

**BSOP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

Called to order at 7:04pm.

In Attendance: Lee Cheatle, John Thomas, Lime Allen, Jan Hettick, Patty Myrick, Steve Leaming, Phil Harden, Karl Holmes and Wayne King

M – S – C –approved November meeting minutes.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer – see attachment

Membership – We now have 329 members.

Jan Hettick will search for a person to man the member desk at the entrance of the room. This person will greet attendees and will answer questions or dispense information as needed.

Programs – January club meeting – Josef Liebfried,

February club meeting – Owen Reich

Lime gave a report on a possible year long series of programs presented by Ryan O’Neill from Bonsai Mari. This will be a series of programs that will be video recorded and produced into a digital format of some sort. This will be a resource for the club and for Ryan that can be viewed at any time by anyone who has internet access.

Lime will continue to explore this project to bring it to a successful conclusion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auction Manager – Toni Martin will be performing this task.

Raffle – Lee Cheatle will work to find a new person for this position.

Newsletter – nothing new here.

Hospitality – Patty Myrick will be performing these duties.

Mentorship – Lee Cheatle is still talking to Karl Holmes about on-line registration for Class 101. Lee Cheatle is still leading this class.

Heritage – Lee Cheatle will put some information in the newsletter about the program and about possible expansion of the scope and duties of this program.

2018 Convention – Will be updating information and web-presence soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Milwaukie Center Lease – John Thomas will renegotiate the lease to include as many of the events and dates as possibly foreseen. This will insure that the rental rate will remain low and will provide more constant planning and costing details. A calendar setting meeting will take place soon to facilitate John in this task.

On Site Storage – John Thomas has researched a building and will make the purchase soon. There will be site work that needs to be completed before the installation of the building. This will all be done, hopefully, by mid January. Lee Cheatle will put a call for help in the newsletter.

Purchase of small banner – done and ready for collection.

Nominations for the 2017/2018 board will be installed at the January 2018 club meeting. Lee Cheatle will do the honors.

2017 Spring Show – tabled

Holiday Party 2016 - This event will be Sunday December 11, 2016. Wayne King came and talked to the board for about 10 minutes. He expressed his ideas and concerns concerning member attendance and the costs incurred by the individuals. We thank Wayne for his time and ideas.

Annual Meeting – The club meeting on January 24, 2017 will be the annual meeting. This will be chaired by Lee Cheatle the President of the Club.

WEB SITE: Karl Holmes stopped by and we had a lengthy discussion about the current state of the web site and the future direction of the web site. Items discussed were SquareSpace on line payment avenue. The moving from S5 to S7. Another subject was the one that lead to the moving to Stripe.com as a method of managing on line transactions both smoothly, efficiently and securely. Other aspects of the web site process were discussed, but I do not understand them. It appears that this may soon be completed, if a website process is ever completed. Thanks to Karl Holmes for all his work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resources List Policy guidelines were briefly discussed.

ABS club listing needs contact information. Jan Hettick will take care of this.

There was a brief discussion of making a cash donation to a couple of Bonsai Clubs that are struggling. This was tabled for a future discussion.

Future Board Meetings – January 9, 2017, February 6, 2017, and March 6, 2018

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved – Moved the club (BSOP) to use **STRIPE.COM** for online transitions.

Seconded – John Thomas

CARRIED

Moved – John Thomas – For the club (BSOP) to use a third party security feature to apply to all aspects of the website.

Seconded – Jan Hettick

CARRIED

Adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Harden