

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 11, 2004**

Present:

Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Lyn Hickey, Chris Hollinshead, Al Hutchins, Sandy Ives, Terrance Laurin, Verna Laurin, Pat Loy, Kay Suzuki, Kate Brewitt

Regrets:

Cathy Boyko, Harold Crawford, 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: Lyn; Seconded: Terry; Carried.

Minutes

Motion: Chris; Seconded: Terry; Carried.

Business arising from the minutes

Sandy noted that major changes are NOT required to the constitution to accommodate the Ottawa Region (ORrIS). The Constitution Revision Committee is made up of Sandy, Chuck and Wilf.

Treasurers' Report

None. Treasure's position is open.

Awards and Trophies

Ed determined the engraving on a new Walker Ross trophy would cost, at 15¢/letter, about \$39 to \$50.

Verna to looked up engraving on trophy.

Committee Reports:

A. R.B.G.

Still no liaison assigned for the Iris Society by the RBG. RBG website indicates that the RBG facilities will not close as previously reported.

Silent Auction Update

132 iris listed on Silent Auction list in Newsletter and on website.

38 irises were deemed in appropriate condition to dig i.e. more than 1 rhizome.

8 irises had multiples, enough to cover the Silent Auction, the Hamilton auction and the Toronto auction.

Since the number of CIS iris are limited, Chuck agreed to "fill-in" where necessary.

The "Digging Committee" will have to determine which rhizomes are suitable for auction and which should be left for future increases. Digging for the Silent Auction will take

place at the Lath House on Thursday, August 5th at 9:00. “Diggers” will be Al, Ed, Terry and Kate.

Sandy Ives is thinking of setting up an Internet iris sale, in addition to the CIS Silent Auction site, for Internet users. This would be done as a benefit to the CIS. He will supply the iris.

B. Membership

Wilf reports via email there were five new members in June, three in ON and two in BC. Newsletters were mailed to all.

As Chris maintains the CIS membership database file he provided a hard copy of the latest CIS membership list to the Board. Currently total membership of 214. Includes life members, guests and regular members. Chuck and Ed both requested a current copy of the CIS membership file via e-mail as a back-up. Terry also requested a copy as Silent Auction coordinator. Chris will provide these electronic files and follow with updates from time to time. Chris will continue to maintain/update the actual CIS membership list file as per advisement from Wilf regarding new and renewing members. CIS Newsletter mailing labels are produced from this database and provided to the CIS Newsletter Editor.

C. T.B.G.

Verna reported the Toronto Region is on track for its Auction/Sale on Saturday, August 7th at the Toronto Botanical Garden (formerly the Civic Garden Centre). Format will be modified, as previously suggested, with the auction occurring first.

D. London Region

Ken absent. No report.

E. Ottawa Region

Plant sale on Mother’s Day netted \$497.50.

Show on June 6th co-sponsored by the Ottawa Horticultural Society. There were 128 blooms entered. Only 8 firsts as many of the participant were novices and judging was strict.

Starting “baby-sitting” program of bearded iris.

Next sale – July 13

Considering another sale of potted rhizomes in August.

F. Toronto Region

Lyn sorted out the Show Schedule with Jason Leader, AIS Exhibitions. Show schedule was emailed Feb. 2004 but apparently Jason cannot open attachments. A hard copy was sent via Canada Post however Lyn has not had his confirmation that it is in order.

Iris Show – was a success with 63 bloom stalks. Queen of the Show was “Tennison Ridge” submitted by Lyn.

G. Historian

Chuck reports the “Walker Ross” arilbred iris has been reinstated to the Voting List for 2004.

“Shah Jehan” is a Canadian iris from the 1930’s that has won the most awards. Chuck is looking for a Canadian source.

H. Property

Kay reports that everything is in place our future iris shows.

I. Picnic (BBQ)

Approximately 60 people attended this year’s BBQ. Kate is working on an article for the next Newsletter.

J. Shows

Hamilton Show – 50 stalks. Queen of the Show was “Karen Christine” submitted by Gloria McMillen.

London Show – 34 stalks. Queen of the Show was “Abiqua Falls” submitted by Randy Manning.

K. Publicity

Kay expressed concern that notification of the RBG iris show did not appear in one of the gardening magazines while London, Toronto and Ottawa did. Kate suspects when the magazine contacted the RBG no one was available to confirm the event. Next year the contact will be changed to Chairman of the Show.

L.. Newsletter

Next deadline for submissions is August 15th. It was suggested a Times New Roman font be used when submitting articles.

Pat is looking for someone to take over as Editor of the Newsletter.

M. Website

Chris continues to maintain the CIS website with ongoing updates. Updates include; new 2004 membership form, CIS calendar of events for 2004, the CIS Silent Auction info, promotion of various CIS events such as the BBQ, local iris shows. New images and articles are also posted from time to time to keep the site informative and interesting.

(not noted at the meeting but the actual hit count on the CIS website is at approx 52,600).

N. A.I.S.

Sandy reported the AIS National Convention in Fresno, CA (April 19 – 24, 2004) was great with great gardens. They had 200 more attendees than budgeted for.

The AIS Membership Secretary died in March. Recommendation was made to get affiliation information in as soon as possible. Reappointments are being made without review for one year. Tom Gormley is the new Membership Secretary.

AIS 2004 Symposium Ballots for TB's are due September 1st

Student judges have three years to get their required hours to move onto an apprentice.

Old Business

None

New Business

Acquisitions/Dispositions/Future of the CIS

Since it cannot be determined at this point if there will be sufficient rhizomes for the Hamilton and Toronto auctions, the two Committees will have to decide if they are going to continue with an auction or cancel and have only table sales.

A "Hosting Program" was suggested by one of the membership as a way to ensure the CIS irises are carefully looked after in the future. An Acquisitions Committee was formed: Ed Chris, Sandy, Terry and Kate. They will develop a "Hosting Program" and purchase iris for the CIS for 2004.

AGM – Saturday, September 18th

AGM Committee: Chris, Kate, Kay and Ed.

Kate will find a speaker. Suggestions were:

Martin Galloway

Jack Kent

Cathy Boyko

Kay will approach Chuck, Terry, Gloria, Sandy and Chris for draw prizes.

Chris will design the registration form.

Ed will make arrangements with the RBG.

Luncheon cost - \$25.00. Ed needs final attendance numbers 72 hours prior to AGM.

Issue of vacant Directors will be addressed at the AGM. According to the By-Laws, if a Director misses 3 consecutive Board Meetings he/she may be voted off the Board.

Kate volunteered to continue the duties of Secretary but will step down as a Director. The Board was in agreement.

Five or six positions need to be filled at the AGM; 4 or 5 Directors; Treasurer and 2nd Vice President. Pat, Chuck and Ed will contact various members to determine their interest in serving as a Board member.

Constitution – Sandy solicited input from the Board. Comments can be made via email. Chuck and Wilf to review current draft.

Open Forum – due to lack of attendance, the forum was cancelled.

Adjournment

Motion: Kay; Seconded: Pat; Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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