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Claudia Biggs, Editor

newsletter

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NEXT MEETING : JULY 14, 2011 7:30 pm MANITO MEETING ROOM
PROGRAM: SHOW PREPARATIONS
HOSTESSES: DIANNA MAY
WHITE ELEPHANT: DIANNA MAY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope that all of your gardens are doing well! We just returned from a short vacation, and there is a bloom in the garden! We had a very eventful meeting last month, and many changes happening in the Society. As all of you who were at the meeting know, and those of you who will read the minutes from the meeting in this bulletin, we discussed and voted for the Society to leave the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference (PNDC) at a club level. This decision was reached after much discussion of the facts as we knew them at that time. I have been contacted by a PNDC representative, and asked that the Society reconsider our decision. Some of the rules that we felt were oppressive or intrusive, were not actual PNDC rules, and we have been provided with a notice regarding PNDC's guidelines regarding judging. This will be available for review at the July meeting.

In other news, this year's fair will be our 50th consecutive show, and we are hoping to celebrate in a big way! If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know! Don't forget the judging school on July 9th or the arrangement school on July 10th, details are printed in this bulletin. See you all soon!
Christina

MISSING PAGES

Claudia Biggs has a supply of the missing pages for the 2011 3 hole punched Classification Books. Check your book. If pages 19-20 and 85-86 were missing, she has extra pages.

SUMMER PICNIC—POTLUCK

1 P.M. SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2011
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Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Meeting

Brought to order by president, Chris Carlsen at 7:37pm

Introductions were made.

No changes were suggested from last month's Dahliafax.

The Treasurer's report was given to date with a balance of \$7118.34 as of 05/23/2011.

The tuber sales at both Northwest Seed & Pet stores, Garden Expo, and a small sale in Deer Park were very successful. Thanks and kudos were expressed to everyone that donated tubers and volunteered time for the sales.

It was discussed again that if next years tuber donations are as plentiful and successful as they were this year, that we do a sale in Coeur d'Alene, as they no longer have a local Society.

Judy from Judy's Enchanted Garden was given excess tubers and she updated Claudia that over 100 had already sold.

The last 4H kids have planted their tubers, they are growing, and a June meeting will be scheduled.

The class that was to be held at Ritter's Nursery was canceled due to no participants.

An update was given on Donna Black. She is still at home with care, and recovering.

Judging School: 21 people have signed up. The judging school is being held on 07/09/2011 from 9am-4pm, Dahlias: A monthly Guide, the ADS judging manual, and the classification book will be the required texts. Class is free and will be held at the Argonne library. It was reminded that you do not have to take the test to participate.

The Arrangement Class will be held at the Friends of Manito meeting room on 07/10/2011 from 10am-until done. This is to teach attendees that the arrangements are horticultural arrangements, not artistic arrangements. A reminder was given that judges are required to attend judging class every 5 years. Everyone is welcome to participate in both classes. Bring a basket or baskets if you can. Suggestions were given that they can be found at Value Village and other thrift stores for a low price.

The Society picnic will be August 7th at Dennis and Claudia's home. They will be providing the hamburgers and chicken tenders, so would enjoy people bringing various side dishes to go with them.

Cheer: It was discussed that Robert Eagle is graduating this month. Dawn provided a nice article that was written up about him in the newspaper. He will be attending Carroll College in the fall so will not be at this year's Fair. Many shared their appreciation for his years of participation with the IEDS and at the Fair, that he will be missed, and wished him a successful future. It was also discussed that we send out thank you cards to the growers that donated large quantities of tubers.

Trial Garden: Gary Plowman gave the update that the tubers were planted and that approximately 10 people participated in the planting on May 21st.

VA update: Claudia reported that approximately 161 tubers were planted and she thanked the many volunteers. It was planted in under 40 minutes and was a great, fun turnout. Claudia added that the VA POW group gets volunteer hour credit for the time the volunteers put into planting the garden.

PNDC: It was discussed that they used to supply teachers, tests, etc to the IEDS. The only thing that they currently do is that the Judge Chair keeps our credentials up to date. It was originally established to bring people from other clubs to the Fair shows, but it seems this is no longer true. The judges from the coast rarely come to our shows. The judges from Montana do come to the shows. It was posed to vote on removing the IEDS status with the PNDC. This was voted on unanimously with the motion to withdraw. Each member has the choice to continue paying dues individually to the PNDC. This does not limit who judges, you just must be a member of the ADS. After the vote, it was mentioned that we consider votes of member not present. It was discussed that there is no way to have a vote for members not present. A letter will be written and sent off to the President and Secretary of the PNDC.

Fair news: It was discussed that this year is actually the 50th year showing in the Fair. If you have any ideas for awards, would like to make donations, or participate, let an IEDS officer know. Dawn and Chris are going to go over the Fair schedule and rules in detail as the online schedule does not match up with our schedule. If you would like to participate in this, please contact Dawn or Chris. The Friday morning work party will start at 10am. Dawn provided cards for all to see of the reasons dahlias get disquali-

Minutes of June 9th meeting continued from page 2

fied and that this method would make it easy to hole punch, allowing judges to move quickly and the participant to have an explanation of why their entry was disqualified. Discussion took place of making more handouts. We gave out 300 at the Fair last year and ran out. It was voted on pre-approved to spend \$500 on printing fees so fliers, etc will be done in advance. It was suggested to also make more copies of the Saran Wrap method. Dawn passed out Fair entry forms so that everyone could be familiar with filling them out in advance.

Gary Plowman gave a fun and informational demonstration on disbudding and staging.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heidi Byrum

Minutes for Finance Meeting; June 7th, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. This meeting of the officers of the Society was called to conduct a routine audit of the financial records returned to the Society from the previous Treasurer, as well as official bank records obtained from Bank of America. Due to the lack of access to the financial reports, we were unable to conduct this audit at its originally scheduled date and time in January. After formally requesting the information from Bank of America and receiving those documents, we were able to conduct a review of the 2010 accounting records. Records were in an un-auditable form and many checks and withdrawals did not have legitimate corroborating documentation. This meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm, with the intent to call a meeting of the Board of Directors to review the findings and determine what steps will be taken in this matter.

Minutes of Board Meeting; June 15th, 2011

A meeting of the board was called for on June 9th, at the regular monthly meeting of the IEDS. This board meeting was brought to order by President Christina Carlsen at 7:00 pm. All members of the Board of Directors were present. This meeting was called to review the findings of the Finance Meeting from June 7th. During the routine audit of the Societies financial records, it was determined that there were irregularities from the term of January 2010 till January 2011. A motion was made to take the following actions: A letter will be written and signed by all members of the board to the former Treasurer, requesting explanations and documentation of the 28 items in question. A term of five days will be given for explanations to be made, if the explanations are unsatisfactory at the end of the five days or no response is made, further action will be taken. Further action will be contacting legal representatives or law enforcement, to conduct an official investigation into the proceedings. The motion was seconded, and voted unanimously in favor of these actions.

Other business; the resignation letter to the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference was written and signed by the board, indicating the reasons discussed at the regular monthly meeting. Copies of the letter are being sent to each officer of the PNDC, our ADS representative, and to the President of the ADS.

It was also decided, that effective immediately, and upon notification of the ADS and our current Trial Garden Directors, management of the Inland Empire Dahlia Societies Trial Garden at Manito Park, will be turned over to the Board of Directors and a new appointment of a Trial Garden Director will be made. This decision was not made lightly, and it is with regret that we request the resignation of Bob and Joni Beasley as Trial Garden Directors.

Upon a regular review of the By-Laws of the Society, the Board voted unanimously to return to the procedure of requiring two signatures on each check, as a check and balance of Society funds being discharged through regular business. New checks will be ordered, with the required two signatory lines.

The meeting at adjourned at 10:00 pm.

JUDGING SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011 9am—5pm
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Dawn Anselmo has handouts for the class. There are also books available for purchase.

ARRANGEMENT, BASKETS & BOUQUET CLASS

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2011 10 AM—?
MANITO MEETING ROOM
Email Dawn Anselmo at dahliaponds2@comcast.net for directions or phone 465-1541
Bring snacks—no lunch break

Treasurers Report

Checking account balance on 5/23/2011 is \$7118.34.

CREDITS

IEDS DUES	\$14.00
RAFFLE	\$22.00
TUBER SALE	<u>\$82.00</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$118.00

DEBIT

DAWN ANSELMO	\$21.85
Stamps, judging supplies, paper bags	

CLAUDIA BIGGS	\$53.89
Dahliafax postage & envelopes	

ADS	<u>\$90.21</u>
Small vases	

TOTAL DEBITS	\$165.95
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Carol Konitzer, Treasurer

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