

# European Orchid Council

## Minutes of Board meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Peterborough, UK

**Approved by the AGM of the EOC 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010**

### 1. Welcome

The Secretary General (RJ) expressed Council's thanks to BOC for hosting the meeting at the Peterborough International Orchid Show, and welcomed all attendees.

**Present:** Rudolf Jenny (Secretary General); Charlotte Dupont (Board member, France); Johan Hermans (Board member, UK); Joyce Stewart (Co-opted Minutes secretary); Mike Grant (Orchid Review); Sarah Brooks (Orchid Review).

**Apologies:** Inger Borg (EOC Treasurer and Board member, Sweden); Zoltan Pachinger (Board member, Hungary).

### 2. Minutes board-meeting in Vienna 27.2.2010

The Minutes prepared by Rik Neiryneck had not yet been circulated. It was agreed that they should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

It was pointed out that the name of Emil Lückel (Germany) should be added to the list of those who had attended.

### 3. Report of finances

The Treasurer (IG) had sent a list of current subscribers to EOC. The Societies from the following countries were shown as unpaid for 2010:

Les Orchidophiles Reunis (Belgium)

AFJO (France)

Magyar Orchidea (Hungary)

Rumanian Orchid Soc (Romania)

National Botanic Garden of Ukraine (Ukraine)

Ass. Catalana d'Amics de les Orchid (Spain)

Drustvo Ljubitelev Orchidej Slovenje (Slovenia)

Polskie Towarzystwomilosikpw (Poland)

It was agreed that a final request for payment should be sent soon. If no payment is received from any of these Societies they should be asked to leave EOC at the next Annual General Meeting (in Budapest in November).

**Other details:**

The Polish Orchid Society had written to say they have appointed new officials in their Society. RJ agreed to contact them to find out who their EOC delegate is.

Changes were reported in Sweden. Again a new contact is required.

In Hungary, Dr. Zoltan Pachinger has stepped down as delegate of HOS and has also resigned as President of the next EOC Congress. He wishes to stay on as EOC Board member. RJ to discuss these details with him.

RJ to contact Lutz Rollke (Orchideen Club Europa, Germany) to get information about the list of Societies, Journals, etc that he prepared for a meeting of EOC Presidents in Stuckenbrock in 2008.

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the EOC account is currently Euros 18,175.

**4. Status of EOC 2012 in Budapest**

RJ reported that the new President of HOS is Szuzsa Tatai.

The new HOS delegate for EOC is Ildiko Palmai. She will be President of the EOCCE in 2012.

RJ will talk to Zoltan Pachinger, formerly designated as President, about his position.

The EOC Congress in Budapest in 2012 was now confirmed.

Concern was expressed about the lack of detail for the next EOC Congress. RJ will write to HOS asking for a clear concept for the EOC 2012 to be presented at the Board meeting and at the AGM to be held in Budapest on 5 and 6 November 2010. JH will prepare a list of questions, e.g venues, plans, finances, etc., and send these to RJ as a possible basis for a Handbook/Guidelines to organisers of EOC Congresses in future, as well as guidance for HOS about what they need to present in November.

**5. Status of EOC 2015 in Vienna**

It was pointed out that the 2015 Congress had been allocated to the Vienna Orchid Society (not the Austrian Orchid Society of which they are members). The new President is Thomas Seidl and he will make a presentation at the meetings in Budapest in November.

It was agreed that a similar letter about their plans requesting details as in 4. (above) should be sent to Vienna.

It was noted that Monika Ahl is no longer the President but is now the Treasurer of the Vienna Orchid Society.

#### **6. Protection of the brand EOC etc.**

RJ reported on conversations he had had in Switzerland about the protection of the website/domain of the EOC and related terms, e.g. EOCCE, EO Conference, EO Congress, EO Conference and Show. RJ to check details with the webmaster and discover costs. It was decided to step back from the intention protect the brands because of the costs to do so.

#### **7. EOC-Website**

RJ circulated 4 possible plans for a new website. These were reviewed and the sample with green shading was selected. The size and type of font were chosen. RJ made notes of the proposed content required. The webmaster will now prepare a non-activated site for the Board to review.

RJ will investigate the possibility of using EOCCE in the languages of all the individual members of EOC so that people who use GOOGLE will be able to find the site.

#### **8. Statutes changes**

It was felt that some small changes were required to the present Statutes where they no longer reflected the current law.

- (1) Two sentences about age restriction should be deleted ( Articles 10 l and 11 g). Agreed unanimously.
- (2) The position of the Secretary General should be clarified. I.e he is also a member of the Board and its Chairman. Article 11 should be clarified.
- (3) Article 14 a-c needs clarification about voting when the delegate is not present. Proposed to delete the last three words.

These changes to be reported to the AGM if necessary.

#### **9. EOC-news platform: Orchid Review (this item taken at the beginning of the meeting but reported here as it appeared here on the Agenda.**

Mike Grant was invited to present the proposal prepared on behalf of The Orchid Review by himself and Sarah Brooks (see appendix, page 6).

