

Minutes of the European Orchid Council Board Meeting Dresden, April 17, 2011

Present: Mrs. Inger Borg, Mrs. Charlotte Dupont, Mr. Carsten Hammer, Mr. Rudolf Jenny, Mrs. Ildiko Palmai.

Guests:

Mr. Emil Lueckel
Mr. Holger Perner (minutes)

Excused:

Mr. Johan Hermans
Mrs. Vinciane Dumont

1. Welcome

The chair, Mr. Jenny, welcomed the attendants and opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the board meeting in Budapest November 6, 2010

The minutes were not discussed and accepted

3. Membership changes etc.

The Latvian Orchid Society and the Austrian Orchid Society have expressed interest in a membership, and delegates of both will be invited for the AGM in Helsinki.

With retiring from presidency of the Finnish Orchid Society Mariliina Perkko will be replaced as a delegate by the new president, Ari Matikka.

The invitation to pay the membership-fee for 2011 will be sent out in June this years, Mrs. Borg will write the invitation (with the remark about the possibility to pay via PayPal) and Mr. Jenny will distribute it to those members which have not yet paid.

4. Report of finances, auditor report

Mrs. Borg reported € 910.- income and costs of € 73.- for the website as well as € 38.- for electronic transfers, which let to a net income of € 809.-.

No objections were raised against the report of the auditor, H. Christiansen.

Mr. Jenny suggested an improvement in payment transfer by installing PayPal. While the current bank transfer costs € 10.- per transfer, PayPal only charges 3 % of the sum received, i.e. in the case of € 30.- membership fee more than € 9.- per transfer can be saved! The suggestion was approved by the board.

5. Status European Orchid Congress 2012 in Budapest

Mrs. Palmai reported that online registration for the EOC 2012 is now possible. About 12 talks daily are envisaged for the EOC 2012 symposium, which for the projected 3 or 4 days sums up to 24-32 talks. Proceedings are not decided on yet, but if proceedings will be published Mr. Jenny suggest the EOC should sponsor a certain part of the printing costs. The AGM should decide about the donation, which was suggested as being at least € 2000.-.

Mr. Jenny invited the organizing Hungarian Orchid Association to forward to him any material concerning the EOC 2012 for being posted on the EOC website. If wished by the organizers, an electronic newsletter will be distributed immediately.

The delegate of the Austrian Orchid Society, Thomas Seidl, is collecting contact details of all European Orchid Journals and can be contacted by the organizers of the EOC 2012 for these details.

Mrs. Dupont suggests to include scientific posters to European Orchid Congress exhibitions as a regular installment. The idea was supported by Mr. Jenny who added that the authors should give 15 minutes presentations of their posters. Additionally the posters should be judged by a panel of orchid scientists. It was agreed on by the board that the „Guidelines for Prospective Organizers of a European Orchid Congress and Exhibition“ will be amended with a suggestion for a poster session.

6. Status EOC 2015 in Vienna

The organizer, the Vienna Orchid Society, will be invited to Helsinki in November 2011 to present the current status to the EOC board. The outcome of this presentation will be reported by the board to the AGM.

7. Elections

Treasurer Inger Borg as well as auditor Hans Christiansen are willing to further serve on their posts and the AGM in Helsinki in November 2011 has to vote about the re-elections.

8. EOC Website

Mr. Jenny could report that the EOC website is growing. Almost all members have submitted short presentations and their logos. A page of the website listing all European Orchid Journals is close to completion. The journals of EOC members will be marked as such on this page. C. Hammer will present the new website at the AGM in Helsinki in November 2011.

9. New Statutes

The old statutes are from the founding times of the EOC and have been amended several times. They need to be adjusted to Swiss law because the chair is Swiss. For a comprehensive renewal and the removal of several contradictions in the old statutes a completely new text has been drafted. The EOC show guidelines („Guidelines for Prospective Organizers of a European Orchid Congress and Exhibition“) will become bylaws of the new statutes.

Mr. Lueckel, who had been asked to draft new statutes, briefly outlined the draft. The board discussed the draft and made several amendments. The revised draft will be circulated to all board members and answered before the end of June to be subsequently submitted to the AGM in Helsinki in November 2011. Additionally the revised draft for the bylaws („Guidelines for Prospective Organizers of a European Orchid Congress and Exhibition“) will be circulated to all board members and answered until the end of June. Separately from the draft of the new statutes it will be presented to the AGM for voting.

10. EOC- news platform Orchid Review

Mr. Jenny and Mr. Hammer will in due course send material to the Orchid Review.

11. Status EOC projects

The presentation was relocated to the board meeting in Helsinki in November 2011.

12. Any other business

None was forwarded.

13. Next Board Meeting and AGM 2011 in Helsinki

The board meeting will take place on November 22nd. Status reports for the EOC 2012 in Budapest and the EOC 2015 in Vienna will be given before the meeting. In the evening a

dinner will provide time for the board for further discussion. The AGM will be held on November 23rd.