

CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 10, 2005

Present:

Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Don Davidson, Elaine Davidson, Lyn Hickey, Sandy Ives, Al Hutchins, Terry Laurin, Verna Laurin, Randy Manning, Kate Brewitt

Regrets:

Harold Crawford, Ann Granatier, Bob Granatier, Chris Hollinshead, Pat Loy, Gloria McMillen, Kay Suzuki.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adopted as circulated.

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

2. Adoption of Minutes-April 10, 2005

Adopted as circulated.

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

3. Business arising from the minutes

None.

4. Treasurers' Report

Treasurer's position is open.

Report available upon request.

Motion: Ed Jowett; Seconded: Verna Laurin. Carried.

5. Awards and Trophies

Al Hutchins met up with Elizabeth Sattler. She passed the following to him:

1. Annual Award (cup) - last updated in 1992.

2. Novice Award (cup).

3. Walker Ross Award (plaque) - last updated in 1996 with Verna Laurin.

4. A box of CIS "stuff".

She also has a couple more boxes of CIS "stuff" that she thinks belonged to a previous Newsletter editor. Al suggested these be picked up another time.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Acquisitions

Friendship Gardens was approached in an effort to get Lloyd Zurbrigg's recent introductions as a memorial however Friendship Gardens did not respond to Terry's requests for a list.

Randy is concerned about Hosting Program mortality rates (see item B) and wants to buy “proven” performers rather than “unproven” new introductions. The Board agreed that the Acquisition Committees mandate should be to purchase recent introductions.

The committee will work with Chuck Chapman who offered to select the best of all newer irises in his gardens. This will address concerns for buying proven performers and more recent introductions.

#### B Hosting Program

Terry Laurin has agreed to chair the Hosting Committee in 2005. He has solicited Kate’s assistance.

The first year results are as follows:

Host #1 (Lath House iris): 5% mortality.

Host #2: 79% mortality. Host has accepted responsibility and will make arrangements to replace iris at his expense. This includes Host #3’s irises.

Host #3: 100% mortality.

Hosting and Acquisitions Committees will work with the Silent Auction Committee regarding auction remainders.

#### C. Membership

CIS membership database has been updated with renewals or new members as of July 4, 2005.

All members that have expired memberships prior to and including April 2005 have been removed. This is part of a quarterly process to keep the list current. If and when they renew they will receive a new start and finish membership date depending on the term of the renewal.

Each member whose CIS membership is expiring is sent a letter along with their last copy of the CIS Newsletter informing them of this and encouraging them to renew. This was implemented with the Spring 2005 CIS Newsletter mailing.

Current CIS membership numbers breakdown as follows:

36 Life

20 Guest

70 Regular (Family and Single)

126 Total

Deposit book and rubber stamp received via regular mail from previous CIS membership chair, Wilf Tarbet.

A copy of the current CIS membership list is only available to CIS Board upon request.

#### D. Property

No report.

#### E. Newsletter

Next deadline for submissions to the summer edition of the CIS Newsletter is July 12th. Articles are to be submitted in “text only” format, i.e., no fancy formatting.

Elaine outlined ways in which the CIS could save on mailing costs. She will implement these methods with the summer issue.

Elaine is also going to change the current newsletter format to make it easier to read and work with. This will be implemented with either the summer or fall issues.

#### F. Website - [www.cdn-iris.ca](http://www.cdn-iris.ca)

The CIS website continues to be updated to include the 2005 CIS information such as it is available or provided. The website undergoes frequent updates to keep it an accurate, current and correct reference source for the CIS membership and interested public non-members. The CIS/ORrIS Silent Auction pages were added to the website with collaboration from Sandy Ives. This is a fund raising initiative designed to benefit the CIS.

#### G. Publicity

Publicity for the Hamilton and Toronto shows was disappointing. Neither was listed in “Canadian Gardening”. It turns out “Ontario Gardener” doesn’t have a section for this type of publicity. The results for the other magazines is unknown i.e. “Gardening Life” and “Harrowsmith”.

For the Toronto shows, the local newspapers did not print the notices sent. Results from the Hamilton newspapers are unknown at this time.

For the Toronto/Hamilton/London auction/sales, only the London Region was printed in Canadian Gardening.

