

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 18, 2004**

Present: Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Harold Crawford, Lyn Hickey, Al Hutchins, Terrance Laurin, Verna Laurin, Pat Loy, Kay Suzuki, Kate Brewitt  
Regrets: Cathy Boyko, Chris Hollinshead, Sandy Ives, Alan Laing, Gloria McMillen, Wilf Tarbet, Ken Viner

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. with Ed Jowett presiding.

Agenda: Adopted as circulated; Motion: Ed; Seconded: Pat; Carried.

Minutes: Motion: Al; Seconded: Terry; Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Ed in contact with Chris regarding the membership database. Chris will continue to maintain this database, providing Pat with mailing labels for newsletter.

Treasurers' Report: Additional \$300 in new memberships.  
Money from GIC maturing April 30 will have \$3,000 reinvested and \$1,500 deposited as working capital to cover upcoming expenses.

Awards and Trophies: Ed continues to follow up on the Walker Ross trophy.  
Verna supplied Ed with the names of previous Walker Ross winners.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Acquisitions:** See R.B.G.

**B. R.B.G.:** Still no liaison assigned for the Iris Society by the RBG.

**C. Membership:** No report from Wilf.  
Ed will contact Chris to get a copy of our membership list. Copies will be distributed to all Board members.  
Pat will review the Guest mailing list for our newsletter. Chuck to give Pat contact information on Rita Gromley.

**D. T.B.G.:** Verna reported the Toronto Region's involvement in "Get a Jump on Spring" at the Toronto Botanical Garden (formerly the Civic Garden Centre) was a success with three new members signing up. Watch for article in next newsletter.

**E. London Region:** Ken absent. No report.

**F. Ottawa Region:** Sandy absent. No report.

**G. Toronto Region:** Toronto Region is needing their display vases returned in time for June 5th's iris show at the Don Mills Centre. Kate & Terry will make arrangements with Gloria for pick-up on April 27th in Woodstock.

**H. Historian:** Chuck had nothing to report.

**I. Property:** Kay reported all ribbons and show cards are in place for our upcoming iris shows.

**J. Picnic:** No report from Gloria.

**Reminder:** get your money to McMillen's Iris Gardens before May 31 if you plan on attending the barbecue on Saturday, June 12th. The cost is \$12.00.

**K. Shows:** Kay in contact with Jason Leader regarding the rejection of our requests for changes to the Iris show rules and regulations. Sandy is working with the AIS to secure the required approval.

Commitment from judges for the upcoming shows should be secured now. Sandy has a master list: Randy Manning; Chris Hollinshead; Chuck Chapman; a McMillen: Gloria, Dan or Jim; Harold Crawford (back-up).

It was suggested we develop a show certificate or form so that winners can be reported.

**L. Auctions:** Since format has changed revise advertising where required;

Auction: 1:00 pm, Table Sale to follow.

Al to contact various local newspapers, radio and television stations to publicize Hamilton auction. Kate will do the same for the Toronto auction.

**Silent Auction**

Ed to secure updated list of available iris from RBG. In the future, the CIS will be responsible for maintaining this list.

The deadline for the receipt of bids was set at July 23, 2004. Digging will be done the first week of August.

**M. Publicity:** Kate reported she has contacted half a dozen or more of the large gardening publications with information of our upcoming iris shows.

Some gardening websites, which allowed personal updating, were also found.

**N. Newsletter:** Pat handed out the Winter 2004 issue of the CIS newsletter.  
Deadline date for entries into the Spring 2004 issue is June 15th.  
Pat requested:  
-Each region provide show results; Kay - Hamilton; Lyn - Toronto;  
Gloria/Dan - London.  
- Kate volunteered to report on McMillen's BBQ.  
- Chuck will provide article on Botrytis.  
Three articles inadvertently omitted in current edition will appear.

**O. A.I.S.:** Sandy absent. No report.

**P. 2005 Seminar:** Date has been confirmed: Sunday, April 3, 2005 at RBG. Held in multi-purpose room plus 2 additional rooms upstairs. Room rates are being renegotiated due to RBC changes. Harold to contact previously notified speakers of dates. Terry and Kate accepted responsibility for the registration. Further details need to be worked out which the committee will do through emails and meetings.

### **New Business:**

**Siberian Convention:** For Board members who did not receive shipment of their Siberian iris from the convention, contact the RBG, McMillen's Iris Garden or The Guelph Arboretum. Chuck advises there is a surplus at these gardens.

Sandy has a list of all Canadian purchasers who requested either a refund or spring delivery. Ed to contact Caroline Schaffner, Secretary for the convention committee.

**Constitution:** Major changes are required to the constitution to accommodate the Ottawa Region being AIS affiliates. Sandy is working on the details.  
If a new constitution is going to be voted on at September's AGM, the revised version must be publicized 90 days prior to the AGM (by July 3).

**Honorarium:** Ed proposed Dave Schmidt be made an Honorary Director of the CIS.  
Motion: Verna; Seconded: Al; Carried.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Date for AGM set at Saturday, October 2, 2004.  
Harold will contact Henry Koch of the Guelph Arboretum to determine if he is available as a speaker. Martin Galloway was recommended as a back-up.

**Open Meeting:** Kate volunteered to draft an invitation to our members to attend the July 11th Board of Directors meeting. This will be published in the Spring 2004 Newsletter. If any of the Board has any suggestions, please submit them to Kate.

**Correspondence:** Ed would like to develop a general pamphlet to display in garden centres, give to horticultural societies, etc. Development was put on hold until Board members have more time.

**Adjournment:** Motion: AI; Seconded: Pat; Carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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