interested in ensuring that we were pleased with her arrangements for our set up at the festival. The club won't have a tent but they will provide tables most likely in a shady area. Set up is to be Saturday morning.

Alan Raymond mentioned that as there have been few to no attendees at the Mercer Saturday Study Groups, he would like a show of hands at the meeting to see if anyone is interested in attending this weekend. Should no one be interested, he wants to cancel the study group.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Barbara Adams.