Board of Directors Meeting April 9, 2011

**Attendance:** Board Members: President Steve Tacopina, Vice-President Ulla Jurrissen; Treasurer Chuck Crisler, Past-President Les Regenbogen, Trustees – Norm Selander-Carrier, Mike Matozzi, Daryl Yerdon, George Crozer. Absent: Secretary Ron Selander-Carrier

Committee Chairs: Jean Stefanik

Members: Lee and Bob Brockman, George Newman

**Opening**: Steve called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM. March Board Meeting Minutes: Chuck moved to accept them, Les seconded and the motion carried. February Board Meeting Minutes: Mike moved to accept the revised minutes, Les seconded and the motion carried.

**President:**

1. Lee and Bob Brockman presented a written suggestion that the Board consider a fall show at Wentworth Gardens. There was discussion: a presence on the seacoast, our charter to educate the public, would two shows be too much?, Wentworth Gardens was pleased with the March weekend, Ocean State Orchid Society sponsors orchid days at Home Depot stores. Chuck moved that a subcommittee explore this further, George seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Jeffrey presented a number of ideas for the show proceeds. Mike suggested they be reviewed and incorporated into next year’s budget. Les suggested we determine how much we could lose if the show was a complete bust. Mike stated we have $15,257 between the show fund and the snow fund; our expenses might be around $12,000. Steve reminded the Board that only the membership can authorize expenditures, but the Board can allocate funds. Les moved that $10,000 from the show proceeds be allocated to the snow fund with the balance to be used however. George seconded the motion. Mike questioned the feasibility of spending so much money to make ten cents on the dollar. There followed a discussion about the purpose of the show: education and entertainment. The motion carried.
3. Jean addressed the Board about the recent meeting of the Conservation Committee and distributed minutes. She stated that the committee had defined a process for making funds available for conservation grants and requested the Board’s approval. Mike moved that $1,560 of the show proceeds be allocated to the Conservation Fund established by Ovid bequest, making the fund an even $5,000. George seconded and the motion carried.
4. After an electronic vote to appoint the 2012 Show Chair, Chuck moved to appoint Jean Hallstone as show chair. George seconded and the motion carried.
5. Steve stated that a Nominating Committee must be established consisting of at least one board member.
6. Steve indicated excitement about the possibility of our hosting the International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting in September. However we would need to move our annual meeting. Chuck moved that NHOS host the IPA at our September meeting. Les seconded and the motion carried. Chuck will coordinate with Carri. Daryl moved that the annual meeting be deferred to October. Norm seconded and the motion carried.
7. Steve confirmed that we have the Bedford Town Hall reserved for every month of 2012.

**Treasurer:**

1. Chuck stated that the paperwork to revive the NHOS Corporation was submitted to the state. No word yet from the IRS concerning the 990’s.
2. He asked about the accounts for Laura/Ovid Slavin, Grace Barwood, and Dave Morton – these are used for show trophies.
3. Jim & Jo McHale, Jean Hallstone and Chuck will constitute the financial review committee.
4. NHOS membership still expires 8/31 even though the annual meeting will occur in October. Les moved to accept the manifest, Norm seconded and the motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Membership: the current roster was distributed.

Show: Mike reported that we made $19,600, but we lost money on the awards party. He suggested some areas needing improvement: recruitment/membership, coordination of speakers and programs, more plants for the NHOS exhibit (deferred to the Show Committee). He stated that he had negotiated a price of $11,474 for the ballroom and that our exposure for default was $12,600. We will be able to bring food in as before.

Advertising: WBZ TV wants to film windowsill growers for Gardening with Gutner.

**Ongoing and New Business:** None

Chuck moved to adjourn, George seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Norm Selander-Carrier