

Minutes of meeting held at Coralville Public Library on Saturday, January 8, 2011

President Mike Carstensen called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. 45 members were present.

The November 13 minutes were corrected as follows: Barb Papenhausen made the correction the Botanical Center display garden is in Rock Island, Illinois, on the river just across the Arsenal Bridge and Davenport, Iowa. They started the garden with 70 all different plants just a start. Bob Towler and Barb donated the plants so far, but as part of CIVIDS Club and recognition will be on a plaque stating this. Barb is not asking for cash but for supplies for plants if anyone wants to donate next year. Barb sent in a gift membership to AHS for the Quad City Botanical Center in their name for three years, she did not get a membership for her at the Botanical Center. There is no grant for the garden which is why she is asking for funds. The Botanical Center is funded with grants on some things, this is not one of them.

A motion was made to approve the November 13 minutes with the above corrections. M/S/C David Appelquist and Jonathan Poulton.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Moore reported \$10,573.03 in the checking account.

Old Business: Mike Carstensen reported Jonathan Poulton is working on a CIVIDS members' handbook for the Club and that Jonathan would appreciate input from members.

The following new members were in attendance at the meeting: Ted Strait, Dick Palmer, Jo Palmer, and Barb McCreight.

Bob Towler commented 75 varieties of daylilies will be labeled. The Botanical Center has printed a brochure. If you donate a plant you will need to provide information for the label. Barb Papenhausen stated a lot of weddings are scheduled at the Botanical Center and brides may be taking their pictures in front of the daylily garden.

New Business: Kathleen Dawson reported member Jack Jones recently had a heart attack. Deb Hansen read the obituary for member Kenneth Hill.

Mike Carstensen put out signup sheets for volunteering at 2011 club functions. The Kirkwood Garden Fair on February 19 needs members to sit at a booth if the club wanted to be present. Clay Dawson, Jackie Westhoff and Deb Hansen volunteered to set up a booth. Zora Ronan reported she will be teaching daylily classes and the Fair was going to be held at Iowa Hall this year. A motion was made to provide funding for four people to attend the Kirkwood Garden Fair and receive lunches. M/S/C by Barb Papenhausen and Sylvia Seymour.

Mike Carstensen opened the floor for comments on dropping the January meeting and/or adding a Fall meeting. Barb Papenhausen wanted more meetings, saying that the Club had plenty of things to talk about and she enjoyed the special speakers. The meetings are a great time to get together. Sylvia Seymour stated a Fall meeting would be a good time for members to talk about regional and national meetings that were attended by the members and in January we were ready to see everybody again. Jackie Westhoff agreed with Sylvia's comments but felt that October would be a good month since we still may be working in our gardens in

September. Clay Dawson thought a September meeting could be a special meeting. Jonathan Poulton thought a fall meeting would be a good time to look at next year's programs as well as looking backwards. He moved an additional meeting be held on the 2nd Saturday in October (this date does not conflict with a home Hawkeye football game for 2011). The motion was unanimously approved.

Nominating committee--Clay Dawson reported in the past the President appointed a nominating committee. Sylvia Seymour agreed with Clay. Mike Carstensen asked Clay to appoint the committee.

Website--The website will be used to mention people who have sales and to list their website links but will no longer include their plant lists. Club pays for the website and should be for Club use only. Jonathan Poulton is doing a good job.

Member Handbook--Jonathan Poulton wants to produce a member handbook with their pictures for members to be able to put names with faces. This would not go on the website. A motion was made for Jonathan to proceed with the member handbook. Keith Riewerts would help with the photography. Jonathan would welcome your own pictures, if you would like to submit one as a hard copy or via his e-mail address (jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu). M/S/C Clay Dawson and Barry Stoll.

Club Plant Selection--Mike Carstensen supported it should be required to bring and attend a plant sale to qualify for a club plant. This is the Club's main revenue. This helps pay the bills. A plant club selection criteria comparison handout was passed out to members to view. Sylvia Seymour said some people cannot donate. Jackie Westhoff said it is hard for her to attend the plant sale and could donate but not attend. Sherry Moffit agreed with Jackie. Scott Hansen commented he has to work the weekends and cannot always attend the plant sales. Jonathan Poulton said members should provide for the sales and not necessarily attend to qualify for club plant. Mike stated the Fall Banquet and July tours do not count toward qualifying for a club plant. Discussion was to be tabled for another meeting.

Silent Auction--Zora Ronan wants to know why the silent auction was a club plant requirement option. Jan Null stated you are not required to bid but encouraged to bid. You just have to bid and that doesn't mean you have to win the bid. Some people don't bid and wait until later to attend the sale. The purpose of the silent auction is for member to view the plants and get the bidding started. Keith Riewerts stated the silent auction is something people don't understand and that the handbook would help. Clay Dawson said the auction gives you a chance to preview plants.

Kathy Dawson suggested a donation of \$100 be given to Barb and Bob Papenhausen. Barb and Bob declined the donation.

Regional 2012--Next month's meeting at the Marion Library is to get an update on the 2012 Regional Meeting organized by CVIDS. Jackie Westhoff reported they have a meeting coming up with Kirkwood representatives and will have a power point presentation for the February meeting.

Presentation: Barb and Bob Papenhausen gave a colorful presentation of the club plants they have so far ordered. Bob Papenhausen made a request to the hybridizers in the club to loan their plants for the regional tour gardens. Tours will be held at the gardens of Zora Ronan, Vern and Mary Moore, Jackie Westhoff and Sharon Murken.

Mike Carstensen made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 2:55. M/S/C Mary Moore and Gary Oster.