

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
APRIL 10, 2005**

Present:

Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Harold Crawford, Don Davidson, Elaine Davidson, Ann Granatier, Bob Granatier, Lyn Hickey, Al Hutchins, Terry Laurin, Verna Laurin, Pat Loy, Randy Manning, Gloria McMillen, Kay Suzuki

Regrets:

Chris Hollinshead, Sandy Ives, Wilf Tarbet

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with Ed Jowett presiding.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adopted as circulated.

Motion: Pat Loy; Seconded: Al Hutchins. Carried.

2. Adoption of Minutes-Feb 13, 2005

Adopted as circulated.

Motion: Randy Manning; Seconded: Kay Suzuki. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

Ed continues to work with Wilf regarding his expenses.

4. Treasurers' Report

Treasurer's position is open.

Report attached.

Motion: Ed Jowett; Seconded: Gloria McMillen. Carried.

5. Awards and Trophies

Pat Loy determined that Elizabeth Sattler has a CIS plaque she would like to return. Al Hutchins will make arrangements for pick-up.

Cathy Boyko returned a box of CIS materials including membership files, and the President's Trophy for best species, donated by Ross Martin.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Acquisitions

New Acquisition Committee members for 2005 are:

Randy Manning (committee chair)

Terry Laurin

Bob Granatier

Chuck Chapman offered to send his recommendations to the committee.

B. Membership

Wilf reports the following numbers:

Guest Members	20
Life Members	34
Paying Members	63
Total:	117

The CIS membership database has been updated with all renewals and new members information up to April 9, 2005. A copy of the current CIS membership list is attached for your reference. It is sorted alphabetically.

Chris Hollinshead proposed that he take over the Membership position given Wilf's pending resignation. If the Board accepts this proposal he will resign his current CIS VP position.

Effective immediately, Chris Hollinshead will take over the membership duties from Wilf Tarbet.

Motion: Pat Loy; Seconded: Gloria McMillen. Carried.

C. Property

All supplies are in place for the upcoming show.

D. Newsletter

Next deadline for submissions to the spring edition of the CIS Newsletter is May 1st.

Effective with the Summer 2005 edition of the CIS Newsletter, the Board has agreed to accept the offer made by CIS member Elaine Davidson to become our new Editor.

Motion: Pat Loy; Seconded: Randy Manning. Carried.

Kate Brewitt suggested that the CIS advertise regularly in their Newsletter for Board positions that need filling e.g. we currently need a Treasurer; come September we will need new Board members.

E. Publicity

Submissions for both the Hamilton and Toronto shows have been sent to the following magazines:

- Canadian Gardening
- Ontario Gardener
- Gardening Life
- Harrowsmith
- icangarden (website)

Chuck Chapman offered to send the information to Art Drysdale as well as the Kitchener/Waterloo area newspapers.

It was also suggested the events be added to the Events Calendar on the Ontario Horticultural Association website, www.gardenontario.org.

F. Historian

Chuck Chapman continues to research the life of Lloyd Zurbrigg for an article for the spring edition of the Newsletter.

G. June Flower Show

This years Show Committee members are Ed Jowett and Kay Suzuki.

Ed Jowett has distributed flyers to 51 Horticultural Societies to advise them of our upcoming shows in both Toronto and Hamilton.

Ed Jowett will approach the RBG regarding the return of our display vases. Chuck Chapman is willing to store them between shows.

Ann Granatier will coordinate with other Board members, pictures and information to design appropriate signage for the show. She was allocated \$100 for this endeavour.

Motion: Kate Brewitt; Seconded: Randy Manning. Carried.

H. CIS Annual Picnic

Gloria McMillen has agreed to hold this year's picnic on Saturday, June 11th. It will be a potluck affair. Bring your own lawn chairs, please.

I. Silent Auction

Terry Laurin and Kate Brewitt will be stepping down from the Silent Auction committee this year.

Since we are in transition from growing irises at the Lath House at RBG and implementing our Hosting Program it was suggested we cancel the Silent Auction for this year. This will give the CIS an opportunity to improve the selection for next year's auction.

