

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2020**

Present were Board Members:

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

Treasurer Patty Myrick was sick, so the meeting was held at Laura Hudson's house. Patty emailed the treasurer's report.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12

Minutes - the minutes for the January 2020 Board Meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved as amended.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### President

Joe reported that he had heard favorable feedback about improving the ability of meeting attendees to view details of a presentation. Also, those who received awards were very appreciative.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

### Programs

The February program is scheduled to be Andrew Robson talking about developing nebari on deciduous trees and the March program will be Will Badely talking about carving deadwood, jin and shari. Reid has lost his notebook with ideas for programs and is having to reconstruct it.

### Membership

Jan reported current membership of 395.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ambassador** - Keith Wingfield –Joe has not yet had a chance to talk to Keith, but will follow up with Keith to understand how he screens and trains volunteers for this program.

**Auction** - Dane Burrell – Since we will not have the room where the auction is typically located, we decided to move it to the south side where the raffle usually is and move the raffle to the pool tables. We also discussed the need to manage the vendor set up so there is sufficient space for the auction and displays.

**Audio/Visual** - Lime Allen –The board approved the expenditure of up to \$5000 for the equipment to display details of presentations. Reid said that we will also need volunteers to help set up and run the equipment at the meetings and to get it ready for posting on the web.

**Events –**

- Spring show – none in 2020; will seek volunteers to help with finding venue and organizing the event 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

**Facilities Coordinator**- Reid Parham

**Heritage** – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall

**Hospitality** – Brandon McMillan did a good job at the last meeting. Joe will talk to him about taking on the committee chair role.

**Library** – Barbara Devitt – The database is corrupted, so the transfer to the new system is delayed. They may have to just transfer the database of materials and not check-in/out information, and hope people are honest about returning stuff.

**Mentorship** – Howard Greisler – Howard and Joanne understand that the waitlist needs to be left open for Mentorship 101 and again make it clear that everyone on the list is welcome to attend the meetings.

Lee Cheatle and Steve Wilcox are working on more workshops and people who can teach them.

**Newsletter** – Peter Pelofske – articles due the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Photographer** – Jim Baggett –

**Raffle** – We need to find a new lead(s) for this committee. Rock and Jan Vandervoort did it last time.

**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**

- Andrew Robson has delayed the deciduous show until next year.
- We agreed that the workshops are meeting the demand for more training, so we need to do more: quarterly or every other month. Lee and Steve are working on it.
- Year of the Volunteer – Jan and Patty have talked to Karl about creating a page on the web with volunteer opportunities and descriptions of the jobs.
- We talked about the idea of using vouchers for hours volunteered that could be used for a special raffle, the super raffle, membership dues, etc. Jan will work with Patrice on this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A new member asked about club pins and Jan did some research on creating them and costs. Pins would cost \$3.75 - \$4.00 apiece and could be sold for \$5.00. Joe will ask how much interest there is in that at the next meeting.
- Jan has had a couple of requests for 4X Large shirts. We could make them available for about \$6 more than the price of the ones now on offer. The board agreed to do this and absorb the extra cost. Jan will let those who inquired know that they can be ordered.

## **DECISIONS MADE VIA EMAIL SINCE LAST BOARD MEETING**

- Donate \$100 to the PNW Bonsai Museum campaign to improve security.
- Forego using vouchers to reward volunteers (too much trouble and potentially very costly) and instead seek other ways to reward volunteers.

The next board meetings are scheduled for March 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Hudson*