

Phoenix Bonsai Society Board Meeting

The notes below are covering 2 days' worth of meetings.

Turnover from Old to New Board Day 1

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM May 23 2015

Home of Ken and Carol Roberts

Board members present were Eric Zimmet, Robert Baran, Jenna Williams, Barbara Gray, Liz Mantsch, Mike Fritz, James McEown, Val Engermann, Carol Roberts

- Exiting Board Members provided knowledge transfer of resources, contacts, projects and processes for Matsuri, VGC Show Phx Art Show. Information gathered will be formatted for upload to the member-site under document storage to reference for events and process going forward.

New Board Day 1

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM May 23 2015

Home of Ken and Carol Roberts

Board members present were Eric Zimmet, Robert Baran, Jenna Williams, Barbara Gray, Liz Mantsch, Mike Fritz,

New Board Day 2

Home of Ken and Carol Roberts

Board members present were Eric Zimmet, Robert Baran, Jenna Williams, Barbara Gray, Liz Mantsch, Mike Fritz, Barbara Miller, Elsie Andrade

Treasurer:

- Susie did meet with Liz directly for training and transfer of PBS account authorization.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Was presented to the board and will be posted on the PBS board members website. Any member of the PBS is welcome to review the financial statements with Liz upon request.

Historian:

- Robert attended both meetings via Skype and will continue as normal in his roll. Robert also gave permission for his Bonsai coloring book may be used during the VGC show.

Education:

- Elsie presented updates from mentor meeting and new process and format that will be used for open workshops, Joan will supply some tools, and club wire will be available for those who don't have any supplies of their own. Book reports from a member on book from the library to be presented at meetings. Solicit for new mentors will send out mentor profiles will be placed on the member-site, looking for Mentor trainees apprenticeship to help the mentors. New venue for education weekend classes is being looked into.

Librarian:

- Barbara prior Librarian is knowledgeable with fresh ideas for the upcoming year. Periodicals are catalogued. Inventory of the library has been completed and it was discovered that a few books were missing.

Raffle:

- Barbara Gray "Tribal knowledge" Barbra Grey will continue. Trees will be prepared for raffle by the mentors. Also after each Bonsai **Olympics the trees will be raffled or auctioned off**. The cost of raffle tickets will be \$2 each or six for \$10.

Valley Garden Center:

- LEGACY TREES: have been relocated to the Valley Garden Center - Jenna Williams and Mike Fritz will assume rolls of care takers.
- PINE TREE in the ground: Jenna Williams and Mike Fritz will assume rolls of care takers.

California Trip:

- Vote was taken and approved by the board: Mike Fritz will assume the point Transportation & Room will be paid for by PBS.

Membership book:

- Jenna Williams will be taking over the advertisements for the yearbook cost to advertise will remain the same. Solicitation letters for advertisers will be mailed to vendors. Advertisers will return their payments and any updated information by August 1st.

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BYLAWS REVIEW

- Review of the bylaws was conducted and it was agreed that article 5.4 be deleted from the bylaws.
 - **ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**
 - ARTICLE 5.4
A Senior Membership is available for individuals at and above the age of 70.
 - Review of the bylaws was conducted and it was agreed that article 6.3 be added to the bylaws.
 - **ARTICLE 6 – OFFICERS**
 - ARTICLE 6.3
Any officer on the board holding two or more positions shall only be allotted one vote upon items requiring a quorum.
 - Review of the bylaws was conducted and it was agreed that article 10.3 be modified within the bylaws.
 - **ARTICLE 10 - OFFICERS DUTIES**
 - ARTICLE 10.3
The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all of the PBS funds in the Phoenix Bonsai Society's bank account, including membership dues, raffle proceeds, donations, sales of the PBS properties and special sales, maintain financial statements and tax records, **prepares and files tax returns**, keep a record of Active Members; notify members in September, that fiscal year dues are payable; and issue Membership Cards.
- Eric will proceed with the changes listed as per Article 12 of the bylaws as outlined below.
- **ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENTS**
The By-laws of the PBS may be amended at a regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of current active members present and voting.
Proposed amendments must be presented to the membership at a meeting followed by a written and/or e-mail notification prior to the vote at the next scheduled meeting of the PBS.

Fujji Notes:

- Will be started back up beginning in Sept. Mike and Robert will be the point. .

EVENTS Mike

- The Board approved signage for events to promote club exposure. 3 feathered poles, 2 banners, and red lanterns. We will proceed with purchasing these items that can be used for future years.

EVENTS 2016

- Matsuri – Feb 27,28
- Art and Flowers Museum show - Jim McEown – Mike Fritz – Oct 16,17,18
- Phoenix Bonsai annual show – April 9,10
- California trip - coordinator will be Mike Fritz

EVENTS 2017

- Phoenix Bonsai Society April 2017 show dates will be presented by Kate Schumacher to the Valley Garden Center board during their first meeting in July. The PBS requested dates are: first choice is April 9th and 10th, second choice is April 2nd and 3rd, and third choice is April 16th and 17th.

2015-2016 MONTHLY TOPIC SCHEDULE

- Sept 08 Style lecture cascade - semi cascade / Mike Fritz
- Oct 13 Library day education art / club properties / Barbara Miller
- Oct 16 - 18 Phoenix Art Museum Art and Flower Event
- Oct 29 - Nov 01 GSBF Convention Riverside California
- Nov 10 Bonsai Olympics / Same Tree / Jenna Williams / Gary Davis

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- Nov 14 - 15 Whitfill Nursery Workshops with David Nguy.
- Nov 17 End of Year Auction / Club Members - Non-Public - Auction with David Nguy

- Dec 01 Seikae Demo - Carol Roberts
- Dec 08 Club swap meet sell items to club members - reserve a table
- Dec 15 Holiday Party / Club Members & Guest - Non-Public

- Jan 09 - 10 Seikae Workshop Tina, Carol, Barbara
- Jan 12 Demo - Ted Matson

- Feb 09 Bonsai Olympics 2 / Different trees / Jenna Williams / Gary Davis
- Feb 20 - 21 Workshop Sam Adina
- Feb 27 - 28 Matsuri

- Mar 08 Ficus for bonsai / Robert Gustafson

- Apr 02 - 03 Prep for Tree Show Cindy Reed
- Apr 05 Critique of Trees Cindy Reed"
- Apr 09 - 10 Valley Garden Center - PBS Show
- Apr 12 Bonsai Boot Camp - jump start hobby for beginners / Jenna Williams, Gary Davis

- May 10 End of Year Potluck & Auction / Club Members - Non-Public