

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 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

Andrew Robson, president-elect and Brandon McMullin treasurer-elect also joined us.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Minutes - the minutes of the November 10th board meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

President – Joe said that the streaming/zoom presentations seem to be going well – he hasn't heard any complaints. When asked, Joe said that he would be happy to serve as past president.

Treasurer

Patty sent the financial statements out earlier. They were accepted as written. Patty noted that most of the loss for the year was for the purchase of the video equipment to allow us to stream and record presentations. We remain in good financial condition.

Programs

Andrew and Reid are talking about offering a Q&A session and brief presentation in December, since the holiday party has been cancelled. It would likely be December 22nd.

While the November zoom webinar went well, including the election, the format was awkward for both presenters and members attending the meeting. We agreed that the zoom meeting format is preferable when possible.

Membership

Patrice reported that we got 3 new members over the past month for a total of 397 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador - Keith Wingfield

Auction - Dane Burrell

The second Facebook BSOP auction went well, and 97 BSOP members have signed up for it. Patrice is planning a December auction from 12/14 – 19, just in time for Christmas.

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 said that the board will need to designate a new contact for the Milwaukie Center next year since she is retiring as board member. It should be a board member, since the job includes agreeing to things that cost money and could affect our rent.

Outstanding facilities issues to keep in mind are the need/desire to move the library from the stage and the follow-up on the removal of the center post in the entry door, since BSOP should be due a refund of some of the funds contributed.

Heritage – Steve Leaming, Brandon Myren & Patrick McDougall – Since Brandon Myren was not in attendance, we do not know whether Steve made any progress on the sale of the large, donated bonsai however he wants. Reid agreed to reach out to Brandon and Steve to see what is happening.

Hospitality – Brandon McMullin

Library – Barbara Devitt

Mentorship – Howard Greisler

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske – articles due the 10th of the month. Joe will ask for pictures of bonsai decorated for Christmas as part of his article. These can be put in the newsletter and shared on social media.

Photographer – Jim Baggett

Raffle –

Social media – Scott Tice – Scott is monitoring the Facebook auctions.

Super Raffle – Joe asked whether it is possible to do one now, but that doesn't seem feasible. The board discussed holding an outdoor auction and super raffle sometime in the spring. We could use the shelter at the Milwaukie Center – we would just need to reserve it.

Volunteer coordinator –

Webmaster – Karl Holmes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- January annual business meeting – The board discussed what and how to present this information. Since this will be a virtual meeting, we agreed to prepare a few bullet points for each of us for Joe to read to the group. Joe asked that we do this as an email chain, since he has had trouble using Google docs. The board agreed.

Next Board meetings: We will meet via Zoom on January 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson