

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8th, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President	Andrew Robson	Present
Vice-President Programs	Reid Parham	Present
Vice President Membership	Patrice Morrow	Present
Treasurer	Brandon McMullin	Present
Secretary	Jeffrey Robson	Present

Special Guests - none

The meeting was held in person however, due to the continued COVID-19 Pandemic all individuals wore masks and social distanced.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 pm by President Andrew Robson

Minutes – The minutes of the December board meeting were approved 4 years and 1 abstaining. New Secretary Jeffrey Robson abstained since he was not at the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

President – Due to the Covid19 surge Oregon is reporting there was discussion on if the January should be held virtually via Zoom. With the hospital beds now at capacity and ICU slots being rationed and with Oregon now reporting daily records of infections and the number of deaths climbing, the board voted 5 to 0 to not meet in person. Both the business meeting and abbreviated presentation overview on repotting will be virtual. Although this may not be popular with some members the board considered the risk to not only older club members but those with underlying health issues and decided to err on the side of caution,

Treasurer - The treasurer provided board members with the January-December 2021 financial report and proposed 2022 budget. That information will be provided to the state as required by law for non-profit organization. Bottom line is that the BSOP is in strong financial shape and is in a good position to provide the excellent programs, activities and resources required for a world class bonsai society. The treasurer is meeting with individuals to look for ways to make the format and reporting of financials more streamline and what software is available to that end. It was suggested that he consider reaching out to the Oregon Small Business Administration who offers free advice as part of their government funding and charter. They may be able to provide help and great advice. There was also discussion about adding an option for an automated renewal process whereby a member's charge card could automatically be chased as memberships are about to expire. There are pros and cons about these types of

functions and the board decided it would be something a member would have to select and the time they joined. The treasurer will explore options and report at the next board meeting.

Programs – Moved to discuss to the end of the meeting

Membership – The VP of Membership provided data on where BSOP ended 2021 and what programs are used to track and organize that data. The great news is that membership is hovering right around 500. That represents an astonishing 19% growth rate from where the club ended 2020. There was a lot of discussion about the program being used and if the board should consider going to more modern technology that is more user friendly. That will be explored and presented at the next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador – Andrew Robson will take this on for 2022

Auctions – Dane Burrell, Toni Martin, Nothing to Report

Audio/Visual – Reid Parham, the microphone power issue experienced in the November meeting has been identified and resolved. Board approved 5 to 0 a \$400.00 expenditure for supplies to build a cabinet.

Events - Nothing to Report

Facility Coordinator – Reid Parham, Nothing to Report

Fall Show – Position Open, Nothing to Report

Heritage – Steve Leaming

Hospitality – Position Open, Nothing to Report

Library – Barbara Devitt, Librarian & Jan Hettick, Assistant Librarian, Treasurer will reach out to Library heads to understand if the proposed 2022 budget will meet their yearly requirements.

Mentorship – Howard Greisler & Liz Hardy, The President will schedule a meeting with the Mentorship heads to discuss their opinion that the program needs to be overhauled.

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske, Nothing to Report

Photographer – Jim Baggett, Nothing to Report

Raffle – Position Open, Nothing to Report

Spring Show – Position Open, Nothing to Report

Summer Picnic – Position Open, Nothing to Report

Social Media – Scott Tice, Nothing to Report

Super Raffle – ???, Nothing to Report

Vendor Coordinator – Reid Parham, Nothing to Report

Volunteer Coordinator – Patrice Morrow agreed to take this on for 2022

Webmaster – Karl Holmes, Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Treasurer presented and proposed a software program and methodology to send out text blasts to all members. Board approved the expenditure of a monthly fee of no more than \$20.00 a month for that functionality. Work needs to be done to determine how to link it to our current member database. Will report out next month's board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- VP of Membership is open to a new easier program to track membership data and membership renewals. Treasurer will explore options
- The board expressed kudos to Jim Baggett, BSOP Photographer & Ashley Pruen managing BSOP Instagram – make note in newsletter in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the club.
- Dennis Vojtilla Recognition in February
- Board agreed 5 to 0 for BSOP to become a corporate sponsor of the Pacific Bonsai Expo in the amount of \$2500.00 tied to the club's commitment to the mission of promoting the art of bonsai. The board also approved underwriting the \$85.00 entry fee for any club member who submits a bonsai that is juried into the show 5 to 0. Submitted bonsai to be juried have no charge. The fee is only paid for the bonsai if it is selected to show. Finally, the board agreed to see if the club's photographer would be willing to do the official photographs for bonsai entry submissions to be juried at a club show with backdrops etc. The President to coordinate.
- Discussion of show backdrops and fabric ideas consumed part of the meeting. The President will work on the idea with the Treasure and VP of Programs to develop a proposal with cost to submit to the board for review and approval.

2022 MONTHLY MEETINGS

- January – Zoom only Business Meeting & Report Primer
- February – Potting and soils in depth
- March – Chojubai or Hemlock with Michael Hagedorn

- April – Collection Management
- May – Back Pine Development & Management
- June – Advanced Deciduous Work
- July – Picnic & Swap Meetup
- August – Bonsai Critique
- September – Bending Big on Conifers
- October – Bonsai Fall Work
- November – Conifer Styling
- December – Holiday Party

2022 EVENTS

- February 26th Milwaukie Pavilion Mentorship Workshop BYOB time?
- March 12th Milwaukie Pavilion Mentorship Workshop BYOB time?
- May 2nd World Bonsai Day – 2day event at the Portland Japanese Garden Show & Demonstrations
- Telperion Farm Appreciation and Celebration Gary Wood & Kirks
- October 1&2 Fall Festival – Show & Workshops with Mentorship excess pre-bonsai.
- November Pacific Bonsai Expo
- December Holiday Party

Next Board Meeting:

- February 14th, 2022 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeffrey A. Robson
Secretary BSOP**