

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

April 2022 Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date: 9 April 2022

Location: BioVentures Center in Coralville, Iowa

Time: 12:00 p.m. CST

Officers Present:

President: Darrin Lett

Vice President: Joyce Parsons

Treasurer: Shelly Lett

Secretary: Cari Rusnak

Immediate Past President: Nancy Rash via Zoom

II: PRESENTATIONS

Presenter: Heather Harroun

Topic: 2022 Club Plants

Presenter: Nancy Carlisle

Topic: Irises

III: BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Business meeting called to order at 2:44 p.m. by President Darrin Lett. 18 members were present in-person and 16 members were present via Zoom.

IV: OLD BUSINESS

Cari Rusnak read the March Meeting Minutes taken by Cari Rusnak.

Nancy Carlisle motioned to approve the February minutes; seconded by Diann Pavelka. Motion passed unanimously.

V: NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

Due to technical difficulties, the treasurer was not able to give their report. The report will be sent out to CVIDS members via an addendum as soon as they become available.

Club Plant Distribution:

Darrin Lett said that due to facility costs, the plant distribution will take place on one day instead of two days like we have done in the past. Because of this change, it will be a community effort to set-up that morning. Barb Papenhausen suggested that the meeting begin at 9 a.m. Keith Riewerts suggested that as many people as possible should come an hour earlier (8 a.m.) to help set up.

Darrin Lett said that 51 club members are eligible for a club plant this year. How it will work is every member will be assigned a number and then numbers will be drawn via bingo balls to decide who has first choice of a club plant. During the distribution, we can either draw bingo balls during the meeting or have somebody draw the balls before the meeting. Consensus among club members was for balls to be drawn in-person during the meeting.

Darrin Lett said that he will pick up the key to Floral Hall on Friday evening, leaving the \$200 deposit check. The key will be returned on Saturday after the plant distribution. As long as we reset the hall after our meeting, we will get the deposit money back. He will arrive on Saturday at 8 a.m. to help set up along with anybody else who can be there that early. The distribution will begin at approximately 9 a.m.

Darrin Lett said we need to find or buy the plastic coverings for the tables. Nancy Rash will bring the auction paddles. **Club members must bring a bag or bags for the plants (please bring extra if able to share).**

Any club members who are not able to attend the plant distribution must notify club treasurer Shelly Lett of who their proxy is before the meeting. Anybody can be your proxy, but you must notify the treasurer.

2022 American Daylily Society Region One Summer Regional Meeting:

Confirmed Tour Gardens:

- Heather & Jim Harroun of Illinois City, IL
- Keith & Sally Riewerts of Long Grove, IA
- Darrin & Shelly Lett of West Branch, IA

Darrin Lett said that he and Keith Riewerts were looking into hotels in the Quad City area. Rhythm City Casino Resort and Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel are two locations being approached, but Keith Riewerts said he has not heard back from the hotels he has contacted.

Darrin Lett said that we are still looking for a slogan for the R1 meeting. Keith Riewerts suggested the slogan of "It's a Sure Bet" if we have the meeting at a casino hotel. If you have any suggestions, please submit your idea to Darrin Lett, Keith Riewerts, or Nancy Carlisle. The planning committee will vote for the best slogan.

The Region 1 planning meeting will take place next week; Darrin Lett will send out an email with the details.

CVIDS Webmaster Update:

Mary Jo Duffy said that Jonathan Poulton is helping her with the CVIDS website. They are still researching possible options for upgrading the website, but they don't want to lose all the information on the current website if we move platforms. Jonathan Poulton would like to create a slideshow of people's favorite daylilies. Please keep an eye out for an email from Jonathan Poulton with more information

Chairperson Vacancies:

Any members who are interested in Newsletter Editor, Nominating committee, Fall Plant Sale Chair, or any other volunteer opportunities should contact Joyce Parsons or Darrin Lett.

CVIDS Bylaws & Handbook Updates:

Darrin Lett said that we are updating the CVIDS Handbook and CVIDS Bylaws. He sent an email to all club members with the proposed changes highlighted. The goal of these changes is to make the club more fluid, current, and flexible for the world today. He has taken input from multiple CVIDS members when discussing these changes and is open to hear how other members think the documents should be changed.

Darrin Lett said that one change is how we elect club officers. He said that he would have paid more attention to club dealings if he had known he would be elected the president next year, so he proposes that someone could be elected Vice President, then roll that into President, then roll that into the former president. Election to this office would roll into a 3 year term in 3 different roles. Currently, the President and Vice President are elected for 2 year terms with elections for each position in alternating years. He also suggests that the office of Treasurer and Secretary are elected to 2 year terms with election for these positions in alternating years.

Darrin Lett said that they added Facebook into the bylaws as a preferred communication platform so that our club can stay modern. They also changed article 5 to be less wordy. Joyce Parsons said that in Article 2, Section 2 it talks about membership types and that we should remove the Family Membership and Couples Membership since our club no longer offers these types of memberships. Darrin Lett said this change will make the next draft.

Darrin Lett said that many members have been concerned that it is too easy to earn a club plant, so they we may want to change how people can earn a club plant. We need to make sure that people are engaged in the club and participate. He wants to

increase the number of meetings members need to attend from two meetings to four meetings. Joyce Parsons said that anytime that you get in a car to go to a CVIDS event, that should qualify you for a point towards a club plant. Currently, you only get a point if you work at the plant sale but not if you go to the plant sale to buy plants. Joyce says that most general members of the club do more than the bare minimum to earn a club plant.

Joyce Parsons said that, currently, in order to qualify for a club plant you need to have club dues paid on time for two years and participate in several club activities. The bare minimum would be attending two meetings and bidding once in a silent auction. Wanda Lunn said that the Iowa Lily Society has had problems with people participating because people only need to pay their dues in order to get a discount on lily bulb purchases. The few people who do volunteer are getting burnt out because nobody else volunteers to help the club. Out of 150 members, only about 15 would show up to meetings. She thinks that making people earn the goodies and perks of a gardening club increases club participation.

Joyce Parsons said that we also need to decide if attending a meeting via Zoom would count towards a club plant. Why would somebody drive to a meeting if you can just attend it on Zoom?

Nancy Carlisle asked what time-frame Darrin Lett was thinking of for these changes. According to the current bylaws, we need to have a timeframe. Darrin Lett said that the earliest he would want a vote on the new bylaws would be the August meeting. Nancy Carlisle said that changing the bylaws is a divisive issue and we have lost members in the past when changes are made. We also need to consider people who work unconventional schedules. When she joined in the 90's, she had to take PTO from work in order to attend meetings because she usually worked weekends. We need to consider that this club is about comradery, too.

Darrin Lett said these were all good points and that he welcomes more ideas from CVIDS members. He says that we may have a meeting where we work on these changes instead of having a guest speaker. The rough draft he sent out to members is a starting point and he hopes that every member, old and new, can contribute to the final document. **He asks that any input and feedback be emailed to him by the end of April at <buzzlett@hotmail.com>**

Update on Club Members:

Darrin Lett said the club sent a \$25 memorial for Mary Moore and read the Thank You note sent to the club from her family. She was a charter member of the club.

VI: ADJOURNMENT

*Heather Haroun motioned to adjourn the meeting; Diann Pavelka seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.*