

New Hampshire Orchid Society
Minutes of the General Meeting
April 9, 2005

President Andrea Deachman called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Andrea made the following announcements.

1. New committee chairs approved by the BOD.
2. We have 181 members, Andrea recognized new members and guests.
3. There was a summary report on the show, figures are yet to be finalized.
4. Sign up for refreshments at the May meeting.
5. The May meeting will have a members auction of plants. The question was raised about the contribution to the society, either 20% or 40%. Lee Soule made a motion that it be 20%, which Jean Stefanik supported. Marty Epstein seconded the motion which carried.
6. Since the May meeting will have the members' auction, there will not be a program. However, there will be a show table.
7. There will be a small auction after the April meeting.

Jean Stefanik, speaking for Conservation and Education, introduced the issue of organizing outside organizations requests for orchid programs. She and Daryl are working to establish a section of the website that will list speakers and their programs, similar to the 'Speaker's Page' on the OrchidMall website. She requested volunteers for speakers. Jean also announced that her March program on Ecuador would be rescheduled and queried for when people would be able to attend.

Joanne McHale was working to produce an inventory of the library which would be placed on the website. She requested that people contact her with requests for new books.

Chuck Wingate requested an update on the Dave Moreton memorial. Jean discussed her frustrations dealing with the Jackson NH conservation commission. It seems to be a low priority to them and they have had a change of members, so the discussions that were held seem to have been forgotten. She is planning a trip to Jackson soon and would try to make some progress in the discussions.

The show table had 105 plants today! The judges were: Chuck Wingate, Lee Soule, Eric Christenson, Bob and Joanna Eckstrom and Jean Stefanik.

Prepared by Chuck Crisler, April 27, 2005.