

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2020

Present were Board Members:

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

Also present were guests Brandon McMullin and Andrew Robson

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes - the minutes of the August board meeting had previously been approved via email.

BOARD REPORTS

President

Joe said he had nothing to report other than that Andrew Robson had reached out about running for president.

Treasurer

Patty sent the financial statements out earlier. They were accepted as written. Patty talked to Robert Wofford about performing an audit and he agreed to do it, but he wants to wait until after the end of the year. The board agreed to that schedule. Patty will confirm with Robert.

Programs

Reid is talking to Scott Elser about being the speaker for our fall programs, focusing on seasonally appropriate work. Laura reminded him that the November meeting includes the election of officers, so would be shorter. We talked about opening the programs to other clubs and non-members. Andrew pointed out that professional presenters include clauses in their contracts limiting the presentations to members of the club paying for the presentation, so while we could open those presentations using only local presenters, we likely would not be able to open any with professionals to outsiders. The board was okay with that. Reid will

respond to the Olympia club that had asked us to let them piggyback on whatever we are doing.

Membership

Patrice reported that we have 386 members, just as in August, and she does not expect that to change as long as the dues forgiveness program lasts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador - Keith Wingfield –

Auction - Dane Burrell

Audio/Visual -

Events –

- Spring show – none in 2020;
- Portland Nursery Show – cancelled.
- Summer picnic – cancelled for 2020
- Fall Show – cancelled for 2020
- Holiday party – cancelled for 2020

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 McMullin

Library – Barbara Devitt

Mentorship – Howard Greisler –Reid reported that the Mentorship committee is not interested in trying to do either Mentorship 101 or 102 by Zoom. It's just too much work.

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 – sent pictures of the lava collecting trip which Reid will post on the Instagram account.

Raffle –

Social media – Scott Tice - Andrew suggested that BSOP should have a goal of posting once a week, and Reid agreed to ask for pictures from members for that use. Andrew also suggested converting the BSOP facebook group to a facebook page, which would let us post to both facebook and Instagram at the same time. The board agreed and Reid will talk with Scott Tice about it.

Super Raffle –

Volunteer coordinator – Patrice will talk to Jan Vandervoort about taking on the volunteer coordinator role. She had expressed an interest in helping earlier.

Webmaster – Karl Holmes

OLD BUSINESS

- COVID-19 response. This is discussed under individual items above.
- Monthly meetings on-line. This is discussed above under programs.
- 2021-2022 officer recruitment. Joe designated Reid to set up a virtual committee to recruit candidates. Andrew Robson is interested in the presidency and Brandon McMullin is interested in the treasurer position. No-one has yet expressed interest in being secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

- Audit of books – this is discussed under the treasurer’s report above

Next Board meetings: We will meet via Zoom on October 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson

Decisions made by email since the September board meeting:

- Approved reimbursement of cost of microphones and cables for broadcast of September meeting.