

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2020

Present were Board Members:

President	Joe Johanesen
Vice-President Programs	Reid Parham
Vice-President Membership	Patrice Morrow
Treasurer	Patty Myrick
Secretary	Laura Hudson

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference, due to the COVID-19 shut down.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM

Minutes - the minutes of the April board meeting had previously been approved via email, and no board meeting has been held since then.

BOARD REPORTS

President

Joe has had some contact with members asking if/when BSOP will hold in-person or on-line meetings.

Treasurer

Patty reported that the club's finances are okay. We had a net income loss of \$2800 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, but since we have a healthy emergency reserve, she is not concerned. The board discussed the need for an audit and decided that due to the coronavirus we will not have a committee meet and review the books but will ask Robert Wofford if he can pick up the materials and perform the audit remotely.

Programs

Reid thinks we can have the September general meeting presentation on-line. The board is enthusiastic about this and authorized Reid to proceed to set up a BSOP Zoom account with at least 2 authorized hosts (estimated at about \$750). He will begin soliciting presenters for the year's programs.

Membership

Patrice reported that we lost 8 members in July before the 1-year dues forgiveness was approved, but still have about 325 memberships for 386 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador - Keith Wingfield –

Auction - Dane Burrell

Audio/Visual -

Events –

- Spring show – none in 2020;
- Portland Nursery Show – cancelled.
- Summer picnic – cancelled
- Fall Show – cancelled
- Holiday party – scheduled for Saturday December 12, 2020 but unlikely given coronavirus

Facilities Coordinator- Reid Parham – Patty reported that we now have the off-site rental facility. Reid would like to move some of the video equipment that he has been storing at his home into it since it is climate controlled and safe. Patty will get copies of the keys made so things can be moved into the unit.

Heritage – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall

Hospitality – Brandon McMullan

Library – Barbara Devitt

Mentorship – Howard Greisler –Reid will reach out to Howard about using the BSOP Zoom account for mentorship.

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske – articles due the 10th of the month. The next newsletter should announce the intent to have on-line programs until we can meet in person again.

Photographer – Jim Baggett

Raffle –

Social media – Scott Tice

Super Raffle –

Volunteer coordinator – Patrice Morrow –

Webmaster – Karl Holmes

OLD BUSINESS

- COVID-19 response. This is discussed under individual items above.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board nominations. We have 3 people who would like to resign from the board – President Joe Johanesen, Treasurer Patty Myrick and Secretary Laura Hudson. Two people indicated in their membership forms that they would be interested in serving on the board – Patrick McDougal and Andrew Robson. Laura will draft an email for Joe to send to the membership seeking others interested in a board position. The board recognized that asking folks individually is likely to be more effective, but a general call is appropriate.

Next Board meetings: We will meet via Zoom on September 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson

DECISIONS MADE VIA EMAIL SINCE BOARD MEETING

- Do not charge dues for one year from July 2020 through June 2021
- Cancellation of board meetings for May, June, July 2020
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