New Hampshire Orchid Society

Board of Directors Meeting

March 12, 2016

**Attendance**

Present: President Steve Ski, Vice President Steve Tacopina, Treasurer Sasha Crotty, Secretary Adrienne Giovino, Trustees Bob McGrath, Jim Petry, and Past President Norm Selander-Carrier

Absent: Trustees Chuck Anderson, Leigh Coolidge

Committee Chairs:

Guests:

**Opening**:

President Steve Smyrychynski called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM. Past President Norm Selander-Carrier moved that the previous month’s minutes be approved with minor amendments. Trustee Bob McGrath seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**President**

* We have no update on our tax-exempt status; Steve will contact the state by phone one more time and if needed, he will attend the meeting with documents and cancelled check to straighten it out.
* We need an auction chairman
* Chuck Crisler said he would host our picnic again if there were no other volunteers.
* We need to work on our budget as soon as possible as it needs to be available at our June meeting.
* We need a nominating committee to nominate members for the following positions:
  + Secretary
  + Treasurer
  + 2 Trustees
    - Jim Petry can serve another term
    - Bob McGrath serves another year
    - Chuck Anderson serves another year
    - Leigh can serve another term
  + Steve S. nominated Norm for chairman; Norm appointed Chuck and Bob.
* Discussion of show sponsorship
  + Steve T. is in agreement with Bob about corporate sponsorship. Steve thinks an orchid-related vendor such as Orchiata would be a good fit.
  + Steve T suggested past show participant RO distributor Second Wind Water Systems of Manchester NH as another sponsor.
  + Bob will be meeting with an organization that specializes in helping non-profits get corporation sponsorship. We need a letter describing our mission.
  + Jim suggested we contact horticultural schools
* Total admissions of 1809 attendees
* The initial estimate is a profit of around $12,375.
* The food for the awards ceremony was insufficient: we had budgeted more than the $250 that we were charged.
* The food for the judges luncheon and dinner was different and in lesser price than what was agreed upon by Brenda Campbell. We should check to see if we were charged less.
* For the show debriefing, we need to find another way to handle traffic inside the show: we only got 17 new members this year unlike our 50+ that we usually do.
  + We need to work on the layout of the tables in the hallway.
  + Steve S. will contact Brenda to set up a show debriefing
* Steve S. will send a thank you to the Mayor for attending the show and send him the photo that Jan took.

**Vice President**

* Speaker Schedule
  + April – Jean Stefanik – The Orchids of New Zealand
  + May – Vendors’ Auction
  + June – Dr. Kristen Uthus, New World Orchids
  + July – Jim Marlow is tentative
  + August – Picnic
  + September – IPA Focus on Phals Day
  + October – Alan Koch
  + November – Fred Clarke
  + Holiday Party
* Steve will start looking into 2017
* There was a discussion on whether we pay speakers who are also NHOS members. It has not been our typical policy to do so as it is considered a donation to the society. Norm will look into our reimbursement policy and report back.

**Treasurer**

* We have $29,602.72 in checking with total funds of $46,401.09. The expense manifest for February of $13,655.10 needed to be approved. Norm made a motion to accept the expense manifest; Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.
* We made approximately $12K at our show.
* Sasha ordered treasurer checks; we were overcharged by $59. She will take care of this.
* Sasha had a couple of questions on expenses: did Leigh send the newsletter to Infinite Imaging for printing and mailing; did we reorder hobbyist ribbons with the word hobbyist misspelled?

**Secretary**

* Adrienne sent a get well card Ulla Jurrissen on behalf of NHOS Board and NHOS members.

**Committees**

Annual Auction:

* We need an auction chair. Steve S. will send out letters to vendors and ask for them to send 2 weeks before the auction.
* Leigh will publicize the auction in the papers as he did for previous meetings; will have Mike put it on Facebook. Sasha asked if there is a Bedford event calendar we can put it on.
* The auction will be a vendor/member auction as we have a speaker in October
  + Perhaps Chuck Wingate and other expert growers can donate divisions of rare plants.
  + 5 plant limit for members who want to sell at our auction
    - Need a list of member’s plants 2 weeks before the auction. No unregistered plants day of auction.

Advertising/Publicity: Mike reported that 4300 people saw the ad for our show on Facebook.

AOS and affiliated societies:

Conservation:

Editorial:

Election:

Hospitality:

Library: Still need a librarian.

Membership: We have 128 memberships.

Newsletter:

Nominations: See above

Show:

New England Orchid Shows:

* NSOS – Setup on Friday, March 18, 2016. Norm will take care of it.

Risk Management:

Show Table: Back to the beginning of the meeting.

Website Management:

**Miscellaneous**

Two boxes of Marty’s books sold well at the show. Norm has 3 boxes remaining in his garage. Jim Petry and Steve Tacopina will take the boxes and bring one at a time to our meetings to sell. The nicest ones we can put in the auction.

**New business**

Norm moved to adjourn the meeting with Bob seconding the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Giovino, Secretary