

Spring Regional May 2-4, 2014

Santa Rosa, California

Mary Sindicic, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

The General Meeting was called to Order by RVP John Pesek at 8:05 a.m. John thanked Santa Rosa Iris Society for hosting the Spring Regional which started out with a great judges training last night and the games were exciting and the Regional is off to a great start. John asked for a moment of silence for the passing of two Region 14 long time members who were both original members of their societies. One Robert Annand from the Leo T. Clark Iris Society and Bertha Brownlee from Sierra Foothill Iris Society who was known in Auburn as the iris lady.

Roll Call

Approval of minutes of the minutes of the 2013 Fall Regional as posted in the Region 14 Spring Bulletin.

Judges Training: Phyllis Wilburn reported that there were four trainings at the Spring Regional, each 1 hour credit, two gardens and two classroom.

She is planning to have Jim Hedgcock come from Comanche Gardens in Missouri to talk about Spurias. It may be during the first months of 2015, as he had health issues that conflicted with travel this past spring. She asked if anyone has any ideas for trainings that you feel would be useful to Region 14 judges, please let her know. Watch the Region 14 Web Site for future trainings.

Currently we have:

28-Active Students, 7-Apprentices, 23-Garden/Exhibition Judges, 13-Master Judges, 4-Emeritus Judges.

We have 2 students who are planning to move to Apprentice this year.

By June 1 of each year all Master, Garden/Exhibition Judges, and Apprentices must fill out and return an Activity Report to the RVP and the Judges Training Chair. Failure to do so can result in disqualification as a judge. She will hand out Activity Reports to those of you who are here today, and the rest will be mailed. Remember that you must return two copies, one to the RVP and one to the JT Chair. The addresses for both are in the enclosed letter. John Pesek and Phyllis revised the Activity Report.

She appreciates that everyone has been diligent about getting approvals for JT sessions and 1-on-1 training. Anna Cadd asked if the two hour training could be broken up into one hour sets and John Pesek agreed we didn't need to go to AIS but just break up the training. She especially commends the judges who have taken their time and expertise to give trainings and tutor apprentices and students. We have one show remaining in Reno that is a possibility for an apprentice or student to get one-on-one training show bench. Please let her know if you are interested. The judges are John Pesek, Kathy Braaten and Phyllis. Phyllis said there is a change for Master Judges that for two hour training they will get one hour credit.

John asked how many Master Judges were at the Regional and there were five of them and he congratulated them for promoting iris. There were three Emeritus Judges attending the Regional and it is an honorary award from AIS.

Secretary Report: Mary Sindicic had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Franklin reported that from 1-1-14 through of 4/30/14 cash on hand 36,701.07. Expenses so far have been \$102.00 for Sales Tax, \$65.24 Office/Legal, \$279.00 Youth Committee, \$98.49. Total Expenses \$446.24 Revenues \$110.54 Interest, Revenues \$110.54 Expenses in excess of Revenue \$335.70.

Editor: There was a discussion about advertising rates in the Region 14 Bulletin. It was set at 50% of the national rate and got no response. There were a couple of suggestions from the audience. Lower the rate more and give the first year free and it will also be posted on the website also. John Pesek said let the Editor make the decision. He is preparing the summer issue and he will be putting out a request for input and would very much like to see articles from each of the societies and interested in note worthy articles from the newsletters.

Directors: Carol Dahout from Central Region reported that there have been a lot of Spring Shows and Judges Training.. Carolyn Hoover reported that there have been a lot of Spring Shows and Yosemite had their second show with 106 entries. Youth in Yosemite she is bringing Lorraine another 25 maybe 50 new students she has two classrooms she is working on and she will put the pictures in the bulletin of the kids a 1st grade class and 5th grade class. Two from the 5th grade class entered the show with a total of five students that entering the show. Anna Cadd reported for Rudy Ciuca and hopes that everyone will enjoy the Spring Regional and they also are working with the youth and they are also entering shows. Rose Pipkin from the Fresno Iris Society reported that they are making a Memorial Garden at Fresno State for John Weiler who founded Fresno Iris Society and getting his introductions for the Memorial Garden. Immediate Past President Jeanne Clay Plank had nothing to report also attending were past RVP Presidents Kitty Loberg and Lynn Williams.

Finance/Fundraising chair: Carolyn Craft not present setting up.

Honory Awards: John Stremel not present.

Historian: Jean Richter reported that she is still going through the materials from Lois O'Brian's estate and various other people that passed along materials and clearing out duplicates.

Electronics: Ann Pike was not present; She and John Pesek have been working on updating the website and he thinks it is more user friendly and more colorful. It was suggested to post some of the material from the old bulletins and articles on the website. Phyllis Wilburn would like the drop down for events and would like it to work like standard websites.

Membership: Mary Ann Horton was not present she was preparing her garden for the Regional but John Pesek reported Region 14 was #1 in AIS with 496 members, Region 18 #2 with 375 members, Region 17 #3 s with 345 members. Compared to last Fall AIS is up 89 members with a total of 4471 members. She has sent renewal reminders 28 emails, and 22 letters and 6 emails and 5 letters were sent welcoming new members.

Scholarship: Terri Hudson was not present and John Pesek thanked them for their donation of \$425.00 to the scholarship fund which now is up to \$1000.00 for a students. They have sent out flyers and applications to lots of schools and \$1000.00 is going to entice a lot more response from the schools. Phyllis Wilburn asked that we look at increasing the budget to \$1000.00 next time we budget.

Science: Position is open. John Pesek went to Bluebird Haven and Mary Hess and son Eric are revising the way they are growing, planting, fertilizing and she will be writing some articles about what they did before versus what they are doing now. The three directors will be an ad hoc committee, chaired by Carol Dahout, to review the purpose and responsibilities of the Science Chair and report at the 2014 Fall Regional. Lorraine Nicholson suggested that we ask not only Mary Hess but also Eric Hess about the position.

Trophies & Awards: Bill Fink reported that the perpetual trophies have been updated he acquired some tubs and foam to protect them in transit and he needs some space at the Regional to display them.

Attendees of the Spring Regional Meeting for 2014 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. The seedling 02-08-4A hybridized by Fred Kerr won the Knopf Cup. A three-way tie for second place occurred with the seedlings A2-3-11, 1017-6-29, B02-02D all hybridized by Robert Sutton. Cotillion Bowl for the best 2014 introduction by a Region 14 Hybridizer. The 2014 TB introduction Amber Rainbow hybridized by Fred Kerr won the Cotillion Bowl. Second place was taken by the 2014 TB Betty Ford, also hybridized by Fred Kerr. Clara B. Reese Cup for the best introduction prior to 2013 by a Region 14 Hybridizer. A two-way tie for the Clara B. Reese Cup occurred between the 2012 TB introduction Under the Boardwalk hybridized by Leslie Painter and the 2012 TB introduction Opposites hybridized by Shirley Trio. Third place was taken by the 2012 TB introduction Granfundo hybridized by Brianna BeVier. Jim Gibson Cup for the best plicata. The 2012 BB introduction Blueberry Trail hybridized by George Sutton won the Jim Gibson Cup. In second place was the 2011 TB introduction Inklination hybridized by John Painter. Camera Ready the 2009 TB introduction by Richard

Tasco took third place. Melrose Award for the best beardless. The 2001 La introduction Swirling Waters hybridized by Heather Pryor won the Melrose Award. Second place was earned by the 2009 Siberian introduction Miss Apple hybridized by Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks. Third place was taken by the spuria seedling 24-91-1 hybridized by Anna and David Cadd. Out of Region Award for the best iris by a hybridizer not in Region 14. There were no guest rhizomes from outside the region in the gardens; consequently, the out of region award was not given in 2014. Hager-DuBose Cup for the best bearded iris other than tall. The 2012 MTB introduction Holiday in Mexico hybridized by Riley Probst won the Hager-DuBose Cup. In second place was the 2012 BB introduction Blueberry Trail hybridized by George Sutton. Third place was taken by the 2013 IB introduction Leave the Light On hybridized by Riley Probst.

For the Awards Committee:

Anna Cadd
David Cadd
Alison Willy
Eric Hansen
Yarda Hansen

Youth: Lorraine Nicholson would like to thank Carolyn Hoover and her kids in her school and all of the work she has done to promote iris in the classroom. Rudy and Joe have the same thing going at a private school in their area. With Carolyn's 25 to 50 kids we are going to be approaching 150 youth in our area and we have two new kids this year. This year instead of sending iris she is thinking about sending a book and if there is more than one child in the family the family will get one book. She is looking for suggestions and for what this book title might be Anna Cadd suggested Mollie Price Irises and it would cover the youngsters and can be purchased from the AIS store. Region 14 is #1 with 105 youths in AIS with Region 18 #2 with 80. She wants to thank Shirley Trio for taking it on herself to ask societies for funds and she would like to suggest she hold off until they need it because there are so many societies that are low in membership and low in funds. They were given \$1000.00 last Fall so they are fine right now. Lorraine asked Tom Karwin to put the addresses of the officers from all of the clubs in the bulletin. She likes to send a thank-you and Tom said we have to have their permission to post the addresses and he noted that their email address is there. Riley Probst told everyone that at the AIS Convention that Region 14 was singled out for what a spectacular Youth program they have and Lorraine Nicholson's name was mentioned.

Old Business: Phyllis Wilburn has been having speakers training in Sacramento because they can get the room for \$35.00 dollars so if anyone has a suggestion for another place that would be central to have these out of region speakers please let her know also any suggestions for speakers. We have a \$1000.00 budget for judges training so we could have someone come from another part of the country. Kathy Chilton will be speaking at the Fall Regional so it was decided to not have any speakers come in the fall because it would be in conflict with the Fall Regional.

New Business: John Pesek brought up about defining a member and everyone was given a handout about what constitutes a member. John suggested that it be given to the three directors who will form an ad hoc committee, chaired by Rudy Ciuca, to define "member" as used in the Region 14 Standing Rules in the request for contributions by affiliates for the operation of Region 14.

Bill Fink will chair an ad hoc committee to review and clarify the requirements for awards at the Spring Regional Meeting. Anna & David Cadd and Shirley Trio wanted to be on the committee. Phyllis Wilburn suggested that the committee look at the Jim Gibson Cup (Best plicate or visual plicata).

There was also a handout about a recommendation for the Region to clarify awards criteria and procedures. Lynn Williams moved that we clarify Standing Rules III to agree with Standing Rules IV and Riley Probst seconded it. Motion Carried. There are four places in Rule III that has six Spring Regional Awards instead of seven as is listed in Rule IV.

Kitty Loberg brought up under new business that Region 14, as the largest region, has a responsibility to host another AIS Convention. The last one we did was in 2004 in Fresno and we made a lot of money and that's why we have about \$36,000 in the bank. The problem is finding gardens. To encourage people to host gardens Kitty proposed using Region 14 funds to assist the host gardens in the amount of \$500 or even \$1,000. After some discussion Kitty Loberg agreed to chair an exploration committee to find gardens and a central location for a hotel and report at the Fall Regional. People who wished to be on the committee are: Phyllis Wilburn, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio, Kathy Braaten, Eric Hansen, Carolyn Hoover,

Ted Hawkins, Peggy Rude and Rose Pipkin volunteered a person for the Fresno Iris Society. There was a motion by Kitty Loberg to explore having an AIS Convention in Region 14 to form a committee for that and seconded by John Jones. Motion Carried.

Announcements: AIS photo contest is open and closes June 30th.

Digital slide program is run by a member of our Fresno iris society Janet Smith and she has a problem no one is requesting digital slide programs right now. There are good programs available so if you need a program use them for your affiliate meetings.

The 2014 Fall Regional will be in Reno hosted by the High Desert Iris Society. Kathy Braaten said the host hotel will be the Atlantis Hotel and Spa and the room rates will be \$119.00 + tax and resort fee. The registration will be \$70.00 and the date will be October 4 & 5th and Kathy Chilton will be the guest speaker and she thinks she will be talking on Arils.

Region 14 Spring Fling will be held on April 17-19 2015 hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society.

AIS National Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon on May 18-23 2015 and there will be 4,200 guest iris and six commercial gardens and one home garden. Following the AIS National Convention there will be a Siberian/Species Convention in Portland on May 24-25 2015.

Meeting adjourned by John Pesek at 9:40 am.