

## **EOC Board Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Orchidarium, Estepona, Spain**

Present: G Diana, V Dumont, C Hammer (via Phone link), C Hermans (Minute Taker), J Hermans, R Jenny, J Larsen & A Matikka. Guests: M Dumont & D Lafarge

**1. Welcome:** EOC Board Members were welcomed by Mr Jenny.

**2. Apologies:** C Dupont

### **3. Minutes of the Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Vienna, Austria**

The Minutes of the Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Vienna, Austria were unanimously approved apart from not receiving the final visitor/registrant numbers for the EOCCE2018 Paris. Mr Lafarge agreed to obtain the figures and send them to Mr Jenny to circulate to the Board. Mr Jenny thanked Mrs Hermans for taking the Minutes.

### **4. Financial Report**

Mr Matikka tabled the spreadsheet of Membership Fees. Three fees for 2018 were outstanding. Mr Jenny had not received a reply from the Swiss Orchid Foundation. Mr Hermans confirmed that Dr Cribb stated that the Foundation was still in existence. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would contact Dr Cribb for further information about whom to contact regarding their membership. For the other two: the Latvian Orchid Society (LOEADA) and the Orchid Planet Society (Russia) it was agreed that they would be sent an invoice for 2019. Then, if there was no reply their position would be reviewed at the 2020 AGM to decide if their membership will be discontinued as they would have defaulted two years.

Mr Matikka tabled the Financial Statement audited by Mr P Spínola. These were accepted by the Board.

Mr Matikka reported that the bank charges 4.40€ a month since April 2018. Mr Matikka reported that there was a second debit card linked to the account, probably in Mrs Borg's name. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would cancel this card and inform Mrs Borg.

Mr Jenny reported that to open a PayPal account there would need to be a linked Credit Card. It was agreed that this was not suitable.

After a discussion it was agreed defer a decision to move the EOC bank account from Switzerland to an EU country until there was a change in Secretary General.

### **5. Members**

Mr Jenny reported the following new Delegates had been appointed:

Swiss Orchid Society: Rudolf Jenny

Associació Catalana d'Amics de les Orquídies (ACAO): Pere Arche

Deutsche Orchideen-Gesellschaft (DOG): Franz-Josef Richardt

Association Francophone & Société Française d'Orchidophilie (SFO & AFJO): David Lafarge

### **6. Elections**

Mr Jenny reported that Mrs Dupont had resigned as the SFO Representative and Board Member. Therefore SFO proposed Mr Lafarge to be nominated at the AGM as their Board Member. It was agreed that the Board would thank Mrs Dupont for her many years of service to the EOC.

DOG proposed that Mr Richardt be nominated at the AGM as their Board Member.

Mr Jenny gave notice that after his re-election at this year's AGM he wanted to stand down as Secretary General in three years time,

## **7. Status EOCCE 2021 Copenhagen**

Show: Mr Larsen reported that a new site for vendor parking had been arranged. The organisers plan to offer a discount on the 2,000€ vendors' fee, the amount would depend on the grade of medal awarded to their exhibit. Amateur Orchid Societies will be invited to attend together with other floral exhibitors. There will be a charge for electricity for exhibitors.

There was discussion about the proposed Registration Fee of 160€ Early Bird and 190€ late. Mr Larsen agreed to report back to his committee the Board's concerns that these rates were too high. There would be a Day Registration and Day Show tickets, Group Show tickets were planned.

Sponsorship is being actively sought, some have already been agreed. An Editors Forum will be held which would be open to non-EU Editors and possibly a Judging Symposium.

Specialist orchid groups can meet during the event with prior arrangement.

Judging will be based on the DOG system and will include display, ribbon and possibly table judging. Mr Larsen confirmed that he was the Judging lead.

Lectures: there will be two parallel programs Science - with an emphasis on practical conservation & Horticulture- travel and general. It is hoped to provide a summary as handout at the end of the conference. The proceedings will be digital and there will be a poster session which may be judged. Mr Larsen was advised to call for abstracts at the other international events including the IOCCE May 2018 at RBG Kew, (Mrs Hermans agreed to send Prof Fay's contact details), APOC Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia in July 2019 (Mr Lafarge will be attending) and the WOC Taiwan in March 2020.

Mr Hermans advised that information and publicity should be sent to Sarah Forsyth for inclusion in the EOC journal *The Orchid Review*.

Social: The Gala Dinner will be at the Opera and the possibility of arriving by water is being investigated. Orchid tours were being explored including the possibility of a visit to Hans Christiansen's nursery.

## **8. Logo Competition**

Once the AGM has chosen the new logo Mr Jenny will agree the final format and contract with the artist. The prize is a free registration at the EOCCE 2021.

## **9. Next EOCCE 2024**

Mr Jenny confirmed that the DOG will present their proposal to hold the EOCCE 2024 at the AGM.

## **10. Data Safety Regulations**

Mr Jenny reported that he had sought advice in Switzerland how the EU Data Protection Laws affected the EOC and was told to do nothing. Therefore it was agreed to keep the Judging information blocked.

## **11. Next Board Meeting Fall 2019 (Paris)**

It was agreed that the Board would take up the invitation of the SFO to hold the next Board meeting in Paris at their headquarters 17 Quai de la Seine, 75019, Paris in their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The agreed date was Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 with a visit to the Jardin Luxembourg orchid collection. Mr Lafarge offered to make the arrangements and confirm details with Mr Jenny by July.

### **12. AGM Spring 2020 (Rome)**

Mr Diana confirmed that an orchid show was being planned in Rome for mid April 2020. It was agreed that the proposal would be put to the AGM to meet during the event. Mr Diana agreed to confirm the dates as soon as possible.

### **13. Board Meeting Fall 2020 (Copenhagen)**

The Board agreed to meet in early September 2020 in Copenhagen to visit the venue for the EOCCE 2021. A weekday in the first week of September was proposed. Mr Larsen agreed to confirm the exact date as soon as possible.

### **14. EOC Website**

Mr Hammer commented on the lack of information for the web site from some countries. He requested that the details of the new members of the Board and photo were sent to him. It was commented that the names and titles of lectures could be put on the website if they had already been published. Mr Lafarge agreed to send Mr Hammer the link for the EOCCE Paris 2018 proceedings and would investigate if there was an Excel spreadsheet for the lectures that he could also send.

### **15. Exchange of Articles**

Mr Lafarge reported that the Author's and Photographer's permission was now being sought and that it had been agreed that there would be only one member per country. The articles were in English on the platform.

### **16. AOB**

None

Meeting closed at 12.25pm  
Clare Hermans