

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM at Patty Myrick's house.

Present were board members:

President	Joe Johanesen
Vice-President in charge of Programs	Reid Parham
Vice-President in charge of Membership	Jan Hettick
Treasurer	Patty Myrick
Secretary	Laura Hudson

Past President Lee Cheadle was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 12, 2019 board meeting were approved. (Patty, Jan)

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report –

- Joe said he had nothing special to report, but that he thought the February meeting went well. Everyone agreed.

Treasurer's Report –

- There was a small drop in net income in January because of the cost of the MC doorway center post fix, and the cost of new software for the newsletter. Since we have a healthy reserve, there was no concern.
- BSOP's taxes are done. Because of the increased revenue from Rendezvous, we will need to have more detail on costs of each program for the next two years.
- The board accepted the Treasurer's report (Jan, Reid)

VP Programs Report

Reid reported that Dennis Vojtilla's presentation was well received and people lingered to talk afterwards. As a result, clean-up was a little slow. Reid said we need to make sure there is more help with clean-up, if possible.

Upcoming programs are:

- March – Scott Elser
- April – Andrew Robson
- May – Young Choe

VP – Membership Report -

- Currently BSOP had 380 members, with 24 renewals outstanding.
- Reid said he did an informal survey of dues charged by other clubs and found a range of \$20 to \$50/year. Most were at \$30, so BSOP seems reasonable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassador – Keith Wingfield

Auction – Toni Martin

Audio-visual - Lime Allen

Events -

We agreed:

- Lee will chair Newberg Camellia Festival (April 13, 2019)
- Lee will chair the Canby Spring Fair (May 4 & 5 2019).
- No spring show in 2019 – Remember to try to match World Bonsai Day on the second Saturday in May 2020. Jan recommended that we include the reason for no spring show in the next President’s letter so people know it isn’t gone for good. Volunteer fatigue and the need for a new venue are the main reasons.
- Portland Nursery show – Reid will chair and coordinate with Keith Wingfield to provide the presentation that the Division Street nursery folks want.
- Summer picnic – Set for August 10, 2019 – Joe has taken charge and thinks he can get main courses donated, so members only need to bring appetizers and desserts. He needs an estimate of attendance and consensus was 40 or 50. Joe will contact Patrice M. to see about using sign-up genius for head count and coordinating the potluck part closer to the event.
- Fall show (Sept 13 & 14 – Jan will lead, with help from Lee and Patty. It will be called the “2019 Bonsai Jamboree”. She has already got committee chairs for most slots. Lee will organize the workshops, but will need Joe to manage on the day of the event, since he will be doing the auction.
- Holiday party is set for Sunday December 15, 2019. We need to start talking it up in October to ensure a good attendance again this year. Stick with Huber’s for catering.

Facilities Coordinator – Reid Parham

- Door center-post fix should be scheduled in the next few weeks, maybe even done by the March meeting.

- Joe volunteered to get 2 dollies to help with moving plywood for covering the pool tables.
- New diagrams of how the room should be set up after our meeting were shown and several copies will be laminated and posted.

Heritage – Steve Leaming & Brandon Myren

Hospitality – Harold Yearout will continue to manage until his trip to Japan in April. Joe will look for a group of people to take it over in April if needed.

Library – Barbara Devitt & Karen Vunkannon

Patty reported that Karen will write something about new books for the newsletter.

Mentorship – Lee Cheadle, Steve Wilcox, Joanne Raiton, Brandon Myren

Mentorship 101 is full, with a 10 person waiting list. Mentorship programs are doing fine.

Newsletter – Peter Pelofske

Deadline is March 13 and April 10. March will be a big newsletter, with longer article by Scott Elser and Patrice Morrow's report of her trip to Japan.

Nominating Committee – not needed until May 2020

Photographer – Jim Baggett

Raffle – Harold Yearout will manage as long as he can but needs help. Jan Vandervort can help in the short term, but this too needs a small committee to handle it.

Social Media – Scott Tice

Reid now has the ability to post on the BSOP instagram account. He reported that it is pretty popular. He will post photos as often as he can and will talk to Jim Baggett about getting some for the site.

Vendor coordinator – Reid Parham

Volunteer coordinator – Patrice Morrow

Webmaster – Karl Holmes

Karl is considering updating the website and will put together a proposal for board consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lee was not present to report on his revised Helping Hand Up program description. The board authorized the program to spend up to \$150 each for helping 6 local clubs in 2019 (Reid, Patty).
- Scott Elser sent options for the 2019 T-shirt design and the board voted for a navy shirt with an orange logo.
- There were no orders for the Frank Mihalic pins. The board agreed to add the one sample to the Fall auction.
- The updated policies and guidelines need one edit and are good to go.
- The Activities guide is good with Jan's edits to reflect current Mentorship program syllabus.
- Rather than decide now where to post board meeting minutes and annual meeting minutes, the board asked for information about what is required by Oregon laws and regulations of non-profit corporations. Laura will research.

NEW BUSINESS

- Special raffle – Patty suggested that we set up a special raffle, selling \$5 tickets over 3 months for a chance to win a good tree. The drawing would be the last monthly meeting, with the winner not having to be present to win. This would be a way for new folks and those with less resources to get a good tree. The board liked the idea and authorized Patty to spend \$300 for a tree. Laura volunteered to sell tickets.
- Future board meetings –Patty Myrick volunteered to continue to host us at her home: 5455 SE Campanario Road in Milwaukie. Thank you Patty! Future board meetings were set for:
 - April 2
 - May 7
 - June 11

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hudson