

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 1, 2019**

Present were Board Members:

President	Joe Johanesen
Vice-President Programs	Reid Parham
Vice-President Membership	Jan Hettick
Treasurer	Patty Myrick
Secretary	Laura Hudson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02

Minutes - the minutes for the September 3, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### President

Joe has not yet talked to the disruptive member to tell him that he is no longer welcome at BSOP meetings.

#### Treasurer

Treasurer Patty Myrick said that one expense is still outstanding from the Jamboree despite repeated reminders. At present, we show a profit of \$3875. This brought BSOP finances into the black for the year-to-date. The report was unanimously accepted.

#### Programs

Reid said the October program will be Dennis V. and Andrew R. The fee for each will be about \$300. For the November program, he and Lime are trying to get the Czech bonsai artist Jan Culek, who will be visiting several places in the area at that time. The holiday party is the December program and January is scheduled to be Scott Elser on repotting.

#### Membership

Jan reported current membership of 394, including 23 new members. However, lots of folks are up for renewal in the next 2 months, so the total will likely go down.

Jan said the ribbons saying "volunteer" that we use at events are a pain to remove from the name tags so she would like to stop using them. Joe suggested making a permanent, laminated

card that could be attached along with the name tag and easily removed and reused. Jan will look into it.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ambassador** - Keith Wingfield – next year Reid and/or Keith will talk to Portland Nursery up front about charging for the presentation about bonsai. It wasn't well managed this year since we didn't know about it.

**Auction** - Toni Martin

**Audio/Visual** - Lime Allen – the Milwaukie Center folks now say that any audio-visual equipment would need to be removed/stored after use, not left on the stage or in the room. We may need an off-site rental storage unit to be able to make room in the shed. Several are under development. Patty will try to find out about rental rates for the ones nearby.

### **Events –**

- Spring show – tentatively set for May 1-3, 2020. see new business discussion.
- Portland Nursery Show – June 13, 2020 – Reid to lead
- Summer picnic – August 15, 2020 from 11 to 3:00.
- Fall Show – see old business
- Holiday party - December 15, 2019. Patty has contacted Huber's and they are on board for the catering.

**Facilities Coordinator**- Reid reported that we are running out of vendor space so we may need to remove the sofa and chairs near the entry to make space. He is expecting a new floor plan that can guide us on next steps. Jan reported that she contacted the MC about the center post project still is not being complete and they expect it to be finalized soon.

**Heritage** – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall – Brandon has moved/down-sized so we may have to find new storage.

**Hospitality** – Joe will bring the drinks & water from the picnic & fall show to meetings until gone. He said he could also pick up a few munchies each time if he knew how much was budgeted for that. It's \$675 for 10 meetings so we have funds to cover it.

**Library** – Barbara Devitt & Karen VuKannon had to order a new bar code scanner since the old one isn't reading member and book bar codes now. Jan ordered a wireless one to make things easier.

The library folks also reported that they have had trouble getting the inventory done because of conflicts with set-up for the program. Reid will talk to Lime and get him to cooperate better with their work.

**Mentorship** – Joanne Raiton, Steve Wilcox, Brandon Myren – we will follow up with Lee in November if he hasn't said anything about who will lead the whole program next year.

**Newsletter** – Peter Pelofske – articles due October 10

**Photographer** – Jim Baggett – is going through the Jamboree photos and feeding the best ones to Reid to post on social media.

**Raffle** – Toni took care of it in September since there was so little auction business. Rosemary Webb has been taking care of it. Laura will ask her if she is willing to be the lead on the raffle for the next year.

**Social media** – Scott Tice

**Super Raffle** - September/October – only sold 20 or so tickets at the meeting, but one member has sent a check for 20 tickets since she can't be at the October meeting.

**Volunteer coordinator** – Patrice Morrow

**Webmaster** – Karl Holmes – Reid told Karl to take down all the old resource documents. They will not be visible to the public but could still be available.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Jamboree** – overall, a great success – members loved it and we made money. Just a few issues:

- Some folks bought trees in the auction and then turned right around to resell them at a higher price. Before the next event where this could happen, we will talk to them about how these actions are perceived.
- A bigger sign for the exhibit was needed.
- Consider providing a map of the event showing what is happening where, possibly with contact information for vendors and demonstrators.

**Mentorship** – see notes above

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Spring show – Patty will summarize the requirements outlined by Scott E and Lee to use in discussions by the people who volunteered to help with the event. Joe will send out an email to finalize members of the venue search committee. Reid said he couldn't lead this effort in 2020, but would be willing to do it in 2021.

- We decided that the Hood River Art Gallery event is not a club event, but Jan will send out an email to the membership so that anyone interested can respond directly to the gallery owner.
- We decided that we can't continue the helping hand to other clubs in the region since we do not have volunteers to do it. We will look into another way to give back to the larger bonsai community. Joe suggested looking into scholarships like the Golden State Bonsai Society does.
- Outstanding volunteer awards were discussed and the board agreed to give awards to Barbara Devitt, Karen VuKannon, and Brian Lonstadt. We also decided to give an honorary membership to Lee Cheatle. Laura will send out the notes on reasons to give awards to these folks. Jan will get the honorary membership plaque done, and Joe will make the presentation.
- T-shirts – we decided to try to have the design done and shirts for sale at the January general meeting. Joe will talk to Scott Elser about a design.

Next board meeting scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and then December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Hudson*