

Fall Regional October 19-20, 2013

Los Gatos, California

Mary Sindicic, Secretary

Welcome to Fall Regional by Barbara Pesek President of Clara B Rees.

General Meeting Minutes

The General Meeting was called to Order by RVP John Pesek at 9:15 a.m. John thanked Clara B Rees Iris Society for hosting the Fall Regional thanking Mary Collins, Past President, Carol Dahout and Barbara Pesek, Current President for all their hard work. John Pesek asked for a moment of silence in memory of Hal Mattos from Santa Rosa. Hal passed away at 89 years old and was very involved in iris's. He was president of Santa Rosa Iris Society and President of Clara B Rees Society back in the 70's. He lived throughout the Bay Area and was a judge for 27 years. Also from Santa Rosa Bob Breakwoltdt passed away and was a person that was very happy to help out wherever he was needed. There was a picture of Hal Mattos and a picture of 15 iris that were taken from his garden and planted in the Santa Rosa Iris Garden in memory of Hal. Also on a sad note the Region this year started out with 18 affiliates and are now down to 15. About a month ago Southern Nevada Iris Society disbanded, and last week Redwood Iris Society, and West Bay Iris Society have also disbanded. Redwood Iris Society gave the Region a check and the By Laws state that if a Region is disbanded that the money go to any 501K or organization that is non-profit. Kitty Loberg asked John Pesek that about a year ago it was added to the Standing Rules that any society that disbanded the money be placed in a restricted line item that would be used for a new start-up society and she requested that the money would be used for that. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shirley Trio and seconded by David Cadd. Motion carried.

Judges Training: Phyllis Wilburn reported that we currently have 26 Active Students, 7 Apprentices, 23 Garden/Exhibition Judges, 13 Master Judges, and 4 Emeritus Judges. This past year we had 4 students move to Apprentice Judge Anna-Marie Hermansen, Terry Tony, Carol Dahout, & Joseph Lawrence. We also had one Apprentice move to Garden/Exhibition Judge Ted Hawkins. Two G/E judges moved to Master Judge Helen Bliven, Dorlene Waite. One Master Judge retire Berkeley Hunt. Thus we have lost one active Master Judge through retirement, and gained one, so we are about even from last year. We have a good group of apprentices coming up too, and a bunch of enthusiastic students. Sadly, we have lost three retired judges this year, George and Margaret Sutton, & Hal Mattos.

There is a 2 hr Judges Training Session by Jim Morris, on Medians. Watch the Region 14 web site and the Bulletin for future trainings. If you have any ideas for trainings, or people that you would like to have come from other regions to do training, please let Phyllis know.

Phyllis said that we should only be lining up 3 Judges for shows before January 1st to be fair and after January 1st you can get additional judges if needed. Phyllis handed out a list of all of the judges.

Secretary Report: Mary Sindicic reported that on May 16th Kitty Loberg made a motion to donate \$100 to St. John's Episcopal Memorial Building Fund and \$100 to AIS in memory of Margaret Sutton that was seconded by Dorlene Waite and the motion was passed by email voting. On June 12th there was also a

motion by Jeanne Clay-Plank to donate \$100 to St. John's Episcopal Memorial Building Fund and \$100 to AIS in memory of George Sutton that was seconded by Rose Pipkin and the motion was passed by email voting.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Franklin reported that as of 4/20/13 cash on hand 31,347.91. Expenses so far have been \$30.00 for Bulletin Publishing, 1,668.88 RVP Allowance, \$159.52 Sales Tax, \$697.98 for Judges Training, \$45.22 for Supplies, \$575.00 Scholarship, \$387.25 Youth Committee, \$98.49 Internet Services, \$78.21 S.F. Flower Show – 2013, \$355.00 S.F. Flower Show - 2014, \$400.00 Donations, \$319.46 Spring Regional, \$400.00 Start-up Funds. Total Expenses \$5215.41 Revenues \$633.00 Donations from Societies, \$328.85 Interest, \$814.00 Judges' Training, \$1490.00 Finance, Spring Fundraiser-Raffle, \$237.50 Finance, Summer Fundraiser-Rhizomes Total Revenues \$3503.35 Expenses in excess of Revenue \$1712.06.

Editor: Tom Karwin said he has a deadline for the next bulletin of November 1st and will be putting out a call for input and would very much like to see articles from each of the societies and other contributed materials so that it's not a highly centralized publication but a network representing everybody's views. Some time ago the Region approved display ads and they have been a little slow getting it off the ground largely a work load issue but they now have a data base of 50 iris growers and hybridizers and a few others and will be putting out a call in the next couple of days for display advertisements from the field and that data base will expand to include garden related companies not specifically iris. The upcoming issue of the bulletin will include a few display ads to get things started. With regard to the website Ann Pike is concentrating her time on the website.

Directors: Larry Lockhart from Northern Region was not present; John Pesek didn't receive a report. Carol Dahout from Central Region reported nothing new to report. Carolyn Hoover reported that Yosemite is new and strong and they have 17 members and they are continuing the classroom iris project with the students. AIS donated notebooks and iris to the students during the summer so they are thrilled and she wants to take it to another school and with the help of Jean Morris she is going to create a Story Book garden. Carolyn wanted to remind everyone that Yosemite Iris Society will be hosting the 2015 Spring Regional and will be the third weekend in April.

Finance/Fundraising chair: Carolyn Craft talked about how the raffle of the baskets would work at the Regional and the silent auction. One of the ideas she has received to raise funds for Region 14 from several different members is at the Spring Regional to have a Garden Tour that would be open to the public advertise it in the local news and charge \$10.00 per ticket. The money for the tickets would go to Region 14 the hosting society would have help from their society and other members attending the Regional and the hosting society would be allowed to sell potted plants, iris craft and that money would go to the hosting society. There was discussion on when to have the Garden Tour during the convention and Phyllis Wilburn commented that it would be a great way to outreach to the public for new members and expose people to the iris at the blooming season. Carolyn Craft is also coming out with an AIS Region 14 tea shirt.

Honory Awards: Dorlene Waite is in Las Vegas, she is in charge of the Larry Gaulter Award which is presented in the Fall and she and her committee decided there would be no award this year. We have one person that is leaving the region on the Awards committee and with chairperson Dorlene Waite leaving

we'll need two people one from the Mid area and one from the Northern area to fill those spots. John is open for suggestions from anybody about filling those two positions.

Historian: Jean Richter reported that she is still going through the materials from Lois O'Brian's estate and will get back if there is anything of great interest in there otherwise it will go into the historical archives.

She continues to go through the large collection of regional bulletins and at the last meeting she was given the OK to dispose of more than two copies of each regional bulletin and she brought a few to put in the silent auction a bulletin from 1968.

Electronics: Ann Pike was not present; Tom Karwin introduced Kathleen Sonntag who has taken on the design of the AIS 14 Bulletin from Ann Pike. Kathleen has just been appointed as the editor of Irises the AIS bulletin and she is based in Carmel. Jim Morris commented that he had been looking for a long time for an editor to replace Kelly Norris who is resigning because of his job as horticultural manager at the Greater Des Moines botanical gardens and couldn't devote the time any longer. He put ads out in various places including AIS and elsewhere out in the horticultural world and received 8 candidates and interviewed 4 of the candidates and chose Kathleen. She has a tremendous background and brings a wealth of experience to the position.

Membership: Mary Ann Horton was not present but John Pesek reported that we 478 members and including and thanks to Lorraine Nicholson 78 Youth making Region 14 number one in all the country. She has sent renewal reminders of 28 emails and 22 letters and sent 6 emails and 5 letters welcoming new members.

Scholarship: Terri Hudson was not present and she is putting out feelers to the schools right now for the scholarships to be issued in the spring.

Science: John Stremel has resigned and John Pesek put out a request to some people to find out what to do to get some input to see who would be a good new Science Chair and a lot of the comments coming back were that we really don't have a definition of the Science Chair is and we don't have a job description so we are not filling the position at this time. A committee will be formed to talk about the purpose and get some clarification and then go out with feelers for the new Science Chair.

Trophies & Awards: Bill Fink reported that at the Spring meeting the attendees voted and awarded trophies to guest irises in the gardens and names are engraved on the trophies and a certificate. Attendees of the Spring Regional Meeting for 2013 voted for the Region 14 hybridizer awards based upon the irises on display in the two guest gardens with the following results. Knopf Cup for the best seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer was won by 'QDBX40PQ' an MTB hybridized by Riley Probst. Cotillion Bowl for the best 2013 introduction by a Region 14 Hybridizer was 'Leave the Light' on hybridized by Riley Probst. Clara B. Reese Cup for the best introduction prior to 2013 by a Region 14 Hybridizer was 'Opposites' hybridized by Shirley Trio. Jim Gibson Cup for the best plicata was 'Tuscan Summer' hybridized by Keith Keppel. Melrose Award for the best beardless was 'Caesar's Brother'. Out of Region Award for the best iris by a hybridizer not in Region 14 was 'Revision' hybridized by Keith Keppel. Hager-DuBose Cup for the best bearded iris other than tall was 'Holiday in Mexico' hybridized by Riley Probst.

