

Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 12th November 2016 at Garden, Munich, Germany
Present: C Dupont, C Hermans (minute taker), J Hermans, R Jenny & A Matikka.

1. Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

2. **Apologies:** I Borg, G. Diana, V Dumont, C Hammer & M Le Roy.

3. Minutes Board Meeting March 2016 at Porto, Portugal

The minutes of the Board Meeting March 2016 at Porto, Portugal were approved unanimously subject to the correction of the spelling for A Matikka and Mrs Hermans was thanked for taking them.

4. Report of Finances

Mrs Borg reported that two societies had not paid their 2016 subscription: Orchid Planet Society from Russia and the Orchid Club of Romania who had suspended their membership for 2016. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would confirm with the Bank if cheques can be paid into the EOC account.

5. Members

Mr Jenny reported that the Dutch Orchid Society had changed its Board again but had not yet appointed a new delegate. He also confirmed that three Societies Club Amigos de las Orquideas, Orchideenfreunde Dortmund and Vereinigung Deutscher Orchideenfreunde would be resigning at the end of 2016.

6. Status EOCCE Paris 2018

It has been confirmed that the Dresden Show dates for 2018 will coincide with EOCCE Paris. It was agreed that the Board Members were very unhappy with this situation and felt that it should not have arisen.

Mrs Dupont gave a presentation on the progress for the EOCCE Paris. See Separate Attachment. It was agreed that there was no need to provide lunch for Registrants and that the only lunch would be for the Judging. Mrs Hermans reported that she has already supplied a Schedule of Judging Tasks, a Judges Registration Form and a draft Judging Handbook. It was agreed that the person responsible for the combined EOC exhibit should write an invitation for society members to contribute plants for this exhibit. Mr Jenny will then forward it to delegates together with an invitation from the EOCCE organisers for societies to exhibit as a society if they wished.

7. EOC Website

The Board requested that Mr Hammer presents a report for the AGM.

8. EOC Survey

It was agreed that Pedro Spinola's questionnaire was too long and too negative in approach and that the suggestions made by Mr Matikka were better. It was agreed that Mr Matikka would circulate the Board with a list of Aims for the questionnaire for their approval. Then he would formulate a questionnaire based on them for approval and Mr Jenny would distribute it to the delegates by the end of January.

9. Discussion problem voting rights of Board Members

It was agreed that the Statutes were not specific that Board Members had to be EOC delegates but it was agreed that it was good practice that they were.

10. Next Board Meeting & AGM Spring 2017 Gdańsk

Mr Jenny stated that he would contact Monika Lipińska about the arrangements for the Board and AGM meetings at the Gdańsk Orchid Show 12-14 May 2017. He would try to arrange the Board Meeting in the morning of Saturday 13th May and the AGM in the afternoon.

11. Future Meetings

The date for the 2017 Autumn Board Meeting in Paris will be Saturday 28th October. Mrs Dupont would confirm the arrangements; the meeting may be at Vacherot & Lecoufle. The 2018 Spring Board Meeting and AGM will be held during the EOCCE in Paris.

12. AOB

Mr Jenny confirmed that he would in future be sending all documents as PDFs.