Ann and Bob arrange for advertising in the Hamilton Spectator and local cable stations for the upcoming Auction/Sale. Kate will contact the Toronto local papers for the Toronto auction/sale.

The Events Calendar on the Ontario Horticultural Association website, [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) is reserved OHA events only. It was recommended that we submit an article about our event to [news@gardenontario.org](mailto:news@gardenontario.org).

A motion was made that the CIS attend Canada Blooms in 2006 to:

1. promote the CIS.
2. promote our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
3. increase our membership.
4. promote our upcoming seminars.

Kate agreed to coordinate the effort.

Motion: Elaine Davidson, Seconded: Randy Manning.

#### H. Historian

No report.

#### I. June Flower Show

Results have been tabulated for the AIS. A report will be provided for the newsletter.

Queen of the Show: Gloria McMillen for "Ancaster Blue Ruffle".

Best Canadian: Gloria McMillen for "Ancaster Blue Ruffle".

#### J. CIS Annual Picnic

McMillen's had lots of visitors to their Open House. The weather was really hot so the iris blooms came fast. Several CIS members visited. Thanks everyone who came.

By 6pm no one had showed up for the picnic so there was lots to eat; salads, baked beans, ham, hot dogs, desserts and wine, for the McMillen family.

#### K. Silent Auction

The Ottawa Region, ORrIS, agreed to run this year's Silent Auction. To date, there have been 8 members submit bids. Most votes are on the medians.

#### L. August Auction and Sale

There will be 20 irises available for each of the auction/sales in Hamilton and Toronto in August.

Terry Laurin will make arrangements with Ed Jowett for pickup once the irises are dug.

CIS Auction/Sale Committee members should be at Terra Greenhouses by 11:00 am for set-up.

#### M. London Region

No report.

#### N. Ottawa Region

At the Rare & Unusual Plant Sale, ORrIS raised \$650 through plant sales.

Members of the region will meet on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss their fall/winter program.

#### O. Toronto Region

Due to many circumstances, the most important being there was going to be only one exhibitor; the Toronto Region June Iris Show at the Don Mills Shopping Centre was cancelled.

To ensure attendance at the August Auction/Sale, Lyn has submitted an article to the newsletter, including a map of the "under-construction" TBG building, so our members

and readers know that the auction/sale will still take place August 6<sup>th</sup>. TBG has also promised to add this event to their events calendar.

P. TBG

No report.

Q. A.I.S.

Toronto Region Iris Society is the only AIS Affiliate for Region 16 in 2005. This affiliation was renewed in May 2005.

A reminder to all AIS members to vote for the top 100 TB irises. The official ballot is contained in the July AIS Bulletin. A copy of the ballot is also available for download from the AIS website [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org). The AIS RVP, Chris Hollinshead, will receive votes via e-mail. Voting deadline is September 1 2005.

7. Old Business

A. 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Cathy Boyko will speak at this year's AGM on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Cost was set at \$25.00/person, which includes a luncheon.

Deadline for registration forms was set at Saturday, September 10, 2005. These should be sent to Ed Jowett.

B. Constitution

Sandy Ives, committee chair, recommended a special meeting to discuss the remainder of the Constitution.

Terry and Kate offered the use of their home in Aurora. Lunch will be served.

Date: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:30 a.m. – coffee will be ready.

Alternate date and time: Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am.

Details to follow.

C. 2006 Iris Seminar

No report.

8. New Business

Walker Ross Award

There were two nominations for this year's Walker Ross Award: Al Hutchins and Sandy Ives. Hardy congratulations to both. The Board voted and the recipient will be announced at the AGM on September 17, 2005.

AGM Nominating Committee

Kate, Sandy and Elaine volunteered for this year's nominating committee.

#### Open Garden Comments

Some garden visitors mentioned they got their information from the new section on the CIS website. Only one garden failed to have an owner home when visited.

#### Congratulations Chuck!

Chuck brought in his trophy from this year's International Iris competition in Florence, Italy. He was awarded the Florence Garden Club Cup for the most original colour for Frontier Lady.

#### 9. Correspondence

None to report.

#### 10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 pm

Motion: Lyn Hickey; Seconded: Verna Laurin. Carried.