

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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 7:03 PM

Minutes - the minutes of the September 6th board meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

President

Joe said he had heard that members are happy that we are live streaming monthly meetings. He did suggest that a more formal intro with announcements would be helpful. Also, it was not clear that the questions Reid asked during Scott's presentation were coming from folks watching. Making that clearer would help be good. Reid will find some people to take part of the responsibility for the program, e.g., to read/ask the questions or do the intro.

Treasurer

Patty sent the financial statements out earlier. They were accepted as written. Patty renewed the rental for the off-site storage locker for a year since she got a 10% discount by doing so. The CD that BSOP purchased for some of our reserves matured, but the interest rate was only 0.05% so Patty returned the funds to the checking account instead.

Programs

Scott Elser will continue his presentation on seasonal work for the October meeting and Andrew Robson will be the presenter in November. Laura reminded Reid that the November meeting includes the election of officers, and asked whether he had worked out how to handle voting as part of the meeting. Reid will look into the best way to do the voting.

Membership

Patrice reported that we got 4 new members over the past month for a total of 391 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador - Keith Wingfield –

Auction - Dane Burrell

Audio/Visual - Reid will find an AV lead and/or a couple of helpers

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

Heritage – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall – Steve has several VERY large trees donated through the heritage program. They are taking up a lot of space in his yard and there is no one to care for them. With no club auctions in the foreseeable future, he would like to sell them on e-bay. While the board recognized that Steve needs to move the trees, we discussed the possible cost to the club of shipping such large trees as well as the preference/policy that donated trees be offered first to club members. The board agreed to tell Steve to proceed with the sale, as long BSOP incurs no costs/liability (pick up by purchaser only). We also asked that BSOP members be given advance notice to bid on the items.

Hospitality – Brandon McMullin

Library – Barbara Devitt

Mentorship – Howard Greisler –

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske – articles due the 10th of the month. Patty suggested that we all look at the draft of the newsletter before it is published. Patrice agreed and told a funny story about her experience editing the article she wrote for the last newsletter. Whoever gets the draft will forward it to the board for review.

Photographer – Jim Baggett

Raffle –

Social media – Scott Tice – Reid reported that he has had some response to his email request for pictures, but not a lot.

Patrice suggested that BSOP consider starting an auction on our Facebook page for members only. It would help when issues like this arise and also meet the need of members since we can't do monthly meeting auctions. The board agreed, if we can limit it to BSOP members. Patrice and Reid will work with Scott Tice to set one up.

Super Raffle –

Volunteer coordinator – Patrice has not talked to Jan Vandervoort about taking on the volunteer coordinator role, since it is not clear when we will actually need one again. She had expressed an interest in helping, and we will keep her in mind.

Webmaster – Karl Holmes

OLD BUSINESS

- 2021-2022 officer recruitment. Reid 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, but they are talking to Brandon Myren.
- Audit of books – Robert Wofford agreed to perform next spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- Selling donated trees on line – discussed above under Heritage program.

Next Board meetings: We will meet via Zoom on November 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson