

# **DRAFT**

Maryland Orchid Society  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 8, 2011

## **Minutes**

### **Board Members Present:**

Bill Scharf, President, Show Co-Chair  
Eric Wiles, Vice President  
Sarah Spence, Secretary  
Mary Chiu, Controller  
Gary Smith, Past President  
Thomas McBride, Show Table  
Valerie Lowe, Away Shows, AOS/ODC  
Barbara Buck, Refreshments  
Jamie Riegel, House  
Laura Sobelman, Director, Newsletter  
Margaret Smith, Hospitality

### **Other Members Present:**

David Smith  
Lou Buck  
Gregg Custis

### **Call to Order** – Bill Scharf

- The meeting was brought to order by Bill Scharf at 7:40 PM. The agenda and minutes to be approved were distributed.
- The host and hostess for this meeting, David and Margaret Smith, were thanked for their hospitality.

### **October 14, 2010 Minutes** - Sarah Spence

- The October minutes were distributed, reviewed and amended. Tom McBride moved to accept and Valerie Lowe seconded. The October minutes were passed.
- It was suggested that “draft” minutes be e-mailed to Board members prior to the Board meeting for review in an effort to conserve time.

### **Financials** –

#### **Treasurer’s Report** – Account Summary, Patti Kelt (absent)

- Patti submitted “Balance Sheets” and a “Statement of Activities” report through Bill Scharf.

#### **Controller’s Report** – Financial Condition, Mary Chiu

- Mary states that the taxes have been filed.

### **Standing Committees** - Budgets; Board-Level Issues

#### **Away Shows; AOS/ODC** – Valerie Lowe

- SEPOS Show at Longwood Garden on March 25, 26, 27 with set-up on March 24. Valerie states that we have our “old spot” back.
- Valerie asked for help on behalf of the AOS at the Philadelphia Flower Show. The Philadelphia Flower Show is the same weekend as the MOS show.

#### **Auction, 2010** – Bill Ellis

- The auction was a success and the new location was appreciated.

#### **Education and Activities** – Eric Wiles

- The group visit to the open house at Woodstream Orchids was a success.

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- Schedule for the Education Corner – In February, Valerie Lowe will discuss the art of setting up show displays; In March, David Smith will lead.
- The spring Educational Workshop is scheduled for April 9.

## Hospitality – Margaret Smith

- Margaret will buy “door prize” tickets when needed.

## House – Jamie Riegel

- Jamie has accepted the “job” of coordinating set-up and clean-up for the monthly meetings.
- Due to the Jewish holidays, October 2011, the regularly scheduled meeting is moved from Thursday, Oct. 20 to Wednesday, Oct. 19. This actually works out because set-up for the SOS show is on Thursday, Oct. 20.

## Library – Norma Lynch (absent)

- Nothing to report at this time.

## Membership – Marilyn Lauffer (absent)

- Report submitted by way of Bill Scharf.
- Currently have 123 members. 37 members were lost in 2010. Phone calls were made to persons who were not renewing their memberships to ask why and a variety of reasons were given. At issue were two former members who felt the MOS members were “condescending”, their questions never got answered, felt they got “brushed off”. Apologies were extended and information about the mentor program was given, but they were not interested. There was much discussion about this.
- A historical trend in membership and losses was presented...
  - 2010 – 123 members – 37 lost
  - 2009 – 128 members – 33 lost
  - 2008 – 131 members – 13 lost
  - 2007 – 102 members – 21 lost
- New rosters remaining from January meeting were mailed.

## Newsletter – Laura Sobelman

- Laura continues to do an excellent job with the Newsletter. Many “thanks” to her.
- Submission of articles by members is encouraged.

## Program – Sue Spicer (absent)

- Sue and Clark Riley were to check on the purchase of a digital projector. Estimated cost \$500.00. To date no information is forthcoming. Bill will check with Clark.
- It is not known if there is a speaker planned for March. Suggestions were made for a possible “panel” discussion or “new” members might bring plants purchased at the show, to the meeting for information on growing.
- The speaker for the February meeting is State of MD botanist, Chris Frye. He will talk to us about native Maryland orchids. Bill Scharf suggests a possible “forest walk” when weather permits.

## Refreshments – Barbara Buck

- Barbara reports that everything is “OK” in the refreshment department.

## Show – Bill Scharf/Joan Roderick (absent)

- Bill reports that the theme for this year’s show is *“Orchids: A Symphony of Color”*.
- Woodstream and J & L Orchids will be participating.
- Joan needs assistance with the Preview Party. Margaret Smith and Sarah Spence have volunteered.
- Valerie Lowe will be getting judges.
- Lori Lee Young is soliciting award sponsors.
- It was suggested that MOS look into the possibility of getting Company sponsors for next year’s show.

## Show Table – Tom McBride

- Everything is OK. Nothing to report at this time.

## Sunshine – Janice Mazur (absent)

- No report at this time.

## Website – Clark Riley (absent)

- No report at this time,

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## Special Committees

**Finance** – Bill Scharf/Patti Kelt (absent)

- On going. One member has been appointed; looking for two more.

**Mentoring** – Bill Ellis (absent)

- Mentoring program was “kicked off” at the Members Repotting Workshop in October, 2010.

**Recognition** – Eric Wiles/Gary Smith/Bill Scharf

- Ongoing

**Website Redesign** – Gary Smith/Bill Scharf

- No activity this period.

## Old Business – All

**Projector Purchase** – Sue Spicer (absent)/Clark Riley (absent)

- Jamie Riegel will investigate the purchase of a digital projector.

**Meeting Venue** – Bill Scharf/Tom McBride

- Rent has been paid for the use of First Christian Church through December 2011.
- Continue to investigate possible use of Maryland Agricultural Center. Cylburn Park has been ruled out because the facility does not meet MOS needs.

## New Business – All

**Member Plant Sale and Swap** – Bill Scharf

- Bill wants to have the member’s plant sale and swap in March, just prior to the meeting. Will take place in the kitchen.
- The possibility of an “Executive Board” meeting just prior to the March meeting was also discussed.

**Next Meeting** – All

- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM at the home of Barbara and Lou Buck.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah L. Spence, Secretary