The Board was delighted with this proposal and thanked MG and SB for their

work in preparing it and for attending the meeting to present it.

It was agreed that the contact person between the EOC Board and The Orchid Review would be Johan Hermans.

It was agreed that a new EOC website was urgently needed (see above under 7.) and it was hoped that it would be available within 3 months.

It was felt that free copies mentioned under point 7 were not currently needed, but might be requested at a later date.

MG tabled a list of TOR subscribers by country for information.

## 10. Ideas for future discussions at the EOC

Electronic Newsletter - to be produced

List of judges - to be brought up to date

List of lecturers – it was felt that this would be very difficult, especially establishing suitable criteria for recognition of lecturers.

List of translators – it would be useful if this could be developed. Some appropriate names were already known.

List of events (shows, conferences etc.) – it would be helpful if these could be publicised on the website.

Literature list (Orchid Research Newsletter) these should be linked to the website, also Bibliorquidea.

Contact local Societies (AHOs, IUCN, etc.) – also possible through the website

List of Societies incl. Journals and contacts RJ to contact Lutz Rollke about the information he assembled in 2008 (see above, under point 3).

List of Societies dealing with European orchids – CD to try to provide such a list

## 11. Any other business

11.1 It was noted that another meeting was proposed for the Presidents of Orchid Societies in Europe to be organised by the Orchideen Club Europa and held at Stuckenbrock, Germany at the end of June. No Board member was intending to be present.

11.2 Information was distributed about the possibility of closure, by the Dutch government, of the Hortus Botanicus of Amsterdam. It was noted that similar problems may arise in Switzerland, e.g. in Berne.

11.3 Board proposals re membership to be prepared for voting at the AGM (if necessary).

It was agreed that Joyce Stewart (JS) should be coopted to the Board for the special purpose of taking Minutes. ( as from NOW).

It was further agreed that Vinciane Dumont (VD) should be coopted for the special

**purpose of advice and activities on conservation. RJ to discuss with her.**

**It was agreed that Charlotte Dupont (CD) should be re-elected to the Board if the French Orchid Society agrees that she should continue as their delegate. CD to seek approval.**

**It was agreed that Karsten Hammer (Germany) should be approached and elected to the Board if agreeable.**

**It was agreed that RJ should discuss with Rik Neiryneck (RN) whether he would like to be re-elected to the Board in 2011.**

**It was agreed that it would be desirable to find ANOTHER Board member.**

#### **12. AGM 2011 proposal:**

**An invitation had been received from the Finnish Orchid Society, in Helsinki, to hold the AGM 2011 at their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 22-23 October 2011. This was accepted, pending confirmation by RJ.**

#### **13. ASCOHR**

**It was reported that F. Roellke, member of the RHS ASCOHR, had copied a letter he had sent to the Chairman of ASCOHR to various friends in Europe, including RJ and the Swiss Orchid Society. RJ had replied. No further action was deemed necessary.**

#### **14. Next meeting.**

**The next meeting of the Board will be held in Budapest on 5 November 2010. RJ to confirm and to circulate details nearer the time. Further discussions needed on the proposed Handbook/Guidelines for EOCCE organisers. Also on the possibilities for Judging training in Europe.**

**The meeting closed at 2.15 p.m.**

**Appendix: Proposal document from The Orchid Review**



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## **What *The Orchid Review* (TOR) can offer the European Orchid Council (EOC):**

1. 1/8 to 1/4 of a page in the TOR news pages in every issue for EOC news that will be of interest to TOR subscribers and the wider orchid world. The EOC website will always be mentioned as a source of information about the EOC.
2. Up to one page per year for write-ups of EOC shows and events and other activities, covering aspects that will be of interest to TOR subscribers and the wider orchid world.
3. Up to two pages per year in EOC Congress years (i.e. every 3 years) for write-ups of the Congress, covering aspects that will be of interest to TOR subscribers and the wider orchid world.
4. TOR editor will also look for EOC Congress presentations that would make good articles.
5. Listing in the TOR Forthcoming Events pages for EOC-member national and international orchid shows only (not local and regional shows). The EOC website will always be mentioned as a source of information about all EOC-member shows.
6. Space for an article in 2011 on what the EOC is and what it does for the orchid world.
7. Three free copies of TOR for key members of EOC. Please provide us with addresses, and try not to change them more than once a year.

All copy and information from the EOC for publication in TOR needs to be supplied by one EOC contact person and to the TOR deadlines. All write-ups and reports need to be provided as readable copy, not just lists of prize winners, awards given, papers presented etc.

**What the EOC can do for TOR:**

1. Mention that TOR is the official EOC journal on the EOC website homepage, and provide a link to the TOR website.
2. Mention that TOR is the official EOC journal in EOC's main communications to its member organisations.
3. Provide and advise on channels for TOR subscription leaflet distribution to European contacts.

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