

January 27, 2018

PBS Board Meeting: Richard, Eric, Tom, Liz, Kate, Elsie, Susie, Robert (via skype) in attendance

Request was made and will be included for next board meeting to please let Richard or Kate know if you will be attending, so the board isn't sitting around waiting for someone to arrive. If something comes up at the last minute, please call or text so we are aware.

Legacy Trees – We need an update from Ernie; Ernie will talk with Stewart Robertson, the water maintenance man at the VGC, to see if we can get a dedicated water line and timer for the trees. Discussed various other methods of tubing to prevent the trees from being easy targets for vandalism. As of today, unsure of the pruning status of the trees.

It was noted that the stands at the VGC are close to the same height, need to lower the front stand so it doesn't block the view of the other trees.

Charlie Medlin's donation trees will be used for an upcoming swap meet and auction. The lesser quality trees for the swap meet and the better quality for an auction.

Junipers and cork bark elephant trees will be sold at a swap meet for what we paid plus some so the club makes some money on them.

Bus Trip. Costs are higher this year but close to the cost of the bus trip last year trip. We will maintain the bus cost at the \$150 per person, the same as last year, 20 people will be the max number to go. We will start sign ups at the next meeting and we will cut it off after we have 20 people. If members want to be assured of a seat, they should pay their bus fee as soon as possible. If we get less than 18 people to sign up, we may have to raise the price a small amount per person.

Beginning Bonsai Class—There are 2 spots left. Elsie would like to have two more mentors, even if the spots don't fill. That way the mentors could style one of the workshop trees that could then be sold at auction. Richard will bring potting mix to the class for sale but mentors will STRONGLY recommend no repotting at this time. The club will also have bags of potting mix for sale at the Swap meet.

Matsuri – Eric will be out of town. He explained the parts needed to hang sign, recommends a team go and do a dry run before the big day. Need to test out the new table cloths to see if they need to be cleaned/pressed before. Need to request access to the Carriage Room to store our trees in Saturday night, will need to sweep it out Sunday morning. At the next few meetings, signup sheets for trees and workers will be available. Eric will send Susie the Template for the handouts that mention our tree show in April. Eric will do the computer advertising and contacts as before, Richard will contact Marjorie Magnusson at the Arizona Office of Tourism. Richard mentioned another person needed to be contacted that person is, Leah Soto, with the Phoenix Home and Garden Magazine, regarding our annual Bonsai Show, Richard will contact her. Viewing stones will be allowed provided they are large and not easily pocketed.

Spring Show – will we have someone do the critique? Bjorn Bjorholm will be in town, we will ask if he'd like to do it. Being realistic, will see if Ted would like to come and critique. Robert Baran will be in town and he would love to do a critique. Will limit people to 2 trees with understanding that if the trees are not at the VGC by the time specified they will NOT be in the show. Will need to have people sign up to

help with the setup, sign up for manning the table and to walk around talking with visitors. Sign up for all items will be available at meetings. Will not use the internet for sign ups. Will need to put together an email and then email it to all who signed up at the last few shows letting them know of the upcoming show. Eric will handle outside advertising. We will ask for people to volunteer to do demo's or just work on a tree both days. Potters will be invited back, will ask them if they would also advertise that they will be at a Bonsai show. Need to check to see if we have 1. Rooted starts for the plant give away, 2. Pots to put the rooted starts in. Need to check to see if we can make a quick side trip to Jason's to pick up additional pots (while on the bus trip this March), need to bring our own crates to get pots. If we do not have enough rooted starts or pots will hold off till next year.

Need to reserve a date for the 2020 tree show.

Dates Spring Bonsai Show 2019 April 5-7, 2019.

Notes for next year calendar planning

Elsie requests the fall Beginner Bonsai class be held in November if possible it was so hot in October and the trees were showing the stress of a hot summer. Additionally she would like the spring Beginner Bonsai class be held after Matsuri, as a way to get more people to join the club.

Richard would like to schedule less in December, so just a meeting, the first week, Party the first Saturday of December, the second Wednesday will be the winter swap meet. We will not have a third meeting this month.

Valley Garden Center Update-- VGC is undergoing a kitchen make over, new tiles, kitchen faucet, cabinets are being refaced, and some cabinets will be locked now to protect items that can easily walk. The ramp outside the French Doors will be torn up and replaced. A new sidewalk will be added behind the pond so there will be a paved path for bring in items, no longer pavement, gravel, dirt. VGC will be having a work day February 18th at 1 in the afternoon, pruning and general cleanup will be done. Kate will put the information in the next few email blasts in the hopes several of our members show up to help.

Tom will be out of town for the VGC meeting February 28th, Richard will attend in his place.

Jamie Sims contacted Richard, he was on the website noticed we did not have a lot of pictures, Jamie will try to get to a meeting in February and will bring a flash drive he has of pictures taken on club activities.

Money—we are currently in the positive for the year.

Why aren't people attending the workshops? Several people who used to fill workshops are no longer members. Members have the master come to their house for a day or half a day and receive uninterrupted attention from the master, rather than 3 hours with 8 other people and work on just one tree. Members have trees that don't need a great deal of work are just in maintenance mode and the cost of the workshop does not bear out the value. New members do not feel like they have a tree worthy of spending time with a master.

Things to think about for next year... If a mentor has the master come to their house, perhaps the club sponsors that person to a vacant spot with the master and provide a tree, mentor works on the tree during the workshop and then the tree will be auctioned off to raise money for the club.

Lower the price for David.

Only schedule two sessions on Saturday if demand returns, think about adding Sunday back in for the following year.

Limit the number of Master led workshops

See if Ted or Sam Adina would be willing to do a “round robin” workshop at a normally scheduled club meeting, come in and spend 5-10 minutes one on one with club member then move to the next tree.

David is not happy with the way we wire, has suggested to Elsie that he come and do a work shop with our mentors to train them on how to wire. Perhaps use an afternoon session for that? Silent observers would be welcome but could not participate,

Swap meet –Keep the tables at the same price of \$10.00 ask for volunteers to man the table so Kate doesn't have to be the only one doing the table.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon