

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2020

Present were Board Members:

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

Vice-President for Programs, Reid Parham, was absent but emailed his report.
The meeting was called to order at 6:55

Minutes - the minutes for the December 2019 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

BOARD REPORTS

President

Joe had nothing new to report.

Treasurer

The Treasurer's report is attached. BSOP finances in the black for 2019. The report was unanimously accepted.

Programs

The January program is scheduled to be a short one (Scott Elser on repotting) due to the annual meeting.

Membership

Jan reported current membership of 396: 62 family, 11 honorary and 261 individuals

The volunteer badges are in production so they should be available for spring events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador - Keith Wingfield – Keith had a question about remuneration for ambassadors and Jan cited the BSOP policy saying that is not allowed. There was also a question about how potential ambassadors are screened and trained. Joe will follow up with Keith to make sure he is still working with new ambassador volunteers to ensure they know enough to do a good job.

Auction - Dane Burrell – The board decided to cancel the auction in January since we will not have access to the room where it is usually held. An announcement will be placed in the newsletter.

Audio/Visual - Lime Allen – Since the new MC tenant is also interested in this, Lime and Reid will proceed with improvement of audio-visuals at meetings for a cost of about \$5000.

Events –

- Spring show – The board decided that since nothing has been done on this to date, it is unlikely to happen. We will inform MC that we will not need the May dates we had reserved. Joe will announce the need for a lead and committee to find a venue for next year.
- Portland Nursery Show – date not yet set
- Summer picnic – August 15, 2020 from 11 to 3:00.
- Fall Show – October 16 & 17, 2020
- Holiday party - Saturday December 12, 2020

We had a query from the Newberg Camellia Festival folks about whether BSOP would participate this year. The board decided last spring that we would not do it again. Laura will talk to Alan Taft and Dennis Vojtilla about whether our backing out would affect them.

Facilities Coordinator- We had a discussion of the need to better manage vendor set-up since they are proceeding without direction and leaving very little space to get by them to the pool room. Vendors are supposed to reserve space in advance with Reid so he can make sure there is room for everyone, but that doesn't appear to be working.

Heritage – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall

Hospitality – We need to find a new lead(s) for this committee.

Library – Barbara Devitt – They are still looking into a new system.

Mentorship – Howard Greisler – The board agreed to leave the waitlist for Mentorship 101 open and again make it clear that everyone on the list is welcome to attend the meetings.

Jan proposed that we do more workshops like the one Lee and Steve Wilcox are holding in February as a way to provide training/education to members. She will talk to Lee about what it would take to add these to our training/mentorship offerings.

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske – articles due the 10th of the month

Photographer – Jim Baggett – Reid has pictures from Jim to sort through and post to social media and the website.

Raffle – We need to find a new lead(s) for this committee.

Social media – Scott Tice

Super Raffle – There will be a super raffle at the January & February meetings – a gift certificate for a one-year membership in Mirai Live.

Volunteer coordinator – Patrice Morrow – Jan raised the idea of somehow rewarding volunteers for their service. She will talk to Patrice about whether we could (and how hard it would be to) keep track of volunteer hours to do that.

Webmaster – Karl Holmes submitted an annual report on web activity (attached). Karl is proceeding with a reorganization of our website to make it more usable.

OLD BUSINESS

- Spring show – not happening in 2020.
- Outstanding Volunteer 2020 awards are on track to be engraved and ready for the annual meeting. Laura will send Joe the information on each of the 2020 winners from our earlier discussion.
- Scott Elser sent 6 design options for the board to consider (attached). We liked option 3 but not the background. Jan will ask for more color options.
- Jan had drafted an article on the “Year of the Volunteer”, but the board had not made any additions/edits. We are behind in researching options to encourage more participation, so we will wait until later in spring to start this.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board discussed what information to provide in the annual meeting presentation and what detail to have available for those with more detailed questions. Patty will have both a summary of the financial statement and some copies of the detail. Jan will have a chart of membership over the past 5 years.
- Since Reid was not present, we delayed discussion of sponsoring study groups. Laura will add it to the agenda for February.
- The board discussed Andrew Robson’s idea of a show of deciduous bonsai in the fall. It’s an idea we support, but need to learn more about. We are also concerned about overlap with the fall show, scheduled for October 16-17 2020. Joe will talk to Andrew and maybe invite him to a board meeting to present his ideas.

DECISIONS MADE VIA EMAIL SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING

- Dispose of oversize tablecloths that we do not use rather than continue to store them.
- Lee Cheatle & Steve Wilcox workshops are BSOP sanctioned events
- Selected 2020 t-shirt color & design

The next board meetings are scheduled for February 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson