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Maryland Orchid Society
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 14, 2010
Minutes

Board Members Present -

Gary Smith, President
Bill Scharf, Vice President, Show Chair
Sarah Spence, Secretary
Clark Riley, Webmaster
Laura Sobelman, Newsletter Editor
Tom McBride, Show Table Chair
Don C. Forester, Director
Ann Lundy, Past President
A. Lee Lundy, Jr., Controller
Bill Ellis - Auction Chair
Eric Wiles - Education and Activities

Other Members -

David Smith
Pamela Shaw

Call to Order - Gary Smith

- The meeting was brought to order by Gary Smith at 7:35 PM. The agenda was distributed.
- The host and hostess for this meeting, Lee and Ann Lundy, were thanked for their hospitality.

October Minutes - Sarah Spence

- October 29, 2009 “draft” minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept minutes as amended. Motion was accepted.

Financials

Treasurer’s Report - Patti Kelt (absent)

- Copies of a “Statement of Activities” and “Balance Sheet” were handed out.
- Plans to transfer funds are still in process.

Controller’s Report - Lee Lundy

- The tax return for 2008 was filed. The return for January, 2009 through August, 2009 (STUB year) to be filed by April 15, 2010. The next return, September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 will be for MOS “natural” business year.

Standing Committees

Show - Bill Scharf

- Bill reiterates the minutes of the October Board meeting.
- Gary continues tweaking the programming and correcting the redundancies for the plant registration process.
- There was a protracted discussion on “classifications” and “groupings” of plants.
- Joan Roderick will assist in improving the overall atmosphere, food and cost retention of the banquet.

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- 3 vendors have been lost for this year but there are prospects. One new vendor is a stained glass artist. Total number of vendors is 8 - 10.
- Show will open the first weekend on Friday at 4:00 PM; will open the second weekend on Friday at 10:00 AM.

Away Shows - Valerie Lowe (absent)

- SEPOS show March 25-28.

Education and Activities - Eric Wiles

- Education Corner - None scheduled for January meeting. Panel discussion instead.
February - Barbara Buck
- April Workshop - Date to be decided. Ann Lundy will arrange for Church hall but she will be away in April. Will need someone to take reservations.
- Possible “field trip” to Little Brook in May.

Program - Sue Spicer (absent)

- A speaker is planned for February meeting.

AOS/ODC - Valerie Lowe (absent)

- A letter has been received from AOS requesting a contribution. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that MOS will give \$1000.00 at this time.
- Amendments to the motion suggested that we reassess amount of donation in April, pending revenue from show. Another suggestion is to donate from the monthly auction or from the general fund.
- A vote was taken with 1 nay. Motion was carried.
- Clark Riley volunteered to give “the pitch” to the members at the next monthly meeting. He will coordinate this with Valerie.
- Board will address additional funding after the discussion with the membership.

Auction - Bill Ellis

- No report.

Hospitality - Margaret Smith (absent)

- David Smith, standing in for Margaret, asks for clarification of the phrase “orienting them to the MOS meeting” used in the October board meeting. He was referred to Sue Spicer who made the proposal.

House - Bill Soyke (absent)

- No report.

Library - Norma Lynch (absent)

- No report.

Membership - Marilyn Lauffer (absent)

- No report.

Newsletter - Laura Sobelman

- Laura expressed her appreciation to all who contribute to the Newsletter.
- It is requested that articles/information be submitted one week before the monthly meeting; if this is not possible, notification of the meeting and scheduled speaker should go out to all members the Friday of the week before the meeting.

Refreshments - Barbara Buck (absent)

- No report.

Show Table - Tom McBride

- Tom reports that everything is “OK”!
- Discussion of categories included dropping the fragrance class, merging the greenhouse classes and adding a class for Dendrobium. A possibility for next year?

Sunshine - Hilda Sukman (absent)

- Gary will contact Hilda to send “get well” card to Valerie Lowe as she recuperates from her accident.

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Website - Clark Riley

- Clark states that as soon as he gets material for the website, it can be uploaded.

Special Committees

Finance - Gary Smith

- Have received “green light” to proceed from Patti Kelt. Gary requested suggestions for persons to appoint to review the books.

Mentoring - Bill Ellis

- Continues to require work.

Recognition - Eric Wiles

- Bill (?) and David Smith will assist.

Website Redesign - Gary Smith

- No activity this period.

Old Business

Idea List - Gary Smith

- Gary states that he has had no time to push virus detection kits.

Other - All

- Reminder that the March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23 instead of the regularly scheduled third Thursday.
- Catocin Orchid Society has expressed their appreciation for our monetary gift.

New Business - All

Monthly Auction - Pam Shaw

- Pam submitted handouts illustrating monthly auction statistics from Sept, 2008 through Dec. 2009.
- A discussion followed concerning the “pros and cons” of the monthly auction.
- A motion made by Lee Lundy suggested a maximum number of two plants per person for submission to the auction. Any plants registered after the first 10 plants will be submitted for the silent auction. All plants must be registered by 7:45 PM. Bids for plants in the silent auction will be closed when the meeting is called to order.
- Tom McBride seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- Eric Wiles make a motion to form a “standing committee” for the monthly auction. Gary Smith can appoint. A discussion followed and a vote was taken. 5 voted “yes” and 5 voted “no”. The motion failed.

Next Meeting - All

- The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 on April 22, at the home of Don and Joan Forester; 607 Remington Rd., Fallston, MD 21047.
- David Smith has extended an invitation for the July board meeting to be held at his home.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Spence,
Secretary