

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING NOTES
September 19, 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, Karl Holmes and Patty Myrick.

Minutes - the August minutes were approved as submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer

John presented a financial statement for August showing a net revenue of \$439.42. The July balance in the Operating Account was \$25,613.38, CD balance of \$10,649.69, and Savings balance of \$3,999.08, for a total club Cash Balance of \$40,262.15.

It was noted that we need to monitor our total cash balance and avoid exceeding \$50,000 which would complicate taxation issues. There are several things in the works, most notably purchase of materials for the 2018 Bonsai Rendezvous, that will incur expenses. It was also mentioned that the club could pay for the upcoming holiday party and not charge members. Another idea was to make donations to smaller bonsai clubs. After some discussion it was decided to first wait until the plans for the 2018 Rendezvous are firmed up and then discuss these other options again.

Membership

Jan reported a total of about 290 members. No new members for several weeks.

Website Update

Karl Holmes was present at the meeting to give an update on his work updating our website. He's working on simplifying the site to free up space for the important things people want to read.

Programs

Steve reported the September program will be Scott Elser with the last of his Pine series. September's meeting will also have a special display of National Exhibit trees.

October will be the Three Amigos - Lee Cheatle, Dennis Vojtilla and Greg Brenden.

For November, Aarin Packard knows someone from the National Bonsai Arboretum who is coming from the east to work with Ryan. We could split travel costs. We don't know his fee or subject yet. He has worked with Ryan at the National Arboretum and has trained in Japan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction Manager - No auction at September meeting due to the Fall Show.

Hospitality - No new business.

Library - The computer being used for the library database is not working properly. Jan is going to test the software on her own computer, possibly a new computer needs to be purchased for the Library.

Mentorship - George Biddle will be taking over the Mentorship 101 class beginning in October. Lee has already procured four species of trees.

Heritage - Pat Sandburg has some pots, soils, and other miscellaneous items to donate. Lee is contacting her.

2018 Rendezvous - Jan is meeting with the Milwaukie Center to nail down a commitment on the facility rental and get a written contract.

Fall Show - Publicity is going well, Marketplace vendor tables are all sold. We aren't certain how many trees will be available for sale and auction. Raffle items may be held over from Tuesday's meeting for the Fall Show. Volunteers is the big issue, we will make a big recruiting push at the monthly meeting on the 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Nominations Committee - nominations for the 2017/2018 Board are:

President - Lee Cheatle

Vice-President Programs - Michael (Lime) Allen

Vice-President Membership - Jan Hettick

Treasurer - John Thomas

Secretary - Patty Myrick

The nominations will be printed in the October newsletter and announced at the October meeting. and voted on at the November meeting.

New Location for Spring Show - Scott Elser working on finding a new location.

Yearout Juried Show - Will discuss further after the Fall Show is over.

Insurance for non-BSOP events - Jan spoke with our insurance agent. Our policy is a Commercial General Liability policy designed for clubs. Any claim or guidelines for a non-BSOP event would be determined by a claims adjustor on a per case basis. It was decided to table this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

The club's mailing address - most items still have Robert Wofford's mailing address in Keizer.

Past-President - It's in the by-laws that we should have a past-president in an advisory position.

Future Board Meetings - October 3, November 7, December 5 (new Board will be included)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, September 23, 2016