

Historic Iris Preservation Society
Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 12, 2016

I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Egerer at 9 PM EST/8 PM CST. Nancy McDonald was designated timekeeper for the teleconference call.

II. Roll call by secretary, Linda Bell-List of Attendees: Cathy Egerer, Dave Prichard, Linda Bell, Judy Keisling, Gary White, Dorothy Stiefel, Shaub Dunkley, Judy Schneider, Charlie Carver, Susan Flow, Nancy McDonald, and Laetitia Munro.

Absentees: Delane Langton, Rita Butler, Brett Barney, Susan Boyce, Kate Brewitt, Judy Eckhoff, Paul W. Gossett, B J Jackson, and Doug Paschall.

III. Additions/Changes: There were no additions/changes to the agenda.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Judy Keisling reported that covering the period between January 1st through May 12th, 2016, the beginning balance was \$26,035.00, with a drop of \$976.00, leaving the current balance of \$25,058.00. Income for that period was \$4,168.00, with expenses of \$5,145.00. Receipts included a \$500.00 donation from the Northern Oklahoma Iris Society which disbanded, \$3,135.00 from dues, and a \$500.00 donation from the AIS Foundation to be applied toward the cost for the HIPS Convention speaker. Expenses were \$3,890.00 for publishing ROOTS, \$439.00 for shipping costs, and \$327.00 for HIPS brochures. Non-available funds include \$6,771.00 in a CD, and the Life member account of \$7,857.00. A motion was made by Dave Prichard to accept the report as read, and Charlie Carver seconded. Motion carried.

V. President's Report

- A. Nancy McDonald previously made a motion to move Life Membership funds into the general fund. President Egerer requested that she rescind her motion until more time has been spent researching the reason for the special fund. Nancy rescinded her motion.
- B. President Egerer discussed the program for the AIS Convention to be given by Milan Blazek from Czech Republic. The fund to help defray his expenses is short \$300.00, so contributions are being solicited for the Milan fund. Linda Sercus's son will videotape the presentation so there will some additional expenses.
- C. In regards to the archives situation: Gesine Lohr has still not returned all of the HIPS archive materials. HIPS has offered to hire a courier service to pack and ship the materials. Gesine has received 3 checks, totaling \$589.00 for shipping costs, but has not provided any receipts, which she says will be provided after all materials have been shipped. She has approximately 9 boxes of materials left to ship, and has sent approximately 7 boxes to Susan Boyce and 4 boxes of slides to Dave Silverberg.
- D. A list of upcoming projects will be placed on the listserv, as will the newsletter prior to sending it out. Efforts will be made to check on life members to see if they wish to continue as members and receive publications.

VI. Old Business

- A. Committee/Chair updates and annual reports
 - 1. Commercial sources database-one potential action item
 - Dave Prichard suggested that commercial vendors to whom HIPS provides free

advertising on the Commercial sources data base spread sheet and in ROOT should pay an additional amount for HIPS membership-such as \$7.00. He suggested we consider a Commercial Vendor membership category with a yearly fee of \$20-\$25. Charlie Carver was concerned that Vendors should not be overpriced, although there is an additional cost for printing ROOTS to include all of the vendors. It was suggested that only Vendors who are members of HIPS should be included in ROOTS, but non-members could be included on the website. Nancy McDonald suggested that it would be good if vendors could include HIPS brochures in their orders. The matter was left for more discussion at a later time.

2. ROOTS update on Sundance Press/International postage
Nancy McDonald advised that Sundance Press gave great service. Regarding International postage there is a possibility of saving on shipping by bundling magazines to one location and then sending them individually from that location. Janet Smith has helped prepare photos for ROOTS and this has saved HIPS money.
3. Public Relations
HIPS will send 14 Dykes Medal irises to Great Britain to replace losses in their National Collection.
4. Display Garden
Kate Brewitt reported in absentia that the Display Gardens number is steady. Just added was the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona which has a collection of American Dykes Medal winners.
5. SE Regional Dir. Report
Shaub Dunkley will send a revised annual report, in which he compliments Laetitia Munro and Doug Paschall on their work preserving the Thelma Collection.
6. So. Central Reg. Dir. Report
Judy Schneider who has willingly taken on the responsibility of the rhizome sale, is staying in close contact with potential donors. She proposed a question regarding NOIDS, as to whether they should be sold unidentified or with a possible or probable name. After discussion, it was agreed that irises sold by HIPS should be positively identified, or else sold as NOIDS.
7. Slide Preservation Committee report
Janet Smith has scanned a great number of slides, and has thousands more to do using the fast AIS scanner. She has found several dozen that were not on the AIS WIKI and have now been included, with HIPS receiving photo credit.
8. ID Committee
The ID Committee is looking for new people to serve. Nancy McDonald would like to have a list of people, including hybridizers, who keep iris collections, because once an ID is lost it is not easily recovered

VII. New Business

- A. Archives acquisitions fund--No immediate action is required, but there is the need to establish a fund that would be available to purchase any materials that HIPS might want that could not be acquired by donation. Dave Prichard would administer the fund consisting of \$500.00. A proposal will be placed on the Board listserve for study and discussion.
- B. Seed fund for rare iris acquisitions via rescues

Doug Paschall reports that the Guardian Gardens rescue program has been successful in locating rare historic irises, but needs a fund to be used for compensation to owners who are not willing/able to donate rhizomes. These funds can come from donations or the Rhizome sale. There is to be more discussion of the issue before any steps will be taken. Doug requests that any ideas be sent to him.

VIII. Other

Charlie Carver initiated a discussion regarding ways for collectors to preserve their collections via their wills, in which they could leave their irises and/or archives to HIPS upon their deaths. Charlie suggested that HIPS needs to encourage members to consider contributing their collections by publishing an article about "Passing the Torch" in which the preservation of the Lankow iris collection, a tremendous accomplishment, could be used as an example.

IX. Adjournment was called by President Egerer at 9:54PM EST