

CVIDS Meeting Minutes (November 1, 2008)

Location: A Touch of Class, Marion

President Clay Dawson conducted a brief business meeting.

2009 Club Plants: Discussion was held on the amount for spending on Club Plants for 2009. After much discussion, a vote carried for \$5,000 to be spent. Discussion included points on having too many plants for the auction after the distribution, having too expensive plants for the return in 2 years for the silent auction, and only a few people bidding on the newer introductions in the silent auction. A suggestion was made to have some money spent on irises to be available for members in the fall similar to the daylilies in the spring. Jan Null will submit an article about the 2008 Silent Auction.

September Meeting: The Executive Board has approved having a September meeting with an auction. This idea is to exchange plants among our members. Date is set for September 12th in Scott County Park near Eldridge.

April Meeting: Don Lovell will be our featured speaker on April 18th. He will have become an international speaker by that time, having presented in Canada. He requested that his honorarium be donated to Region One MSC.

Club Plants TLC and Proposed Database: Discussion was held on concerns from some members about the care that Club Plants receive. It was strongly encouraged to mulch, water well, and provide as much TLC to help them thrive to ensure their return in the 2-year time period. A suggestion was made to create on our web site a section about how the plant is growing in the member's garden, including comments favorable and negative as needed. Jonathan will create this section, and pictures and feedback would be welcome.

Club Plant Eligibility: Discussion was held about Club Plant eligibility. It is felt that returning distributed plants to a sale is a vital part of club membership and we should not eliminate this condition. We need worker bees, and all need to share in the growing of our club.

Website Update: Jonathan Poulton thanked the members for supporting him and his son in the creation of the CVIDS.org website. So far, the site has been visited by over 3,500 different individuals. He extended an invite to submit photos. Advice as to how the website might be improved would also be welcomed at any time.

Feedback on Tim Bell cultivars: Ken Capps described the 2008 Tim Bell collection as outstanding. The Pink Praise had 3 fans and 6 scapes with the last bloom opening on October 15th. Homemade Peach Ice Cream was also very good. Nancy Carlisle is raising that as a Club plant and she concurred; her last bloom was November 1st.