

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Cheatle at 6:54 pm.

Present were Board Members:

President	Lee Cheatle
Vice-President Programs	Michael (Lime) Allen
Vice-President Membership	Jan Hettick
Treasurer	John Thomas
Secretary	Patty Myrick

Minutes - the minutes for the December 4, 2017 Board Meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer

John presented a **draft** Income Statement for **December 2017** (including the Holiday Dinner) showing Net Revenue of \$629.70.

John still needs to connect with Robert Wofford to schedule the audit.

Transactions for the Young Choe Kusamono workshop will be charged to the General Fund.

Membership

Jan reported a total of 372 members. The 12-month average retention rate is 82%.

Programs

Upcoming programs:

January - Ryan Neil

February - Aarin Packard

March - Austin Heitzman

April - Andrew Robson

Future programs will include one with Colin Lewis' former apprentice and Colin Lewis in October. Lime is still working on getting Graham Potter to come at some time, possibly in the fall.

Discussion of the BSOP Mirai Video Archive - **Lee** will speak with Ryan.

January 23rd is the annual Business Meeting, we'll start the meeting 20 minutes early to give time for Board reports before Ryan starts his program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction - Toni Martin

Databases - Jan Hettick

Fall Show - **Patty** plans to write a handbook on organizing the Fall Show.

Heritage - Steve Leaming and Brandon Myren - There are several hundred pots at Brandon's, **Lee** will check with him regarding if these are a 100% donation or an 80/20% sale and will also verify that all McDonald items have been sold.

Hospitality - Patty Myrick

Library - Barbara Devitt - There are 5 boxes of magazines remaining in the shed to sell at raffle or silent auction. John has sold three of the five books he is selling for the club, the remaining two may be more difficult to sell. Jan has three boxes of books that need to be added to the library shelves.

Imperial Bonsai of Japan - after some discussion it was agreed to put this book out on display at meetings, possibly on the coffee table near the formal display.

Mentorship - Lee Cheatle, George Biddle, and Brandon Myren

Newsletter - Peter Pelofske

Photographer - Brian Lonstad

Program Facilitator - Reid Parham

Raffle - Harold Yearout

Social Media - Scott Tice

Speaker Coordinator - Keith Wingfield

Spring Show - Scott Elser - Discussion is ongoing regarding scheduling of the Spring Show.

Webmaster - Karl Holmes - Karl proposed that we move Scott's Branch Tips and the Library listings out of the Member Services area that requires a password to view and make them available to the public. The Board agrees they should be made public on the website.

2018 NW Bonsai Rendezvous - Lee Cheatle & Jan Hettick - Meeting scheduled for January 16th.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Apparel - Lime is trying to reach his supplier, further discussion regarding the possibility of selling club apparel will wait until the February meeting.

Rolling Carts - The Milwaukie Center denied permission to store additional carts in their building. We will see how they fit in the storage shed. The remainder of the stored magazines need to be cleared out, then we'll see how well the cart John has purchased will fit before purchasing another.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee - Lee and Jan will serve on the committee and will recruit some members not currently on the Board to also serve.

Bonsai Instruction - Jan would like to create a list of club members who provide private classes or one-on-one mentorship to make instruction available to those who cannot join the Mentorship Program.

Future Board Meetings - February 5, March 5, April 2

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, January 13, 2018

Count of Membership

Monday, January 08, 2018

67 Family
10 Honorary
228 Individual

305 **Total Memberships**

372 **Total Members (Families counted as 2)**

Note: Some Family membership have more than 2, so count may be slightly higher.