

Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 13th April 2012 Budapest, Hungary

Present: I. Borg, V. Dumont, C. Dupont, C. Hammer, J. Hermans, R. Jenny, & I. Palmal.

Guests: C. Hermans (Minute Taker), M. Speckmaier, & E. Wildburger.

Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

2. Minutes of Board Meeting Helsinki October 2011

The minutes of the Board Meeting Helsinki October 2011 were unanimously approved.

3. Report of Finances, auditor report

A report of the Finances was tabled by Mrs Borg to be approved by the AGM. It was agreed that spreadsheet of the membership fees paid would be circulated to the delegates before the AGM.

4. Change of Delegates

The following change in delegates was noted: Manfred Speckmaier (Vienna Society), Lolita Afanasjeva (Latvian Society) & Cornelia Rojner (Sweden, only for this AGM).

5. New members

It was agreed that the following new members would be proposed at the AGM: Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France (Orchid Section), Igor Belitskiy – Editor-in-Chief of the Orchid Planet magazine & Grupo de estudio y Conservación de Orquídeas (Spain).

6. EOC Website

Mr Jenny gave a progress report on the web site. The event section can now be accessed by individual delegates to upload details of their shows. He proposed to ask the delegates at the AGM to check that their details were correct.

7. EOC News platform Orchid Review

It was agreed that Mr Jenny would contact the first time lecturers at the EOC Conference to ask them to contact Mr Hermans so that their papers could be considered for publication in the Orchid Review (OR). Mr Hermans agreed to do a short write up on the show & conference for the OR and the EOC website. It was agreed that board members would send photos for the EOC website to Mr Jenny. Mr Hermans agreed to explore with the OR if it would be possible for any EOC news information published in the OR could be included on the EOC web site. Mr Speckmaier agreed to let Mr Hermans know when the dates for Vienna were confirmed so that they could be published in the OR.

8. Status EOC Projects

List of Judges: Mr Hammer reported that he should be sent any information to update the Judges list. He agreed to provide an explanation of the function of the Judges list which would be added to the website.

List of Journals: Mr Jenny agreed to take over this role.

CITES: Mrs Dumont agreed to investigate further about the export of Salep from Turkey.

Protection Project: Mrs Dupont presented a resume of the results of her survey which had a 66% reply rate.

It was agreed to ask the AGM for a volunteer to obtain a list of Orchid Societies specialising in European Orchids to encourage them to join the EOC. It was also agreed to invite a couple of representatives to attend the next board meeting.

9. AOB

It was agreed to invite Kaan Hürkan to the AGM on 14/4/12.

E-mails from Orchid Ark and Koeltz were tabled.

It was agreed that suggestions for improvements in the EOC guidelines would be discussed as an Agenda item at the next Board meeting.

Mr Jenny agreed to check Swiss law to see if an amendment to the statutes would be required to regulate the use of a single signature on the EOC bank account. It was agreed that this would be an Agenda item for the next board meeting.

Status of EOC Vienna 2015: Mr Speckmaier gave a short progress report on EOC Vienna 2015. The possibility of using the palace of Schönbrunn was being explored. The proposed date was for May 2015 and it would be a six day conference and show.

10. Next Board Meeting

It was agreed that the next board meeting would be in Paris Saturday 8th December 2012.

11. Next AGM 2013

It was agreed to ask the AGM 2012 for proposals.

Mr Jenny thanked the Hungarian Orchid Society and Mrs Palmai for their hospitality.

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