

Maryland Orchid Society
Board Meeting October 11, 2007

In Attendance: Ann & Lee Lundy, David & Margaret Smith, Tom McBride, Lone Lee-Young, Gary Smith, Anne Minkowski, Valerie Lowe, Marilyn Lauffer, Clark Riley, Aaron Webb, Laura Sobelman, Bill Ellis

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Minutes from the July board meeting were reviewed, voted on and approved.

Committee Report

Treasurer's Report - David Smith gave the Treasurer's report. He will transfer some of the money in checking to a T. Rowe Price investment account.

Controller's Report - Lee Lundy prepared the Society's tax returns on a pro forma basis. Maryland Orchid Society is still a tax-exempt non-profit organization with normal annual revenues below the threshold requiring filing of tax returns and therefore is not required to file a federal income tax return. After considering the situation, Lee determined not to file for 2006.

Auction - Bill Ellis has contacted suppliers for the fall auction. An e-mail notifying members of the auction will be sent prior to the auction. Aaron Webb will contact other orchid societies to notify them of our upcoming action. The auction will be held at a new location this year, at the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department Social Hall. Color flyers are being distributed.

Away Show - Valerie will not be setting up a MOS exhibit at the SEPOS show in 2008. MOS received multiple awards at the NCOS show including the ODC award for our exhibit. Many thanks to Valerie and the other members for all their hard work. SOS set up is Oct. 25 and the tear down will be the 28th. Anyone willing to help with set up or tear down please contact Valerie Lowe.

Library - Anne Minkowski reported that the society has received original photos and documents of the Siegart & Slotter Orchid Nursery from a descendent of the owners.

Membership - Marilyn Lauffer made many suggestions on increasing membership. She will work with Gary Smith to update information on members and she is compiling a new member roster. There is a membership form on the MOS website. The mentor program was suggested and accepted by the board.

Program - Clark Riley will be the speaker at the next monthly meeting and Roy Tokunaga of H & R Nurseries will speak in November. He will have plants for sale at that meeting.

Show - Bill Scharf will schedule a show meeting very soon. Judging Show - Gary Smith discussed the possibility of registering plants for the show and other possible changes to be implemented.

Newsletter - The board thanks Laura Sobelman for her hard work on our monthly newsletter. It is the best newsletter in the history of the society.

Show Table Tom McBride reported that our monthly show table is doing well. There has been a tremendous amount of plants on the show table.

Other Business

Budget - David Smith gave a report on the society's budget. A motion was made to approve the budget. Motion was approved.

MOS Job description project - Gary Smith is gathering information on the various jobs of the society and compiling the descriptions.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 10, 2008 at the Lundy's house. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm