BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Cheatle at 7:02 pm.

Present were Board Members:

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

Also present was guest Karl Holmes, Webmaster.

Minutes - the December minutes were approved as submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer

John presented an Income Statement for December showing a Net Revenue of $392.81. This included the expenditure of $2,199 for the Tuff Shed for storage at the Milwaukie Center. The report also contains a Holiday Party Recap showing a net of $1,265.04 for that event. John also distributed a check register for the month of December.
There was discussion of the issue of club by-laws that state expenditures over the amount of $100 should be approved by the Board. That particular passage was reviewed and there was general agreement that the By-Laws should be updated to clarify this issue. **Jan Hettick** volunteered to work on a general revision of By-Laws. It was agreed that **John** will continue to distribute a check register with the financial statement.
An audit needs to be done for 2015 and 2016. John suggested we do this in May to accommodate Robert Wofford's schedule. **Patty Myrick** volunteered to assist with the audit procedure.
Reports for the January Business Meeting - We need a Budget to present at the meeting. **John** will prepare a budget and communicate with the Board via email.

Membership

Jan reported a total of 337 members. Over the past 15 months we have maintained an 82% retention rate.

Programs

January's meeting is the Annual Business Meeting. We will also have Josef Liebfried lecturing on pot history and selection. February's meeting will be Owen Reich on styling.

Lime is organizing a Bonsai Appreciation event scheduled for March 14 at Base Camp Brewing. This is not a BSOP sanctioned event but the Board will be receptive to a proposal from Lime for sponsorship of the event at our February Board Meeting. Ryan Neil will be speaking and showing a few of his trees. Lime would like to use the club logo on T-shirts for tree docents to wear. It was agreed that he may use the logo for that purpose. We may also have some of the T-shirts available to sell to club members as a fundraiser. **Lime** will submit an email publicizing the event to send to club members as well as an article for the newsletter.

Formal Display Backdrop - Lime has constructed a frame for the backdrop and commissioned a fabric cover.
MOTION - THAT WE REIMBURSE MICHAEL 'LIME' ALLEN THE AMOUNT OF $472 FOR THE FABRIC BACKDROP FOR THE FORMAL DISPLAY.
The Motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.

Ryan Neil Program - Lime presented a letter from Ryan regarding his proposed series of lectures at BSOP meetings. There will be seven lectures presented March thru June, then September thru November. The lectures will be live streamed on Ryan's website, then the video will be edited and posted on Ryan's site for free viewing by BSOP members. The charge to the club will be $1,000 per month. (See Ryan's letter attached). **Lee and Lime** will contact Ryan to discuss making a more formal agreement in writing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction **-** the auctions will need to be kept smaller for the next three months since one of the rooms we have been using for meetings will not be available.
Raffle - We need to find someone to manage the raffle. Dane Burnell is filling in temporarily. **Lee** will find a replacement.
Newsletters - The club has not been receiving payment for the advertising in the newsletter. There is a fee schedule set up, the member rate is $10 per year for a quarter page ad each month. **John** will send invoices to vendors that currently have ads in the newsletter.
Website Update - Karl Holmes presented an overview of the new website. It will be going live within the next few days.
Hospitality - No new business.
Library - The library inventory was done and shows eight items missing.
Mentorship - No new business.
Heritage - Lee is moving forward with the relief watering system.
2018 Rendezvous - The Rendezvous committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Renegotiation - **Patty** is working on a list of event dates for the next four years for John to use in his talks with the Milwaukie Center.
On-site storage shed - John has purchased the shed, it will be delivered and set up at the Milwaukie Center on January 19th. A group of volunteers will put down rock, **Lime** has volunteered to paint the second coat. The lease on the old storage unit is up at the end of January, so we need to get moved out before then.
Annual Business Meeting - Programs, Membership, Mentorship and Treasurer will give reports and the new Board will be introduced.
Yearout Juried Show - This offer has been rescinded, the matter is closed.
Donations to other Bonsai Clubs - On hold.

NEW BUSINESS

Karl Holmes - we would like to thank Karl for the amount of hard work he has put into developing our new website.
MOVED - TO PURCHASE A TREE FROM LEE CHEATLE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $200 TO PRESENT TO KARL HOLMES AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK ON THE NEW WEBSITE.
The motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.

Future Board Meetings - February 6, March 6, April 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, January 11, 2017

From: lime1299 <lime1299@gmail.com>
To: Chaparralbooks <Chaparralbooks@aol.com>
Subject: Ryan letter
Date: Mon, Jan 9, 2017 6:57 pm

To the Members of the Board,

It's with a tremendous amount of excitement that myself and my team at Bonsai Mirai are anticipating our upcoming collaboration with BSOP. Over the past 6 years we've forged a great working relationship with the tremendous people who have united to make BSOP such a shining light in the American Bonsai community of clubs. We recognize the ideas we present are always a significant commitment and outside of the norm, but its never failed to bolster our drive and confidence in our efforts to raise the level of the bonsai practice in the United States when we have the spirit and support the BSOP family brings.

