

HIPS Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2019
9:00pm Eastern Daylight Time

Attendees: HIPS Board Members & Advisory Council (Committee Chairs)

I. Call to Order – 9:05pm EDT

II. Roll Call - Cathy Egerer, Dave Prichard, Judy Keisling, Delane Langton, Janet Smith, Wendy Scott, Linda Baumgartner, Judy Eckhoff, Susan Flow, Judy Schneider, Laetitia Munro, Nancy McDonald.

III. Additions/Changes to Agenda - none

IV. Previous meeting minutes – acknowledgment of approval

V. Treasurer's Report – Judy Keisling - Interim report Jan 1- April 30: income \$2,515.92: mostly dues. Expenses \$732: Mary Hess, 2 banners, shipping archives boxes. \$1,783.60 profit in the first four months of 2019. Total assets at the end of 2018 were \$59,211.37. We now have \$60,994.97. – Judy says every year as we take money out of the life membership account, we put more money in, as agreed. In 2018 there were 3 new life memberships. One more just joined as a life member. The percentage we've been taking out (5%) is not going to be enough, moving forward. Cathy suggested that now that the bylaws have been revised, we could stop offering life memberships when we write the new policies. Judy says that AIS increased their life membership fee fourfold, so they get few new life memberships. To be discussed further.

VI. President's Report – The 2019 AIS Convention was a success. The HIPS Distinguished Service Award was given to Wanda Rezac and Superstition Iris Garden (Rick Tasco and Roger Duncan). Gary White will present Wanda with her award in person this summer. Rick and Roger received their award at the HIPS annual meeting and were very surprised and touched. Mary Hess gave an entertaining program on her garden which was enjoyed by all. Cathy estimated the attendance was about 75 people, with approximately 50 being HIPS members.

VII. Old Business

A. Committee/Chair updates

1. Membership update – Judy Eckhoff - after deleting unpaid memberships, we have 728 members. It's difficult to get everyone to send us change of mailing address & email addresses. We removed everyone who lapsed in August 2018. The next ones to come out will be those who lapsed in February, 2019. Janet Smith requested a list of members in her region.

2. Archives update and scanning plans – Cathy Egerer - Cathy got the rest of the archive materials from Gesine via Jean Richter while at the AIS Convention. Cathy did some research to find a company that will digitize catalogs without taking them apart. She found one that specializes in preserving historic documents: IMR Digital in Pennsylvania. She sent two sample catalogs to scan as a trial; they did well. In the budget we have \$1,000 for scanning. We can do an initial scan of 100 catalogs for a reasonable amount of money. HIPS has some

catalogs that AIS does not have, which would be the highest priority for digitizing. This may encourage the AIS to get their digitizing project off the ground. Discussion; the consensus was that this is a good idea. – Janet Smith has Barry Blythe's and his father's catalogs and offered to scan them. Cathy asked her to make a list of what she has. – Further discussion ensued. Cathy is making a comprehensive list on Google Docs of the catalogs HIPS owns and will send that link to anyone who's interested. Cathy can send the specifications for scanning to anyone who's interested, also.

B. Breeder Collections Program progress update – Nancy McDonald - Nancy reported that people have been responsive. She has not had time to do much with the program yet, but is now gearing up. There is an article about it in the issue of ROOTS that's at the printer now. Also we're getting some activity on the forum that needs to be followed up on so people don't get discouraged.

VIII. New Business

A. 2019 Board elections and transition - Cathy and Madeline are stepping down, but there are candidates to fill their places; also other people are running again. Judy E will be counting the ballots; also asking for addresses from voters. Everyone is running unopposed.

B. Rhizome Sale updates for 2019 - Judy Schneider - the only real change is that there will be two hours between locking the first round and opening the second round. We have shortened the sale by one day; we don't get that many orders on that last day. We're not sure how many donations we'll have because of the strange weather. We would like to get 3-4 minimum rhizomes of each variety. We would prefer not to take many noids. Cathy has put a big plug for donations in the e-newsletter that's ready to go out.

IX. Other - Janet reports she is actually working on scanning the last true slide collection (Carol Lankow's). Janet mentioned that Dorothy Stiefel has an old iris slide collection; Cathy will contact her. Cathy has four boxes of slides in carousels that she can send to Janet from the old slide rental program.

X. Adjournment 9:52pm EDT

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy McDonald