

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at Patty Myrick's house.

Present were board members:

President	Joe Johanesen
Vice-President in charge of Programs	Reid Parham
Vice-President in charge of Membership	Jan Hettick
Treasurer	Patty Myrick
Secretary	Laura Hudson
Past President	Lee Cheatle

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 12, 2019 board meeting were approved. (Reid, Patty)

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **President's Report –**

- Joe said he that he thought the February meeting went well, but he heard 2 complaints:
  - Condensing raffle items onto fewer tables at the end of the meeting confused some folks,
  - Some didn't hear the announcement that the auction was about to end and so missed a chance for a last bid.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

- There is a lot going on at BSOP now: the special raffle, the kusamono workshop, etc. and this is reflected in the expenditures. The computer cost is for fixing the library computer hard drive.
- Patty put \$15,000 in a 9 month CD with an interest rate of 1.75%
- Joe needs to go to bank to sign signature card for BSOP account before April 19.
- The board accepted the Treasurer's report (Jan, Reid)

### **VP Programs Report**

Reid reported that there were about 160 people at the March meeting – not sure why so many more than February.

Upcoming programs are:

- April – Greg Brenden
- May – Young Choe

- June – Andrew Robson

Patty suggested an idea for future program – how to create and care for jin and shari. Will Baddeley from England who was at the last meeting will be back in US next spring. He is well known for his work in this area. Maybe a program with him?

### **VP – Membership Report -**

- Currently BSOP had 384 members, with 28 renewals outstanding.
- 72% renewal rate for longer term (more than one year) members; about 50% for first year renewals

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ambassador** – Keith Wingfield

**Auction** – Toni Martin

We have had the situation where the last person to bid on an item subsequently crossed out his/her bid but the next highest bidder did not know that had happened and didn't claim it. We will try to reach out at the meeting next time if that happens.

**Audio-visual** - Lime Allen

Reid asked about getting a video camera and screen to project the details of the program for those in the back to see more clearly. The board thought it was a good idea and asked Reid to work with Lime to make a proposal.

### **Events -**

We agreed:

- Lee will chair Newberg Camellia Festival (April 13, 2019) – Alan Taft will help
- Lee will chair the Canby Spring Fair (May 4 & 5 2019).
- No spring show in 2019 – Remember to try to match World Bonsai Day on the second Saturday in May 2020. Need new venue.
- Portland Nursery show – Reid will chair and coordinate with Keith Wingfield to provide the presentation that the Division Street nursery folks want. Steve Leaming has offered to help.
- Summer picnic – Set for August 10, 2019 – Joe has taken charge and thinks he can get main courses donated. Jan VanderVort has offered to help.
- Bonsai Jamboree (aka the Fall show Sept 13 & 14) – Jan will lead, with help from Lee and Patty. The draft layout of the spaces looks good. The poster for the show looks good.

- Holiday party is set for Sunday December 15, 2019. We need to start talking it up in October to ensure a good attendance again this year. Stick with Huber's for catering.

**Facilities Coordinator** – Reid Parham

MC ordered the wrong door center-post and had to return and order new, correct one. MC says the goal is to be done by the April meeting.

**Heritage** – Steve Leaming & Brandon Myren

Given all the changes in Brandon's life, Lee recommends that we get the pots he has been storing for BSOP and put them somewhere else. Jan will contact Brandon. Laura and Patty have bubble wrap if needed for transport.

**Hospitality** – Harold Yearout is in Japan for medical treatment. Patty will call him about a week before the April meeting to see if he is able to do hospitality.

**Library** – Barbara Devitt & Karen Vunkannon

The hard drive on the library computer crashed and had to be replaced. The new one should work better for them.

**Mentorship** – Lee Cheatle, Steve Wilcox, Joanne Raiton, Brandon Myren

Mentorship programs are doing fine. There were a few openings in 101B last month.

**Newsletter** – Peter Pelofske

Deadline is earlier than April 10 because Peter is leaving on vacation. April will be a much smaller newsletter than March, but that happens.

**Nominating Committee** – not needed until May 2020

**Photographer** – Jim Baggett

**Raffle** – Laura sold special raffle tickets (61 tickets for \$305) and helped Harold manage the much larger number of donations. Special raffle tree cost \$150, so already ahead on that. Board agreed to let Greg Brenden draw the winner after the break at the next meeting and to do another raffle for May-June.

**Social Media** – Scott Tice

Reid has added more pictures to the site and now we have 60 more followers. He will post photos as often as he can and Jim Baggett is going to send some too.

**Vendor coordinator** – Reid Parham

**Volunteer coordinator** – Patrice Morrow

**Webmaster** – Karl Holmes

Karl is pondering how to update the website.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Lee reported the Helping Hand Up program is very popular with smaller clubs. He hasn't had anyone volunteer to take on a presentation, but knows he needs to ask someone specifically when the needs arise. Two presentations have been made and several are in the works.
- 2019 T-shirt are selling well and the last chance to order is the April meeting.
- Laura sent the board the ORS related to records for Oregon non-profits. After discussion, the board decided to leave things as they are – no need to make Karl come up with another website change. We will continue to provide minutes when requested. As a result of reading the rules, Laura will begin to include decisions made between meetings via email in the minutes of the next board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A member lost it and threatened violence when someone unloaded the hospitality cart and took it to move a vendor after the meeting. He has done this several times before. Joe will tell him he cannot ever do that again.
- We discussed the problem of some members making statements rather than ask questions or asking off-topic questions that delay the speaker/presentation. Reid said he would ask each speaker what they want as far as taking questions during or after the presentation and remind members to stay on topic during his intro.
- Help desk – it is something newer members value but we've had trouble finding someone to sit there before the meetings. Joe will put out a request for volunteers to do this. Patty will make a big sign for the desk so it is more visible.
- Future board meetings –Patty Myrick volunteered to continue to host us at her home: 5455 SE Campanario Road in Milwaukie. Thank you Patty! Future board meetings were set for:
  - May 7
  - June 11

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Hudson*