

## **Phoenix Bonsai Society Board Meeting Notes July 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM at 5419 E. Virginia Ave. in Phoenix.

**Attendees** - Board members Ernie Hasan, Val Ingermann, Jenna Williams, Liz Mantsch, Bill Price, Gary Davis, and Susie Kingston. Elsie Andrade, Marsha Falco, and Eric Zimmet joined via Zoom.

**Board Position Changes** – The Treasury position was passed to Susie Kingston in May, and the Secretary position was passed to Marsha Falco in May. This change was discussed and approved at a prior board meeting.

**Club Financials** - Current bank balance is \$15,260.85.

**Tea House** - It was mentioned that the Tea House needs repair – especially the floor is unsafe. PBS originally built the Tea House many years ago. More info to follow.

**Workshop Lunches** - It was suggested that the club provide lunch for the Summer Winds employees whenever we have a workshop there since they do not charge the club a fee to use their facility. It was voted on and unanimously agreed upon.

**Schedule for Yearbook** - Since we are in the midst of a pandemic, it is unclear if we will be able to start up meetings again in September. We are on a “wait and see” mode for now. In the meantime, the board decided to follow last year’s schedule very closely since the schedule and activities was well received and the activities after the beginning of March had to be cancelled due to Covid. The yearbook will be prepared as usual and last year’s schedule for the meetings was discussed, voted on, and unanimously approved. If we are able to hold meetings, we will wear masks and distance as much as possible. We hope to also zoom the meetings for those that are unable/unwilling to attend in person. People will attend meetings at their own risk.

**Yearbook Advertising** - It was discussed and unanimously approved that we would not send out notices to nurseries for advertising in our yearbook next year. We will keep their ads in the book for the 20-21 yearbook at no charge to them.

**Permanent Bonsai Display** - Ernie will discuss a permanent bonsai display when he and Elsie do an upcoming class at the Desert Botanical Garden.

**Soil** - It was decided that PBS would stock some bags of mixed soil for members, particularly for the beginners. Bags will be sold at \$30 each with a limit of 2 bags per person.

**Board Duties** - We have received detailed description of duties of some of the board positions. A reminder was made to submit theirs to Susie if they haven’t already. It was also suggested the duties such as name tags, clothing orders, yearbook editing, etc. be assigned to a board member for oversight.

**Newsletter Competition** - GSBF is having a newsletter competition. Our newsletters have good content, but the formatting needs to be improved. Jenna mentioned that a new member offered to update what we have. She will pursue that.

**Library** – Bill Price, our librarian, mentioned that the library is very under utilized. He suggested maybe doing a mini-book report each month highlighting a book or two so members might be more familiar with the selection we currently have. It was also suggested he could do this as an addition to our newsletters.

**Bus Trip** – Since our bus trip last year had to be cancelled due to Covid, we are hoping it can take place in March again. It was agreed that the proposed schedule from last year would be followed. No calls or planning will be done at this point until we see where things are after January regarding the virus.

**Hozy McCarter Scholarship Fund** - The club will have a table at the fall swap meet wot sell a lot of the pots and other items from Hozy's collection. Things that don't sell will go into a silent auction during our fall auction and the better items will be included in the live auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Submitted by Marsha Falco  
Board Secretary