New Hampshire Orchid Society

Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2015

**Attendance**

Present: President Steve Smyrychynski, Vice President Steve Tacopina, Treasurer Sasha Crotty, Secretary Adrienne Giovino, Trustees Chuck Anderson, Bob McGrath, and Past President Norm Selander-Carrier

Absent: Trustees Leigh Coolidge and Jim Petry

Committee Chairs:

Guests:

**Opening**:

Steve S. called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Due to a lack of quorum, there was no board meeting in September.

**President**

* Laptop – Joanna will get the information to Leigh. Sasha will see if she can get one from work.
* Norm and Bob are working on the revision of reimbursement policy for hosting speakers. We could consider applying the per diem rate.
* Not sure if Chuck Crisler has progressed on testing LED lights for our annual show. It’s a show committee responsibility to get a sponsor for the lights as the society had not budgeted for the expense. Leigh Coolidge has a connection with Sylvania, but needs the specs from Chuck. Bob is willing to shop it around as well.
* NHOS lanyards: the idea was to give them to show volunteers and sell extras for $4. They cost $180/per 100 but go on sale for less. Steve will contact the company. The board decided it was better to give to them to members who attend our meetings.
* Chuck Wingate suggested a Grand Expert Table added to our show table to honor Marty. The idea was tabled. How about an award at our show such as the Marty Epstein Grand Champion?
* Norm has five boxes of Marty’s books. Eric Christiansen’s book, others. We could add some to the library or auction them off. We neeed to inventory them to cross-reference them against our library. We could have an online auction, semi-private online auction for local societies, put them on eBay, etc. Sasha mentioned we could take photos of the covers to easily add them to a list. Norm and Steve T will work on this. Bob recommended bookfinder.com for pricing.
* Newsletters are up to date on website as much as possible: all of 2011 and a couple other months are missing. Adrienne will touch base with Daryl. If you have them, let Adrienne know.
* We’re considering changing our annual business meeting from September to August at our picnic, if we continue with our annual IPA Focus on Phals Day in September. Section 6-1 states that the board can change the date. Sasha made a motion to change our annual meeting to August; Norm seconded it. The motion carried.
* Some members have suggested we need a sound system for monthly speakers as some speak softly. Sasha will bring MOS’ next month.

**Vice President**

* Speaker Schedule
  + November – Art Chadwick, Chadwick Orchids, speaking on Cattleya
  + December – Holiday party with AOS judges December 5 at Bedford Old Town Hall
  + January – Darrin Norton has been asked.
  + Steve would like more speakers; he will work with Adrienne on that.

**Treasurer**

* The expense manifest was $726.61. We have $34,912.24 in total assets with $12,691.35 in checking. Norm made a motion to accept the expense manifest. Steve seconded. The motion was approved.
  + Board needs to sign conflict of interest form.

**Secretary**

* Nothing to report

**Committees**

Annual Auction:

Advertising/Publicity:

AOS and affiliated societies:

Conservation:

Editorial:

Election:

Hospitality:

Library: Need a new librarian. Will ask Ann Chepjian.

Membership: We have 169 memberships

Newsletter: Officers and program need to be updated. Steve will contact Sue.

Nominations:

Show:

New England Orchid Shows:

* CTOS – Oct 15 set up, breakdown Oct 18 – Norm will ask for plants.
* MOS – Nov 5 set up, breakdown Nov 8, Jack Mulder will do it. Please coordinate with him to drop off your plants.
* CAIOS – January 21, 2016

Risk Management:

Show Table:

Website Management:

**Miscellaneous**

**New business**

Norm moved to adjourn the meeting with Steve T. seconding the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Giovino, Secretary