

CVIDS Board Teleconference, November 17, 2014

The Board met via teleconference on November 17, 2014 for those members able to participate. A second teleconference for others will be held on Nov. 23. Those attending this teleconference were President Nancy Carlisle, Jonathan Poulton, Sherri Baldonado, and Heather Harroun.

Several items related to club finances were discussed with the input from the Treasurer, Sherri.

- An audit of the books will be done. Volunteers to conduct the audit need to be identified.
- Receipts need to be presented when requesting reimbursement for bills. A voucher system will be introduced with Sherri compiling a form which could be available on the web.
- At this time, Sherri thought the Treasurer was the only name on the bank signature card. It was suggested that two names be on the card, and that the second name could be the President.
- Sherri will be moving in May/June, thus creating a vacancy for treasurer.
- Sherri will work on final 2014 expense report. This will be an important piece when preparing the 2015 budget.
- A concern was raised as to the rather large account balance we have. What is appropriate for a non-profit?
- It was unclear as to CVIDS 501c3 status. This will be investigated.

Meeting dates and locations were discussed. Final schedule will be posted after the next teleconference. Questions and concerns were raised about both plant sale dates/sites (spring - Indian Creek Nature Center and fall – Monticello). Input from the club will be requested at the January meeting.

Nancy noted that this will be CVIDS 25th anniversary. She also said that she was puzzled by her observation of so few members on our roster who joined in the 1990's, especially in light of the wonderful growth in the 2000's. Ideas for celebrating the anniversary with prizes, events, and a membership push were presented. It was also suggested that the anniversary could be a time of reflection on the club's history and that charter members could describe the club's beginnings.

It was suggested that an effort be made to include at least one iris related topic during the upcoming year.

Jonathan will be updating the website and needs confirmation of committee chairs.

There are concerns that the future of the newsletter was not fully discussed at the October meeting. This has been a valuable part of the organization since the early

years and many hate to see it dropped. It will be critical to find an editor. The newsletter needs to have content beyond announcements. The editor will need to actively involve the members in submitting articles.