Youth: Lorraine Nicholson reported that her goal for the end of John Pesek's term is 100 kids she has 78 and Rudy Ciuca just handed her 25. Rudy and Joe are also working on becoming a SIP (Student Iris Program). She doesn't really do all the work the work is done by the AIS Chair. Rudy reported that they have five schools involved and one school in SIP program and he hasn't pursued the other schools.

Old Business: John Pesek reported that at the Spring Regional a motion was made to change the bylaws which were published in the bulletin to read "Meetings of the Executive Board from shall to **may** be called by the RVP at each Fall and Spring Regional" (proposed Helen Bliven, seconded Jeanne Clay Plank). Jeanne Clay Plank so moved that we change it from shall to **may** and seconded by Carol Dahout. Motion Carried.

New Business: John Pesek talked about an election of a new director because Larry Lockhard previous director from the Northern Area term is up. John Pesek was asked to define what the Region Areas of Representation were which are in the Standing Rules. North – (Sacramento, north to the limit of the region including Reno, Nevada). South – (south of Sacramento to the limit of the region, and Southern Nevada). Central – (the San Francisco Bay area – Carmel to and including Marin and east to Interstate 5, not including Stockton or Modesto – AND Hawaii). Tom Karwin will put a map in the next bulletin.

Helen Franklin shared the Proposed Budget for 2014 and after much discussion of expenses it was decided to raise the Youth Committee from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 and Donations from \$100.00 to \$200.00. Moved on to Revenues of the Proposed Budget for 2014 and after much discussion Donations from Societies was increased from \$800.00 to \$2400.00 and John Pesek would make sure that each incoming President would be aware of this. Will increase Registration fees, Spring/Fall Regional from \$300.00 to \$400.00. S.F. Flower Show from \$200.00 to \$0.

Kitty Loberg made a motion to adopt the Budget with the adjustments as presented and seconded by Phyllis Wilburn. Motion carried.

John Pesek reported that before the general meeting he had a meeting about the 2016 Spring Regional and it's going to be put on by the Bay Area clubs and Nola's Iris Garden up in the hills of East San Jose and will have buses for transportation and lunch will be at Nola's with dinner and speaker at a hotel close by.

John Pesek discussed that Judges Training hours are different between Region 14 and AIS. AIS have 5 hours in 3 years for judging and 2 in the garden. Region 14 has 6 hours in 3years for judging and 3 hours in the garden. So part of the confusion is that a Judge could be qualified for AIS but not for Region 14. After much discussion it was decided to keep Judges Training hours for Region 14 the same.

John Pesek discussed election of new director to replace Larry Lockhart. Anna Marie Hermansen nominated Rudy Ciuca and seconded by Jeanne Clay-Plank. Motion carried.

John Pesek discussed an appointment of a committee to review the requirements of the awards at the Spring Regional and there is some confusion as to in Region and out of Region people and should we have a rule about how many iris should be in a class before giving out an award. John asked the three directors Rudy Ciuca, Carol Dahout, and Carolyn Hoover to take it on.

Helen Franklin proposed to have a committee to talk about what defines a member for dues to the Region 14. John Pesek appointed the three directors Rudy Ciuca, Carol Dahout, and Carolyn Hoover to take on the assignment.

Anna Cadd made a motion to donate \$100.00 to AIS in memory of Hal Mattos Jeanne Clay-Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Fink announced that the Sacramento Iris Society had a very good year and wanted to make a donation of \$250.00 to Region 14 scholarship fund.

Anna Marie Hermansen talked about Region 14 – Spring Regional “A Carnival Carousel of Iris” hosted by Santa Rosa Iris Society on May 2-4, 2014 featuring 2 quest gardens, 3 open gardens, 4 judges training sessions – 2 gardens and 2 classroom, guest speaker/judges training Heather and Bernard Pryor.

John Pesek reported on the Region 14 2013 Symposium Results. “That’s All Folks” finished first.

John Pesek asked Riley Probst to talk about the National Symposium and they are still tabulating the votes on National as each RVP sends in votes from their Region to AIS Symposium Chairman who is Riley and he tabulates all the Regions together to come up with the AIS totals. All the big regions are already in with 4-5 smaller regions that haven’t reported yet but he doesn’t think it will change the results much. For the National 337 votes are in with Dusky Challenger in the lead Queen’s Circle in second place, and Conjunction in third place. Riley encouraged everyone to be sure and vote in the next National Symposium.

John Pesek asked for a motion to close the meeting, which was made by John Jones and seconded by Helen Bliven. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm.