

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND**  
**BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
**August 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Cheatle at 7:01 pm.

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

Minutes - the June minutes were approved as submitted.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### Treasurer

John presented a financial statement for June showing a net revenue of \$111.60, and for July showing a net revenue of \$408.30. The July balance in the Operating Account was \$25,192.96, CD balance of \$10,000, and Dedicated Fund balance of \$4,300.

### Membership

Jan reported a total of 290 members. The average retention rate is 82%. Jan needs a volunteer to help at the membership desk during meetings.

### Programs

There was a lot of enthusiasm in July for the visit to Michael Hagedorn's garden. Michael would like to repeat the program annually or perhaps more often.

Steve reported the September program will be Scott Elser with the last of his Pine series.

October will be either the Three Amigos (Lee Cheatle, Dennis Vojtilla and Greg Brenden) or Mat Reel.

Regarding the purchase of our own speakers, it was felt there was no longer a need since we have changed the speaker setup at the Milwaukie Center. That issue is closed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Auction Manager - Jan will have 500 tags printed.

Newsletter - It was agreed that a summer (August) issue is not needed.

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

Hospitality - No new business.

Library - The computer being used for the library database is not working properly. Jan

is going to bring her own computer to the September meeting and see if the software works on it, possibly a new computer needs to be purchased for the Library.

Mentorship - Lee needs to check his schedule to confirm mentorship dates so Jan can update the calendar. Lee has asked George Biddle to take over the Mentorship 101 class beginning in October.

Heritage - Lee reports he is still absorbing those duties for the time being. No contacts for a couple months.

2018 Convention - There was a meeting of the convention planning committee on August 2 and it was voted to move forward with having an event (Northwest Bonsai Rendezvous) at the Milwaukie Center. We are partnering with PNBCA. Robert Wofford is negotiating the contract with the Milwaukie Center.

Fall Show - Steve needs a volunteer to help him with the show. Rose from Wee Tree will not be a vendor at the show this year (she is going out of business), but Bud Wizer would like to sell at the show this year. We will have a children's activity again this year as it has been very popular.

Summer Picnic - Barry Baertlein is chairing the picnic committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Nominations Committee - We should have our nominations for the 2017/2018 Board ready for publication in the October newsletter and announcement at the October meeting, and voting at the November meeting. We still need to find a Treasurer and VP - Programs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Harold Yearout has volunteered to contribute \$1500 for prize money for a juried show.

Spring Show - Scott Elser is looking into possibilities for a new venue for the Spring Show. There have been problems scheduling the show at the Japanese Garden in the past and the possibility of future shows there is uncertain. We don't want to lose the continuity of having a yearly show.

Formal Show Table at Monthly Meetings - Scott Elser wants to see a small formal display by invitation at monthly meetings so members can see things to aspire to. He has offered to lead this effort.

Policy for Announcing Non-BSOP events - do we need to consider potential liability when we announce non-BSOP activities on our schedule or by email? John will provide Jan with the contact information for the club's insurance agent, she will speak with the agent about the liability issue.

Future Board Meetings - September 19, October 3

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, August 10, 2016