Motion: Bob Granatier; Seconded: Randy Manning. Carried.

Chuck Chapman will compose an article for the spring edition of the CIS Newsletter.

Motion: Terry Laurin; Seconded: Al Hutchins. Carried.

ADDENDUM

The Ottawa Region, ORrIS, has agreed to run this year's Silent Auction to avoid disappointment to our members. This will be organized by Sandy Ives, rives@rogers.com

J. August Auction and Sale

Ed Jowett and Terry Laurin agreed that they would be responsible for organizing the Host Growers, Ed Jowett, Chris Hollinshead and Terry Laurin, with regards to getting the iris rhizomes to their respective auction/sale in Hamilton and Toronto.

Ed Jowett has contacted 51 Horticultural Societies to advise them of our upcoming auction/sales in Toronto, London and Hamilton.

K. London Region

The London Region will not be having a flower show this year however everything is in place for their flower sale on August 20th in London.

L. Ottawa Region

No report.

M/N. Toronto Region/T.B.G.

Lyn Hickey is investigating the possibility of the CIS – Toronto Region becoming affiliated with the TBG in the same fashion as other societies do. This may eliminate the need for the Toronto Region to be affiliated with the AIS for

insurance purposes, which is becoming quite costly. The end result would be that both the June Flower Show and the August Auction and Sale would be held at the TBG.

O. Website

The new website location is completely finalized. As of December 2004 we now have a registered Internet "domain name". This is www.cdn-iris.ca

The new website location is fully functional with most areas updated to include the 2005 CIS information such as it is available or provided. The old website location is now closed and unavailable. The website undergoes frequent updates to keep it an accurate, current and correct reference source for the CIS membership and interested public non-members.

Ed Jowett will contact Chris Hollinshead regarding the layout of the Toronto and London events on the CIS website. Apparently having them listed separately from the CIS events, and under Other Societies, has caused some confusion with our members.

P. A.I.S.

No report.

7. Old Business

Hosting Program

The members of the Hosting Committee need to be determined. At present, Terry Laurin seems to be the only one.

Other issues were raised concerning the current Hosting Program proposal:

1. Can a gardener with limited space still participate in the program by

- taking 10 rhizomes one year, but none for the following two years?
2. Need instructions for Host Growers regarding obtaining their shipping refunds.
 3. What will be done if a Host Grower lives in BC and the Hosting Committee wants to peruse his/her garden?

Once the committee members are determined, these issues will be addressed.

2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The West Plains Church is willing to host our AGM this year. The group voted unanimously (but one, sorry Gloria) for a Ham and Scalloped Potato luncheon.

Speaker for the 2005 AGM

Ed Jowett will contact Cathy Boyko to see if she is available.

Other suggestions were:

Linda Miller

Cathy Renwald

Someone from the University of Guelph.

2006 Iris Seminar

Chuck Chapman is working with the TBG with regards to holding our 2006 – 40th Anniversary Seminars there. Room rates will be available by mid-May at which time the TBG will be accepting bookings. They usually offer special rate for Horticultural Societies.

Constitution

Before discussions can continue on the Constitution an updated version, incorporating the changes to date, needs to be typed up for distribution to the Board. Chuck Chapman will contact Sandy Ives.

NOTE

The review of the Constitution will be continued at the next meeting. Board members are to review to the end of Article IV. Again, it is requested that an email discussion occur between Board members in the weeks prior to the meeting to reduce the time required at the next meeting. Copies of all correspondence should go to all Board members and Sandy Ives – rives@rogers.com.

8. New Business

Walker Ross Award

Nominations for the Walker Ross Award should be solicited. Pat will put something in the next newsletter.

Open House At Ed Jowett's Garden

Ed will be opening his gardens in Tottenham from May 12 to June 19, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm to those people who are interested. For details contact Ed at edjowett@sympatico.ca or 905-936-3031

9. Correspondence

None to report.

10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm