

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

June 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. MEETING DETAILS

Date: 10 June 2023

Location: Marion Public Library, Marion, Iowa

Time: 12:00 p.m. CST

Officers Present:

Vice President: Heather Harroun

Secretary: Cari Rusnak

Treasurer: Jackie Westhoff

II: PRESENTATION

Topic: Region 1 Meeting - Daylilies: The Pearls of Region One

Presenter: Keith Riewerts & Nancy Carlisle

Presentation started at 1:10 p.m.

III: BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Business meeting called to order by Heather Harroun at 1:03 p.m. 19 people were present in-person and 6 members were present via Zoom.

IV: OLD BUSINESS

Cari Rusnak read the April Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Diann Pavelka and seconded by Dave Kramer. Motion unanimously approved.

V: NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Westhoff read the treasurer's report, providing the CVIDS General Account balance and the Regional Account balance as of the end of May. There have been two deposits since the last meeting, one for the Muscatine Plant Sale and another for the club plant distribution and live auction. (Exact figures are not provided on our website but can be found in the email version sent to members by President Lett on June 21).

2023 Region 1 Meeting

Keith Riewerts went over pictures and descriptions of open gardens for the Region 1 Meeting. Heather Harroun created a Google Map that has directions to the open gardens; the map will be sent to all registered attendees and CVIDS members before the Region 1 Meeting.

Nancy Carlisle went over the schedule for the Region 1 Meeting. The tentative schedule document has been added as an addendum to these meeting minutes.

Open gardens will be open at various times on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday; tour gardens will be visited on Saturday via bus.

Friday, registration will have a soft open at 10:00 a.m. The club will need to set up the silent auction and the live auction that afternoon, so it will be all hands on deck to help. The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. There will be a Region 1 Board Meeting at 4 p.m. followed by a social hour. A plated dinner will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a speaker Mike Grossman at 7 p.m. The live auction will begin at about 7:30 p.m., conducted by our own Darrin Lett. If you are able to help with setup on Friday, please contact Nancy Carlisle or Keith Riewerts.

Saturday, there will be breakfast at the hotel and buses will begin loading at 7:15 a.m. and leave by 7:45 a.m. - there will be 2 buses and each bus holds up to 55 people. The buses will be on different routes that will meet up for lunch in Wilton, Iowa. Lunch is catered by the Wilton Candy Kitchen - choice of chicken salad or ham salad sandwich with your choice of a chocolate or vanilla milkshake. The buses will continue visiting gardens before returning to the Merrill Hotel at about 3:00 p.m. There will be several speakers and a dinner that evening. The silent auction will end at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will have less work for CVIDS members - mainly wrapping up the silent auction and getting payment from winning bids. The main event will be wrapped up by the end of the evening.

Sunday, CVIDS will not be hosting breakfast for attendees. There will be an ADS Garden Judges II workshop in Cedar Rapids; Nancy Carlisle encourages people to audit the workshop just to learn more even if they are not interested in becoming a judge right now. The workshop is free to audit and costs \$5 to attend for credit. If you are trained as a judge, you learn how to evaluate daylilies based on their form (branching, buds, etc.). Judges can then go to gardens in the region to judge specific plants on how well they are growing. These criteria are similar to the evaluation we have for our club plants and are important to know if you are a hybridizer.

Jackie Westhoff is looking into getting a credit card processor to make paying for items easier for attendees. Jackie said that she isn't sure if it is going to be worthwhile to get a card processor since the meeting only has 50-something people registered. The two events we will need to collect money from are the silent auction and the live auction, so we may just tell people in their orientation email and packet that we will only accept cash or checks and provide a list of near-by ATMs.

We need to know all plants being donated to the silent auction by July 11th. Please contact Keith Riewerts for any plants you can donate. Nancy Carlisle and Dave Kramer are going to hold a committee meeting to decide whether plants given to meeting attendees will be potted or bare root; results will be communicated to impacted people before the Region 1 meeting.

Nancy Carlisle said we currently have 54 paid reservations as of June 10th. Your registration is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation email saying the club has received your online registration and payment. The deadline for signing up is June 23. If you would like to sign up for the Region 1 Meeting, here is a link to the registration form:

<https://bit.ly/Region1CVIDS>

VI: ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Kramer and seconded by Jackie Westhoff. Motion unanimously approved. Business meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.