New Hampshire Orchid Society

Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 2017

**Attendance**

Present: President Steve Smyrchinski; Treasurer Sasha Crotti, Trustees Anita Walker and Jim Pietri, Past President Norm Selander-Carrier,

Absent: Vice President Bob Richer; Trustees Adrienne Giovino and Julie Stacey; Secretary Susan Usseglio

Committee Chairs:

Guests:

**Opening**:

* President Steve Ski called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM. The minutes of the February board meeting were reviewed and revisions made. Norm moved to accept the revised February minutes and Jim seconded. The motion passed.

**President**:

* Steve got the bill for the show. It is up from $6,491.78 to $8,285.50 due to increases in food prices and NH taxes which were omitted from last year’s bill. Brenda and Steve will review the bill in detail, but it appears reasonable.
* Steve was concerned about show programs being available only Sunday. There were problems with the audio/visual outside the main ballroom. Admissions totaled about $8,700. We need to find a way to integrate the two ballrooms. We discussed changing the date of the show again and we agreed not to do so but will listen to member concerns.
* Steve has reviewed the 2018-2019 contract. It appears the only change is a $10 per night increase in the guest room price. However we will get a second guest room which we can auction. Norm moved that Steve sign the contract. Anita seconded and the motion carried.
* The Cambridge Science Festival is being held at Tower Hill April 22 from 10:00 to 4:00. We have been invited to provide a booth to encourage indoor horticulture. Sasha will consider staffing for NHOS along with MOS.
* We discussed getting a SSL certificate which allows NHOS to register as a legitimate corporation and provide secure connections. The annual fee is $130 to $150. Norm moved that we proceed and Jim seconded. The motion carried.

**Vice President**:

* Speaker Schedule Month of June still open.
  + March 2017 New member/windowsill growing speaker from NY
  + April 2017 – Kristen from New World Orchids
  + May 2017 – Auction
  + June 2017
  + July 2017 – Fair Orchids
  + August 2017 – Picnic and annual meeting
  + September 2017 – IPA
  + October 2017 - Jean Stefanik – Show prep and table setup
  + November 2017 – Alan Koch
  + December 2017 – Holiday Party

**Treasurer**

* The checking account balance is $23,630.96 and assets total $55,329.05. However there are a number of outstanding show bills.
* The expense manifest totals $3,904.40 and includes newsletter, rent, coop expenses, SSL certificate, Nashua Telegraph advertising, IPA and Orchid Digest memberships and expenses for today’s meeting. Norm moved to accept the manifest. Anita seconded and the motion carried.
* Sasha said the laptop is failing. She will explore options including a newer version of Quickbooks which could be an online version with less functionality for reports. We will discuss in detail next month.

**Secretary**

**Committees**

Annual Auction:

Advertising/Publicity:

AOS and affiliated societies:

Conservation:

Editorial:

Election:

Hospitality: Being provided by society members.

Library:

Membership: We have 128 memberships including 9 from the show. Lee and Steve will update the membership form, both hardcopy and website.

Newsletter:

Nominations:

Show:

New England Orchid Shows:

NSOS – March 18 and 19th Norm has volunteered for this assignment. Incentives for members to volunteer for away shows were discussed. These included newer members shadowing someone with experience and increasing reimbursements. This will be discussed again next month.

Norm did a presentation for the Wilmot Community Association. It was well received.

Risk Management:

Show Table:

Website Management:

**Miscellaneous**

**New business**

Anita moved to adjourn the meeting with Norm seconding. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Submitted by Norm Selander-Carrier