

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2005**

**Present:**

Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Harold Crawford, Ann Granatier, Bob Granatier, Lyn Hickey, Verna Laurin, Pat Loy, Kay Suzuki

**Regrets:**

Kate Brewitt, Chris Hollinshead, Al Hutchins, Terrance Laurin, Randy Manning, Gloria McMillen, 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: Bob Granatier; Seconded: Ann Granatier; Carried.

**2. Adoption of Minutes-Nov 14, 2004**

Adopted as circulated; Motion: Pat Loy; Seconded: Chuck Chapman; Carried.

**STRIKE FROM THE RECORD:**  
*"Pat Loy will send copies of the newsletters to a gentleman in B.C. in an attempt to develop a liaison."*

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

Speaker for the AGM from July Minutes Kay Suzuki reminded the Board that in addition to Henry Koch, Martin Galloway was to be considered as a speaker for the AGM in September 2004. Kate Brewitt will be asked to follow-up.

(Please note, Kate has respectfully requested that someone else be asked to find this year's AGM speaker.)

**4. Treasurers' Report**

Treasurer's position is open.  
Report attached.

**5. Awards and Trophies**

No report.

**6. Standing Committee Reports:**

**A. R.B.G.**

Communication with the RBG is still proving to be difficult due to their restructuring program. A discount of 40% has been offered on room rentals, leaving the cost of the rooms at a prohibitive rate for the CIS:

Board Meeting Room: \$75.00 + GST

Flower Show Room: \$474.00 + GST

Auction Room: \$145.00 + GST

**B. Acquisitions**

No report.

**C. Membership**

The membership form needs to include spaces for the member's phone number and email address so they can be contacted for renewal purposes and, in the event the Newsletter becomes available online, for receiving the Newsletter by email.

Wilf Tarbet has sent his resignation via email to take effect September 1/2005

**MOTION: The Board of Directors accepts his resignation with regrets.**

**Chuck Chapman; Seconded: Bob Granatier; Carried.**

Ed Jowett will send a letter to Wilf accepting his resignation with regrets and thanking him for his efforts. Wilf

will be encouraged to send receipts for all out of pocket expenses so that the CIS can reimburse him.

#### **D. Property**

All supplies are adequate.

#### **E. Newsletter**

Next deadline for submissions is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lloyd Zurbrigg, hybridizer, passed away February 3, 2005. Chuck will prepare an article for our Spring 2005 issue of the CIS Newsletter.

#### **F. Publicity**

No report.

#### **G. Historian**

No report.

#### **H. Silent Auction**

No report.

#### **I. Sale and Auction**

Al Hutchins has advised the Board that he would like to relinquish his responsibilities as Publicity contact for the CIS auction and sale due to his email limitations. He will continue to be the Auctioneer.

The Board discussed the viability of continuing this program scheduled for August 7, 2005.

It was felt that additional publicity was required to attract more interest. Ed Jowett and Ann Granatier will contact various Horticultural Societies for mailing labels.

Kate Brewitt is in charge of contacting the gardening magazines, listing information for all regions that want it.

We can continue to take advantage of the FREE opportunities with local papers and cable networks. Al was

asked to pass any standard letters to Ed for his use.

Additional venues will be investigated.

A reasonable location needs to be found and confirmed. Suggestions include the parking lots at the Laking Gardens and the West Plains Church, under a tent. Ann Granatier to contact Terra Greenhouses in Burlington and other local garden centres.

#### **J. Flower Show**

New show committee is required for this year as Pat Loy and Kay Suzuki are stepping down.

If suitable arrangements can be made, this show can be a good promotional tool and partnership for both the RBG and the CIS. It could encourage more attendance to the Laking Gardens. If a suitable hall is not found the show will have to be cancelled for this year.

**MOTION: Bob Granatier to approach the RBG and express the concerns of the CIS re the difficulties caused by their lack of response in addition to reasonable pricing of rooms for the Iris auction and show. Chuck Chapman; Seconded: Lyn Hickey; Carried.**

#### **K. London Region**

No report.

#### **L. Ottawa Region**

No report.

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

Lyn Hickey advised that due to the construction at the Toronto Botanical Garden (formerly Civic Garden Centre), the "Get a Jump on Spring" event would not occur this year.

The August 6th Auction and Sale will take place in a different room at the TBG. Signage will help direct people to the new location.

Last year, the Auction was held first, followed by the sales table with great success. Catalogue notes and pictures for the sale irises were prepared in advance. Door prize draws were inserted during the Auction to maintain the audience's interest.

#### **O. A.I.S.**

No report.

#### **7. Old Business**

##### **2005 Iris Seminar**

Chuck Chapman advised that because he has been unable to get a response from the RBG, this program has been cancelled for 2005. He suggests we may get more participation if we held the seminar in Toronto.

**MOTION: Chuck Chapman to check into the availability of rooms at the Toronto Botanical Gardens in order to hold a seminar in 2006; Chuck Chapman; Seconded: Verna Laurin; Carried**

##### **Hosting Program**

The Board discussed suggestions for reworking the Hosting Program

document. Comments/revisions will be passed to the committee for their review.

#### **Constitution**

A brief discussion on the need for a timely review the Constitution included:

- Increase in organizations (Toronto and Ottawa are not included)
- Not revised since 1987
- Life membership changes.

**The review of the Constitution will be continued at the next meeting. Board members are to review to the end of Article VII. 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**

None to report.

#### **9. Correspondence**

None to report.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm