

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

April 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date: 8 April 2023

Location: Muscatine Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa

Time: 12:00 p.m. CST

Officers Present:

President: Darrin Lett

Vice President: Heather Harroun

Immediate Past President: Nancy Rash

Secretary: Cari Rusnak

Treasurer: Jackie Westhoff

II: PRESENTATION

Topic: May Club Distribution Plants

Presenter: Sue Kramer (daylily) & Diann Pavelka (iris)

Presentation started at 1:10 p.m.

III: BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Business meeting called to order by Darrin Lett at 2:00 p.m. 24 people were present in-person and 5 members were present via Zoom.

IV: OLD BUSINESS

Cari Rusnak read the March Meeting Minutes. *A motion to approve the February and March meeting minutes was made by Diann Pavelka and seconded by Keith Riewerts. Motion unanimously approved.*

V: NEW BUSINESS

2023 Region 1 Meeting

Keith Riewerts said the latest issue of the Daylily Pioneer has a 4 page spread that features our Region 1 meeting. He and Nancy Carlisle put together the spread to promote the meeting.

Keith Riewerts said they have gotten plants from various hybridizers for the meeting. They have several Stout Award winning plants that will be in the live auction, such as 'I Lava You' and 'Scarlet Pimpernel'. He believes there will be around 100 plants in the auction between purchased and donated plants from hybridizers. Nancy Carlisle said we have about 50 items right now for the silent auction and we are always looking for more items. The silent auction is the only event where our club will raise money during the meeting, so the more items we have for the silent auction the more the club benefits. **If you have items to donate to the silent auction, please contact Nancy Carlisle or Keith Riewerts.**

Nancy Carlisle said we currently have 31 paid reservations from people in 7 different states (one from each state in Region 1 plus Florida and Illinois). Your registration is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email saying we have received your online registration and payment. The deadline for signing up is June 23. **If you would like to sign up for the Region 1 Meeting, here is a link to the registration form:**

<https://bit.ly/Region1CVIDS>

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Westhoff read the treasurer's report. CVIDS account has a balance of \$4,505.41 and the Regional account has a balance of \$8,057.68.

Income for the CVIDS account include membership dues. Income for the Region 1 account include registration fees and expenses include a check to the hotel

If you have not paid your dues, please contact Jackie Westhoff. She will be reaching out to people who have not renewed their membership. You need to have your dues paid by April 1st in order to receive a club plant in May.

Jackie Westhoff said that the club is going to look into getting a credit card processor (such as Square, Venmo Credit Card Reader, or PayPal Credit Card Reader) for the club to use for the Region 1 Meeting. Darrin Lett said that he wants it to be transparent to people if we charge extra for using a credit card to pay; transparency is important and people should have a choice if they want to pay cash instead of paying an additional fee to pay via card. Nancy Carlisle said that any transaction fees for accepting credit cards during the Region 1 Meeting can be considered an expense of the regional meeting. She also says that she will make sure to include information about processing fees in an email sent to people registered for the meeting and in the welcome letter. Information about the credit card processor used and any associated fees will need to be given to Nancy Carlisle by June 15th in order to include the processing fees in these communications.

Webmaster Update

The webmaster update was postponed due to time constraints.

Club 501(c)(3) Status

Darrin Lett said that he will set up a board meeting sometime this month to discuss this topic with board members. Due to his busy schedule, he was not able to make one last month. This meeting will likely be held via Zoom and details will be sent out to board members via email.

Muscatine Plant Sale

Members were given a lovely flier created by Valerie Moeller for the plant sale. She said that we are expecting over 500 people to attend according to the RSVP's on the Facebook event page. Discover Muscatine will also have an article about the sale and there will be radio advertisements this year. Thank you for the lovely flier! Members are encouraged to post the flier at local libraries to help advertise the sale.

Heather Harroun said that per Iowa regulations, no woody perennials are allowed to be sold at the plant sale due to disease issues. This includes plants such as raspberry, lilac, blueberry, and other woody perennials. All other plants are welcome to be sold to help raise money for the club. Historically, we have also asked our partners in this sale to not bring daylily plants since that is the focus of our club.

Attached is the flier made by Valerie Moeller.

Club Plant Distribution

Darrin Lett said that the May 20th meeting in West Liberty will be the club plant distribution. There will not be a business meeting that day. Darrin Lett wants people to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to help set up the area so that we can start drawing numbers for the plant distribution at 9:30 a.m. A breakfast potluck will start around 9 a.m. that morning after things have been set up. There are approximately 44 members eligible for club plants this year. **If you cannot attend the club plant distribution, you need to have a proxy designated to receive your plant that day. Darrin Lett will send out an email with more details.**

Bylaw Changes

Darrin Lett said that the bylaw changes were emailed to members several months ago, with a final draft of the changes submitted for the club to discuss in February.

The change to the bylaws is related to how long people serve in leadership roles in the club. Currently, Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President serve 2 years in each of those roles (6 years total). The proposed bylaw change would make the roles go from elected to a progression where a club member is elected Vice President for 1 year, then serves as President the next year, and Immediate Past

President the year after for a total of 3 years of service to the club. This will allow for more people to be active in club leadership and allow for more continuity between club presidents.

Heather Harroun said that unless some Zoom attendees vote, we don't have a quorum of 25 in-person to pass the changes because only 23 adult club members were present in-person. She suggested that a future bylaw change could make the quorum a percentage of paid club members. Keith Riewerts suggested we should base the quorum on the number of club members eligible for club plants. Valerie Moeller said she was an active member but since she was new she did not yet qualify for a club plant; she didn't want new members to be left out of the decision making process. Barb Papenhausen said that there are about 6 members who qualify for club plants but don't receive a plant each year, which should be taken into consideration. Darrin Lett said that we can discuss a change to quorum at a later date; we were running out of reserved time at the library and needed to vote on the current change.

Shelly Lett made a motion to pass the new bylaw and it was seconded by Nancy Rash. All members present in person and 3 people on Zoom unanimously agreed to pass the motion. 27 members voted, meeting the quorum needed to change the bylaws. The motion passed.

VI: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Valerie Moeller and seconded by Heather Harroun. Motion unanimously approved. Business meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Muscatine Plant Sale

Come get your established perennials, registered iris and daylilies, houseplants and beautiful annuals at this plant sale. Plants will start as low as \$5!

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

9 am to 11:30 am

Discovery Park Pavilion

Hosted by:

Muscatine Master Gardeners

Muscatine Garden Club

Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society

Stampeding Clovers 4-H will also have baked goods for sale

