

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2004**

Present:

Ed Jowett, Chuck Chapman, Chris Hollinshead, Harold Crawford, Ann Granatier, Bob Granatier, Lyn Hickey, Al Hutchins, Terrance Laurin, Verna Laurin, Pat Loy, Randy Manning, Kay Suzuki, Kate Brewitt

Regrets:

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: Al Hutchins; Seconded: Terry Laurin; Carried.

2. Adoption of Minutes from July 11, 2004

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. This quarter's report available upon request.

5. Awards and Trophies

No report.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

A. R.B.G.

No report as still no liaison assigned for the Iris Society by the RBG.

B. Acquisitions

List of new acquisitions will be printed in this quarter's Newsletter and on the Website.

C. Membership

New membership list circulated. Current total of members on CIS database/ mailing list is 141, broken down as follows:

21 Guest members

35 Life members

85 Regular members

D. Property

Harold Crawford was presented with the 'Iris Vase' as a substitute for the "Rose Bowl" until it can be secured from David Schmidt.

Chuck Chapman was presented with the Silver medal (Gloria McMillen trophy) for his participation in this year's London Iris Show.

E. Newsletter

Next deadline for submissions is February 15th.

F. Publicity

No report.

G. Historian

Chuck is doing research on hybridizer Henry Groeff. Hopes to submit an article in future Newsletter.

H. Silent Auction

No report.

I. Sale and Auction

Due to the poor attendance at August's Sale and Auction, Al motioned that we discuss the future of this event at the next Board meeting. Carried.

J. London Region

No report.

K. Ottawa Region

No report.

L. Toronto Region/T.B.G.

Due to the T.B.G. closing on December 1, 2004 for renovations, there will not be a "Get a Jump on Spring" event.

Saturday, August 6, 2005 has been booked the Toronto Sale and Auction at the T.B.G.

N. A.I.S.

At November's AGM Chris Hollinshead was accepted as Region 16's Regional Vice President (RVP) for the next 3 years. Sandy Ives will continue as Region 16 Judge's Training representative.

Special Committee Reports:

O. Constitution

Proposed Constitution will be reviewed in sections. At February's Board meeting, Articles I, II and III will be discussed. It was suggested that Board members engage in an email discussion of the three Articles before the meeting so that most of the "hashing out" will be done by the time we meet. Board members who do not have email can either mail or phone their comments to someone with email. That person should post those comments in an email to the rest of the Board. Copies of all comments should also go to Sandy Ives.

P. Hosting Program

The proposal is to be read by each Board member. Comments are to be emailed to Kate who will summarize them in a document for presentation at February's Board meeting.

Q. 2005 Iris Seminar

Committee still waiting for RBG to confirm room booking and rate before they proceed with any publicity. Ed will pursue the issue with the RBG when he books 2005 meeting dates. Chuck and Randy remain the only two confirmed speakers out of six. Dave Schmidt is not available.

7. Old Business

Chuck recommended Kathy McCartney be the money paid for the irises bought at the 2003 Siberian Convention. Her order cannot be filled.

8. New Business

A. Dates for 2005

2005 Board Meetings at RBG. All start times are 1:30 pm:

Sunday, February 13th

Sunday, April 10th

Sunday, July 10th

Sunday, November 13th

AGM: Saturday, September 17th

SHOWS: Toronto - Saturday, June 4th

Hamilton - Sunday, June 5th

AUCTIONS: Toronto - Saturday, August 6th

Hamilton - Sunday, August 7th (tentative - the future of this event is being discussed at February's Board meeting.)

London will not be participating in shows and auctions this year.

B. Website

The current Internet Service Provider (ISP) will no longer provide website space for free. If the CIS wishes to continue its website a Domain Name needs to be purchased. Cost to register a Domain Name is about \$20, with occasional renewal fees. The annual cost of running the website will be about \$200.

Domain Names suggested:

- cdn-iris.com or .net or .org
- canadianirissociety.com or .net or .org (deemed too long by Board)
- cis-iris.com or .net or .org
- cda-iris.ca was suggested as the “.ca” denoted a Canadian website

MOTION: To proceed with obtaining the Domain name and an Internet Service Provider for Canadian Iris Society. - Chuck Chapman; Seconded by Al Hutchins; Carried.

C. Membership

1. Wilf Tarbet suggests that a current bulletin be sent to New Members. Pat Loy agreed to send extra copies for distribution to Wilf.

There is a concern that membership is declining because members are not aware of their renewal dates, which are printed on the mailing labels.

MOTION: To send a reminder notice to members that have not renewed within 2 months of expiry date. - Chuck Chapman; Seconded by Bob Granatier; Carried.

Ed Jowett will prepare a sample reminder notice and forward to Wilf.

2. We are not getting any participation from the other provinces and the CIS is a Canada-wide Society. It has been difficult to develop contact. Pat Loy will send copies of the newsletters to a gentleman in B.C. in an attempt to develop a liaison.

D. Newsletter

1. Some suggestions to improve the newsletter would be:
 - a) typed page numbering,
 - b) more “How-To/ Educational” content,
 - c) develop a standard format/set-up to help up-date look of newsletter.

Pat Loy indicated that she would try to implement these changes in upcoming editions of the Newsletter. She also advised that she would be happy to receive articles from the members. The deadline for the next edition is February 15th. 2005

E. Next Agenda

Pat Loy requested that a discussion of the RBG Sale and Auction be added to the next agenda. It was agreed to add these items to the agenda.

See **I. Sale and Auction** where Al Hutchins made the same motion.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Adjournment

Motion; Seconded: Al Hutchins; Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.