

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

March 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date: 11 March 2023

Location: Johnson County Extension Office, Iowa City

Time: 12:00 p.m. CST

Officers Present:

President: Darrin Lett

Vice President: Heather Harroun

Secretary: Cari Rusnak

Treasurer: Jackie Westhoff

II: PRESENTATION

Topic: Novelty Irises: Space Agers

Presenter: Bonnie Nichols of the American Iris Society via Video

Presentation started at 1:45 p.m.

III: BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Business meeting called to order by Heather Harroun at 1:00 p.m. More than 10 people were present in-person and 7 members were present via Zoom.

IV: OLD BUSINESS

Cari Rusnak was unable to read the February Meeting Minutes as she was attending via Zoom; they will be emailed to club members along with March meeting minutes. The club would like to thank Nancy Rash for taking meeting minutes in February.

V: NEW BUSINESS

Acting Club President

Darrin Lett was unable to attend the in-person meeting and attended via Zoom. Due to the limitations of Zoom, it was difficult for in-person members to hear him speak.

As such, Darrin appointed Heather Harroun as acting president for the remainder of this meeting.

2023 Region 1 Meeting

Keith Riewerts said the CVIDS website has updates for the R1 meeting and more is added every few days. He is making progress on the meeting brochure. He says we need more open gardens for the event. We have several people signed up already, but we need more from any club members. **If you are interested in hosting an open garden during the Region 1 Meeting, please contact Keith Riewerts.**

Keith Riewerts is working on getting plant donations from hybridizers. He has donation commitments from multiple hybridizers so far, and hopes to receive more as he reaches out to more people. He also says that The Daylily Pioneer (ADS Newsletter) is going to feature information on the Region 1 meeting and an ad encouraging people to attend.

Nancy Carlisle says that we need more people to sign up as volunteers for the Region 1 Meeting. If you are unable to attend the full tour, you can still volunteer for one of the evenings and enjoy supper with the club, and you would only be charged for the meal. The sign-up form is on the CVIDS website.

Nancy Carlisle said that we have at least 24 people signed up for the Region 1 Meeting and about 20 of them have paid. We are early in the sign-up process, and signing up early will help the club. The deadline for signing up is in June. **If you would like to sign up for the Region 1 Meeting, [please click on this link to register.](#)**

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Westhoff read the treasurer's report. CVIDS account has a balance of \$4,665.08 and the Regional account has a balance of \$5,938.18.

Since the last treasurer's report, checks from the club account have been sent to Mt. Pleasant Iris, Heidi Douglas, Woodhenge Gardens, Northern Lights Daylilies, and Riverbend Daylilies for club plants. For the regional account, checks have been sent to the hotel, bus company, and American Daylily Society for an ad in the journal.

Webmaster Update

Darrin Lett shared an update from Jonathan Poulton about the CVIDS Website. Jonathan Poulton wrote that he is updating the website every few days with a focus on the Region 1 Meeting and the club archives. The club archives have information about club happenings since it was founded in 1990.

Jonathan Poulton needs to know which CVIDS members hosted open gardens in 2022. **If you hosted an open garden during the summer of 2022, please contact Jonathan Poulton.**

Club 501(c)(3) Status

Sam McCord spoke with an attorney, and has gotten the forms needed for getting a 501(c)(3) status established for the club. It would require us to gather documents, fill out forms, and submit them for government approval.

Heather Harroun asked if this needs to go to the board for recommendation before the club votes on whether to submit the application. Another club member suggested that we consider filing for 501(c)(7) status, which is a tax classification designed for a hobby or club. It does not come with the tax deductible benefit of a 501(c)(3), but it is easier to apply for and it is easier to maintain that tax status. She also said that we may need to have the club incorporated before we worry about which tax status we apply for. A club member asked if the club has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), and another member answered that yes, the club does have an EIN.

Barb Papenhausen made a motion to table the 501(c)(3) discussion until the club board can review the documents and make a recommendation to the club. Diane Derganz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Zoom Meeting Links

Nancy Carlisle apologized for problems with getting the correct zoom meeting link out to members earlier this week. She thanked several members who helped her correct the problem, and thanked all club members for their patience as she proctors Zoom calls.

Thank you Nancy for keeping the club accessible to people who cannot travel! We appreciate what you do to keep everyone involved.

Club Plants:

Sue Krammer said that all the club plants for 2023 are ordered and all the plants for the Region 1 Meeting are ordered, too. She said hybridizers were extremely generous and have donated many extra plants for the Region 1 Meeting. Currently, we have 70 plants for the club plant distribution and about 120 plants for the Region 1 Meeting. These plants are going to split those between the auction and silent auction.

Karmin Mullins asked if there will be an auction of extra plants after the club plant distribution. Nancy Carlisle answered that Keith Riewerts and Sue Krammer would reserve some plants for the regular auction because some CVIDS members do not qualify for club plants and we want all members to have an opportunity to buy a new plant. Information about the club plant distribution and auction will be shared on the CVIDS website and in the next newsletter.

Keith Riewerts asked about welcome plants for the Region 1 Meeting. Nancy Carlisle said that Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom of Northern Lights Daylilies were bringing two named plants as welcome plants for the Region 1 Meeting; they are named Pearl City Penguin and Pearl City Python. These plants are part of their donation towards the event.

Newsletter

The club would like to thank Shelly Lett for bringing back the CVIDS newsletter! You are doing a fantastic job.

VI: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sylvia seconded by Nancy Carlisle. Motion unanimously approved. Business meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.