

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND**  
**BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
**June 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Cheatle at 7:05 pm.

Present were Lee Cheatle, Steve Leaming, John Thomas, Jan Hettick, Phil Harden, Shannon Wells and Patty Myrick.

Lee opened with a recognition of the great amount of work done by Jan Hettick to both act as VP of Membership and help him with the duties of President. He also thanked her for all the work she has put in on the 2018 Convention.

Minutes - the May minutes were approved.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### Treasurer

Lee has been successfully added as the second signer on the bank account.

John presented a preliminary financial statement for May showing a net revenue of \$94.25. There is still a \$250 fee due from Paul Krasner.

It was agreed we should add a YTD column and Cash Balance amount to the Income Statement.

### Membership

Jan reported a total of 286 members.

### Programs

Steve reported the June program will be Bob Shimon from Mendocino Coast Bonsai presenting critiques of three trees. He is also bringing trees for sale. There will be a workshop on Wednesday evening for 10 people @ \$30 each and also 10 silent observers.

We will be involved in the bonsai event at the Portland Nursery on Division again this year. Steve is looking for volunteers and will send out an email blast. The

event will be on June 18th.

Future Programs - Michael Hagedorn on July 19th.

The September program will be Scott Elser with Pines - Part 3.

October and November programs are not yet set up.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Website - Karl's work on the new website is progressing.

Hospitality - No new business.

Library - Laura is working out well on the Library Desk.

Mentorship - Lee will resend the schedule and will organize the Lava Collecting Field Trip. He has asked George Biddle if he will take over the Mentorship 101 class but has not received an answer yet.

Heritage - Lee reports Heritage is going well. No contacts for a couple months.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

On-site storage shed - waiting for new management to become settled at the Milwaukie Center.

2018 Convention - Jan reported we have declined the offered contract with the Vancouver Hilton. Since they were our best possibility for a convention hotel we have decided not to have a classic convention but to instead expand the Fall Show with headliners and workshops. Jan has contacted the Milwaukie Center about renting the entire facility for a weekend.

Auction Critique - John acted as Auction Manager at May's meeting which allowed Lee to spend more time interacting with members. Members need to be reminded of the cutoff time for bringing trees for auction (6:30) and also how to properly fill out the auction form. We did not change the location of the auction tables but at the next meeting will try switching the auction and raffle tables.

Fall Show - We'll have Kusamono planting for kids and for adults as well. Patty Myrick will do Refreshments. Shannon Wells will organize the auction.

We discussed the idea of an "Instant Bonsai" workshop in one of the smaller classrooms. Lee already has a program laid out, he will order juniper procumbens nana and have them potted in bonsai pots prior to the show. We need to find instructors and assistants. Suggested price would be \$20 or \$25. Start asking members for donations of items for the auction.

Summer Picnic - No-one found yet to manage the picnic.

Nominations Committee - We should have our nominations for the 2017/2018 Board ready for publication in the October newsletter. Secretary Phil Hardin will not serve on the 2017-18 Board, Patty Myrick is willing to serve as Secretary. Lee Cheatle (President) and Jan Hettick (VP-Membership) are both willing to serve another term. John Thomas is not sure yet if he will return as Treasurer. Steve Leaming will probably not return as VP-Programs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

E-blast Guidelines - The number of email blasts distributed is not a concern if the topic is beneficial to the majority of members.

Bill Valvanis is extending invitations to enter trees in the National Show in New York. Ryan Neil will be transporting the trees.

Future Board Meetings - no July meeting, August 1, September 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, June 14, 2016