This next project is perhaps our most exciting and ambitious endeavor yet. To make bonsai knowledge accessible across an increasingly larger population of passionate and dedicated practitioners is a goal I've personally been working towards since my return in 2010. It appears the time is upon us to present a unified body of knowledge around bonsai, as a practice, over the course of our calendar year. Our budget for the presentations we are hoping to deliver to your membership of $1000/meeting is at a production break-even but our hope is that we can continue to promote the mentality and approach you've taken towards committing to quality knowledge for your members, and to spread that concept to clubs across the country. We've maintained neutrality regarding our commitment or membership to specific clubs in the country as a result of issues we saw arise surrounding other professionals and conflicts of interests with clubs. However, our promotion of BSOP and your continual support of myself and what we are striving to do via Bonsai Mirai is a testament to our respect for one another and continued interest in this ongoing collaboration of the pursuit of bonsai.

Following the production of the live stream at the monthly BSOP meeting we will, like our other streams, edit the video the following day and post the video for free access to all BSOP members on the live.bonsaimirai.com site. Although our site will be a membership based model, we are producing a wealth of free content and we are excited the BSOP collaboration will be one of them.

If you have any further questions please let myself or Lime know.

Excited to be bringing this to fruition together!
Ryan

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March - June
Sept - Nov

BSOP INCOME STATEMENT December 2016	1/9/2017					Checking Account	
						Beginning Balance	$ 26,716.32
INCOME						Additions	$ 5,214.36
Dues:		$ 420.00				Payments	$ (9,363.69)
New	$ 150.00					Ending Balance	$ 22,566.99
Renewal	$ 270.00						
Holiday Tickets:	$ 950.00	$ 950.00				CD Account	$ 10,650.41
Auction:		$ 3,515.00					
General Fund	$ 3,515.00					Savings Account	$ 3,999.48
Mentorship							
						Total Cash On-Hand	$ 37,216.88
Raffle:		$ 167.00					
General Fund	$ 167.00					2018 Convention Loan	$ 4,060.00
Mentorship	$ -					TOTAL ASSETS	$ 41,276.88
Library							
Payments:		$ 125.00					
General Fund							
Mentorship	$ 125.00						
Library							
						Mentorship	
Hospitality	$ -	$ -				Donation	$ 5.00
Donations	$ 20.00	$ 20.00				Donation	$ 120.00
TOTAL		$ 5,197.00				Total	$ 125.00
EXPENSES						General Fund (Plaque)	$ 65.00
Rent		$ 500.00					
General Fund	$ 500.00					Library	
Mentorship						Books	$ 223.16
						Total	$ 223.16
Speaker Fee		$ -					
General Fund						Supplies Hospitality	
						Food Items	$ 51.32
						Total	$ 51.32
Expenses		$ 483.03					
General Fund	$ 65.00					Mentorship	
Hospitality	$ 51.32					Supplies/Printing (LC)	$ 143.55
Library	$ 223.16					Total	$ 143.55
Mentorship	$ 143.55						
Fees		$ 81.76				Due Sellers	
Square	$ 81.76					Longstad	$ 329.60
						King	$ 480.00
Due Sellers		$ 1,540.40				Hettick	$ 168.80
Tuff Shed		$ 2,199.00				Cascisa	$ 89.60
TOTAL		$ 4,804.19				Feilmeier	$ 472.40
NET REVENUE		$ 392.81				Total	$ 1,540.40
Holiday Party Recap							
Revenues:							
Tickets	$ 950.00						
Net Auction	$ 1,974.60						
Raffle	$ 167.00						
Donations	$ 20.00						
Total Revenues	$ 3,111.60						
Expenses:							
Catering	$ 1,110.00						
Rent	$ 500.00						
Alcohol Permit Fee	$ 175.00						
Hospitality supplies	$ 51.32						
Fees	$ 10.24						
Total Expenses	$ 1,846.56						
NET	**$ 1,265.04**						

DEC PAYMENTS				
Check Number	Date	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
1586	3-Dec	Milwaukie Center	Dec Rent	$ 500.00
1587	5-Dec	Milwaukie Center	June Rent	$ 125.00
1588	5-Dec	Steve Leaming	Mentorship Wire	$ 558.00
1589	10-Dec	Chase Bank	Holiday Party Change	$ 150.00
1590	11-Dec	Lee Cheatle	Mentorship Supplies/ Printing; Plaque	$ 208.55
1591	11-Dec	Patty Myrick	Hospitality Supplies	$ 51.32
1592	11-Dec	Gerri Chandler	Holiday Party Refund	$ 10.00
1593	11-Dec	Julus Baliois	Gratutity--server	$ 180.00
1594	11-Dec	Huber's	Holiday Party Catering Holiday Party	$ 930.00
1595	19-Dec	Ron Cascias	Auction-Sellers %	$ 89.60
1596	19-Dec	Jan Hettick	Auction-Sellers %	$ 168.80
1597	19-Dec	Wayne King	Auction-Sellers %	$ 480.00
1598	19-Dec	Brian Lonstad	Auction-Sellers %	$ 329.60
1599	23-Dec	Tuff Shed	Storage Shed	$ 2,199.00
Credit card	12-Dec	Stonelantern	Books Library	$ 141.56
Credit card	13-Dec	Stonelantern	Books Library	$ 81.60