

Historic Iris Preservation Society

Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 12, 2019

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Scott at 9:05 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
- B. Nancy McDonald was designated timekeeper for the teleconference call.

II. Roll call by secretary, Nina Morris.

- A. Present: Wendy Scott, Nina Morris, Judy Keisling, Cathy Egerer, Janet Smith, Shaub Dunkley, Lori Lensch-Marcotte, Judy Eckhoff, Susan Flow, Nancy McDonald, Laetitia Monro
- B. Absent: Dave Prichard, Alice Laughlin, Delane Langton, Linda Baumgartner, Kate Brewitt, Gary White, Judy Schneider, Doug Paschall
- C. It was determined that a quorum was present and that the meeting could continue.

III. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None

IV. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

Acknowledgement of Approval

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. Written report submitted prior to meeting via email to board
- B. Verbal report by Judy Kiesling: Year-to-Date Income of \$24,945.09 and Year-to-Date Expenses of \$9,707.47, for a Net Year-to-Date Profit of \$15,237.62. Combined with Total Assets at end of 2018, it brings Total Assets as of August 31, 2019, to \$74,448.99. Total Assets are broken down as Roundout Bank Checking Account: \$30,005.77, Bank Midwest Checking Account: \$8762.20, Roundout Bank Life Membership Fund: \$7,384.93; and PayPal Balance: \$28,296.09, which will be moved at the end of September.
- C. Nancy McDonald suggested that excess funds could possibly be put in a CD to earn interest.

VI. President's Report

- A. President asked for speaker suggestions for the HIPS program at the 2020 AIS Convention at 8 a.m. of Wednesday, May 20.
- B. President asked for suggestions for someone to fill the South Central Regional Director position, which is now empty.
- C. 2020 Budget: Work will begin later in the fall on the 2020 Budget. Committee chairs should send their budget requests, to the Budget Committee via email, as documentation of requests is important. It was mentioned that a year-to-date expenditure report might be useful later this fall or early winter, so that Committee chairs can reflect on any necessary budget changes.

VII. Old Business / Action Items

- A. Committee/Chair Updates
 - 1. Membership Update: Judy Eckhoff reported 796 members as of last month, including one youth membership and one lifetime membership to museum in Rockford, IL. She reminded Regional Directors that she could provide a list to them of members in their region.

2. Rhizome Sale Update: Cathy Egerer and Nancy McDonald reported for the sale committee. The sale made approximately \$19,000 gross and \$15,000 net; revenue from the last four years was over \$58,000. A big seller this year was the boxes of leftover rhizomes: they sold 29 boxes last year and 53 this year. Despite the success of the sale in recent years, the committee proposed that no sale be held in 2020 due to several problems:
 - a. The exhaustive amount of work required from just a few members;
 - b. The small size of many rhizome contributions, which they feel need to be allowed to grow bigger by resting a year.
 - c. Several ideas discussed to remedy the situation for future sales included:
 - i. Holding the sale every other year.
 - ii. Reducing the size of the sale by limiting contributions to only historic irises—no modern iris or noids. (The current committee still wishes to eliminate next year's sale.)
 - iii. Holding the sale in another place where there are more volunteers available.
 - iv. Possibly having a large iris club run the sale for a share of profits.
3. Guardian Gardens Update: GG director, Doug Paschall, has been dealing with personal issues lately, but it was reported that his assistant Jessica would like to see the GG Inventory Form submitted earlier. It was discussed whether an earlier deadline for the Inventory Form would require that a new Databank be available earlier, too. Members were reminded that GG operates independently of HIPS.
4. Archives/Scanning Update: Janet Smith reported work is proceeding on scanning slides, some of which are glass. She shared her concern that slides are being stored in a private home, rather than AIS, which would be a more appropriate place for storage. She requested an extra \$100 for postage. Cathy Egerer indicated that she will request \$4000.00 for scanning in the 2020 Budget to avoid having to request extra funds periodically, now that she has found a company that can scan the old catalogues and publications.
5. Breeder Collections Update: Nancy McDonald reported that the Breeder Gardens have been received very enthusiastically. She will work more on the project once the growing season winds down.

VIII. New Business / Action Items

- A. Discussion was held on the topic of assistants to Committee Chairs who could handle the job in case of emergency or illness. The board will search out the need for assistants.
- B. Susan Flow reported on a personal reminiscence story in Roots and the possibility that it could become a regular column for which the author is paid \$25.00.
- C. Discussion was held on a Policy and Procedures Committee following changes in HIPS bylaws. Janet Smith made a motion that the Board accept the naming of a Policy and Procedures Committee which will report to the President, who will present their work to the Board. Cathy Egerer seconded the motion. No further discussion was held on the motion, which was approved unanimously.

IX. Other

None

X. Adjournment at 10:18 p.m. EDT

Respectfully Submitted by Nina Morris, Secretary