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Maryland Orchid Society
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 16, 2009
Minutes

Board Members Present -

Gary Smith, President
Bill Scharf, Vice President, Show Chair
Sarah Spence, Secretary
Bill Ellis, Auction Chair
Margaret Smith, Hospitality Chair
Clark Riley, Webmaster
Laura Sobelman, Newsletter Editor
Tom McBride, Show Table Chair
Marilyn Lauffer, Membership Chair
Valerie Lowe, Away Show Chair
Eric Wiles, Education and Activities
Barbara Buck, Refreshments
Lou Buck, Shed
Don C. Forester, Director
Ann Lundy, Past President

Other Members -

David Smith
Sue Spicer
Pamela Shaw
Joan Forester
Sarah Hurdel
Aaron Webb
Becky Wiles
Lorie Lee-Young

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, David and Margaret Smith, were thanked for their hospitality.

April Minutes - Sarah Spence

- Review and acceptance of April 23, 2009 minutes were deferred until a quorum is reached. Quorum was reached later in meeting and April minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to accept as amended.

Financials -

Treasurer's Report - Account summary - Patti Kelt absent

- In Patti's absence, Gary handed out a "Statement of Financial Position" and "Income/Expense by Category for FYE 8/31/2009" for review.

Controller's Report - Financial condition - Lee Lundy absent

- No report presented.

Standing Committees - Budgets; Board-level issues

Education and Activities - Eric Wiles

- A trip to Fishing Creek is planned for Saturday, July 18.

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- A visit to The Little Greenhouse for MOS members is planned for August 22 and 23, 9 AM to 5 PM. Tom McBride has offered a discount to MOS members.
- A picnic for MOS members is being considered for next summer.

Membership - Marilyn Lauffer

- Current membership - 156
- Membership renewal forms and questionnaires will be mailed in August for compilation of membership roster which will be distributed in December.

Program - Gary Smith

- Gary has again asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Sue Spicer volunteered to accept the responsibility of Program Chair. She recommends the formation of a committee to work with her in planning programs. One idea presented is to hold repotting seminars. Sue has asked members for their "program" suggestions.

Auction - Bill Ellis

- Bill presented his "proposed" budget for the 2009 Orchid Auction. Budget was approved and accepted.
- This year's auction is planned for the Saturday following Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and will be at the same location as last year.
- There has been an increase in the price of the calendars; questioned if we should re-consider.

Away Shows - Valerie Lowe

- Susquehanna Orchid Society Show is scheduled for October 23 in Roherstown, PA.
- Nation Capital Orchid Society Show is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend.
- A suggestion was made to establish "points of contact" for other societies with MOS.

AOS/ODC - Valerie Lowe

- **ODC** - It was approved to set aside \$250.00 for color photos of Paphs. and Phrags. for the year-end edition.
- **AOS** - May possibly shut down due to lack of funds. The Judging Center will ask when money is needed. It was stated that the AOS Directory was inadequate.

Library - Gary Smith

- Gary reported that Anne Minkowski has resigned due to her move to Hunt Valley, so a new Librarian is need. Any recommendations?

Show - Bill Scharf

- The MOS Show is scheduled for March 12-14, 2010. Set up on March 10 with AOS judging on March 11. Valerie Lowe is Judging Chair.
- A \$7000.00 budget for expenses is requested.
- Last year earnings were \$3000.00 plus.
- It is suggested that other vendors be solicited.

Hospitality - Margaret Smith

- All members agree...Margaret always gives out a "winning ticket".

House - Bill Soyke, absent

- No report presented.

Newsletter - Laura Sobelman

- Kudos to Laura for an "excellent job" on the Newsletter.

Refreshments - Barbara Buck

- Barbara reports that everything is "OK" with refreshments.

Show Table - Tom McBride

- Tom reports that everything is "OK" and that tables are always of quality.
- He requests the same budget as in 2008.

➤ Gary interjects his request for Committees to e-mail their estimated 2009/2010 budgets to him.

Sunshine - Hilda Sukman, absent

- No report presented.

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Website - Clark Riley

- Clark will work on web redesign.

Special Committees -

Finance - Gary Smith

- Gary reports that everything is on Hold until the “books” are in order. Lee Lundy will file the tax return due August 18, 2009.

Mentoring - Bill Ellis

- Invitations to serve as “mentors” have been sent by e-mail to 16 - 18 experienced members; 5 have replied; 4 have accepted; 1 refusal.
- Estimated kick-off after introduction of program at September meeting.

Recognition - Eric Wiles

Off the record.

Shed - Lou Buck

- Lou requests volunteers to paint the shed and table dividers and repair doors. Date to be announced.

Website Redesign - Gary Smith

- Several people have been asked to work on redesigning the MOS website.
- Clark Riley has volunteered.

Old Business -

Huntington Symposium - Speaker sponsorship - Valerie Lowe

- Symposium has requested \$1000.00 to sponsor one speaker for 2010. Deadline for submission is November, 2009
- A motion was made to give \$1000.00 and was seconded; 6 “Yes” votes and 4 “No” votes; passed with a request for additional information.

Idea List - Gary Smith

- Virus detection kits - sign-up sheet has been found.
- Google Calendar has been established.
- Mission Statement appears on the website. Tom McBride will research origins of Mission Statement.

Other - Gary Smith

Auction -

- The fate of the monthly auction was recapped, re-discussed and silent auction logistics were questioned.
- Eric Wiles suggested that all auction plants be registered by 7:45 PM.
- It was decided that the first 10 plants would be auctioned. Plants over and above the first 10 plants will be placed for the silent auction. It was agreed to try this at the first meeting in September. Two “no” votes were noted.

Liability -

- To investigate insurance and draft procedures. I was stated the a statement of “rules” indicates liability; no “rules, no liability.

New Business - All

- No new business reported.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009, 6:30 PM at the home of Sarah Spence.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Spence, Secretary