

Maryland Orchid Society

Board Meeting

Thursday – April 30, 2012

Minutes

Board Members Present

Bill Scharf – President, Show Co-Chair, Mentoring
Eric Wiles – Vice President, Education, Activities, Recognition
Gary Smith – Past President
Valerie Lowe – Away Shows, AOS/ODC
Laura Sobelman – Director, Newsletter
Tom McBride – Show Table
Marilyn Lauffer – Membership
Margaret Smith – Hospitality
Clark Riley – Website

Call To Order – Bill Scharf

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:43 PM.
- The hostess for the meeting, Marilyn Lauffer, was thanked for her hospitality.

January Minutes

- The January Minutes were discussed but because corrections were required, Bill Scharf motioned to postpone approval until the July Board meeting. Eric Wiles seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Financials

- Both Patti Kelt and Mary Chiu were not present to report on financials.
- Bill noted that he would like show expenses made available by the July Board meeting.

Standing Committees

Away Shows – Valerie Lowe

- NCOS Show – Setup October 4 / Teardown October 8
- SOS Show – Setup October 18, the same day as MOS meeting
- SEPOS Show – Valerie expressed concern that the 2013 show may conflict with the MOS show because SEPOS will be just a week after MOS.

AOS/ODC – Valerie Lowe

- Merritt Huntington Symposium – October 26

Auction – Bill Ellis (absent)

- Bill Scharf solicited suggestions to improve turnout and advertising.
- The moving of the venue was discussed but no immediate action suggested.

Education and Activities – Eric Wiles

- Picnic – July 21 @ 4:00 PM at Eric Wiles home
- Members reporting clinic – August 25 @ 10 am at Margaret and David Smith's home

Hospitality – Margaret Smith

- No report at this time.

House – Jamie Riegel (absent)

- New projector table was obtained, Lou Buck will attach powerstrip to table.
- Projector was found by Church and returned to us

Library – Norma Lynch (absent)

- Bill Scharf solicited book purchase suggestions

Membership – Marilyn Lauffer

- Currently MOS has 133 members. Since November we've added 20 new members.
- Website membership application needs to be updated, membership fees are incorrect.
- Gary Smith said that he was working with Adobe Acrobat on a project related to show registration and that he may in the future be able to make a pdf membership application fill-able and save-able.
- Marilyn will miss the next Board meeting but will send membership forms with Norma Lynch.

Newsletter – Laura Sobelman

- Education Corner schedule for 2012/2013, which David Smith is working on, will be published in the September newsletter.

Program – Gary Smith

- Mark Warner is confirmed to speak in May.
- Erich Michel is scheduled as the June speaker.
- Gary solicited suggestions for future speakers. Peter Lin and HP Norton were suggested.

Refreshments – Barbara Buck (absent)

- Requests for more coffee and the addition of instant decaf coffee were made.

Show – Bill Scharf

- Bill received positive feedback from vendors
- 2013 show – March 8-10, setup begins on March 5.
- MOS saved \$400 by using free boxes, but need source for smaller boxes.

Show Table – Tom McBride

- Attendance has been good.
- Would like to encourage new members to show in novice class.

Sunshine – Janice Mazur

- Sent card to Sarah Spence – a month early – will send another.
- New member Dante Brooks – wrist surgery

Website – Clark Riley

- New method for updating newsletter is much quicker.
- Gary Smith to cc. Clark with announcements to post on website.

Special Committees**Finance – Bill Scharf, Patti Kelt (absent)**

- Need to develop finance committee for upcoming year.

Mentoring – Bill Ellis (absent)

- Suggestion to mention mentoring program at education corner or during meetings.

Recognition – Eric Wiles, Gary Smith, Bill Scharf

- Sarah Spence suggests presenting engraved gavel to outgoing president, but the idea was rejected upon discussion.

Website Redesign – Gary Smith, Bill Scharf

- No report at this time.

Old Business

- Projector stand – refer to report in “House” minutes.
- NCJC donation – Valerie Lowe reports that no donations are needed despite previous suggestions to the contrary.

New Business

- Donations to AOS – Bill Scharf to follow up with Patti Kelt regarding \$500 donation approved at last meeting, as well as a \$2,000 donation approved in 2006 to ascertain whether it was done or not.

Next Meeting

- Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2012, 6:30 PM at the home of David and Margaret Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Hurdel, Secretary