

## **Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 6<sup>th</sup>. November 2010, Budapest.**

Present: R. Jenny, I. Borg, J. Hermans, V. Dumont, J. Pokorny, P. Ildiko.

Apologies: J. Stewart, C. Dupont.

Guest: C. Hermans (Minute Taker).

Those present were welcomed by the Chair R. Jenny.

### **2. Minutes of Board Meeting Peterborough June 2010.**

The minutes of the Board meeting at Peterborough June 2010 were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising: Mr. Jenny reported that he had spoken to R. Neiryneck who confirmed that he was unable to stand for election as a member of the EOC board.

### **3. Report of Finances.**

Mrs. Borg presented a financial summary. Twenty five organisations are paid up members of EOC, only Romania was outstanding,. The current balance stands at €18,484. Income so far for 2010 is €910. Franco Bruno has been paid €200 by the Swiss Orchid Foundation to transfer the EOC website to the Foundation which is now sponsoring it. OSGB will rejoin EOC; Mr Hermans will contact Henry Oakely & to liase with Mrs. Borg.

### **4. Resignation of Zoltan Pachinger as delegate, president of the EOC and board member.**

Mr. Jenny confirmed that Zoltan Pachinger would resign at the AGM and that Ildiko Palmai would be standing for election as the new President of EOC, board member and delegate of the Hungarian Orchid Society.

### **5. Elections to be confirmed at the AGM 7<sup>th</sup>. November.**

The following nominations for election at the AGM were unanimously supported by the board.

- a. Election of Ildiko Palmai as President of EOC.
- b. Re-election of Charlotte Dupont as board member.
- c. Election Carsten Hammer as board member
- d. Election of Vincianne Dumont as co-opted member for the EOC protection project.

## **6. EOC Website.**

Mr. Jenny presented a report on the EOC website which is now hosted by the University of Basel. The content needs increasing and a link to APOC is already present. The following additional links will be arranged: to the WOC Trust by Mr. Hermans & to the Australian Orchid Council by Mr. Jenny. It was felt that an explanation was required of what the member organisations are. Minor alterations can be made direct to the Foundation; more significant ones should be channelled through Mr. Jenny and board meetings. Minutes once approved will be added to the website. It was agreed that the profile of the EOC logo needs rising on the website.

## **7. Change of Statutes.**

Mr. Jenny confirmed that the current age limit of 72 years for delegates & the Secretary General was contrary to current EU law. It was proposed and agreed that approval would be sought from the AGM to ask Emile Lückel to rewrite the statutes. The aim would be to keep them simple. These would then be checked against Swiss law before being discussed at the next board meeting in 2011 before tabling them at the AGM in autumn 2011.

## **8. EOC news platform Orchid Review.**

Mr. Hermans outlined what *the Orchid Review* was willing to provide for EOC. The offer of three subscriptions was to be kept in abeyance for the moment. It was agreed to suggest that all information for *the Orchid Review* should be channelled via Mr. Hermans. The Orchid Review has offered to publish some of the articles/lectures from future EOC conferences. In addition there may be assistance with congress Proceedings from the Swiss Orchid Foundation, if needed.

## **9. Future Activities of EOC.**

It was agreed to have photographs of board members on the web site & a short biography. To be submitted to Mr. Jenny as approx 5 lines & 200dpi respectively.

It was agreed to ask at the AGM for volunteers to:

- a. Create & maintain a list of current orchid journals published in Europe with contact details.
- b. Create & maintain a list of approved Orchid Judges with information on the different European Judging systems.
- c. Create & maintain a list of Orchid events in Europe and around the World.
- d. Create & maintain a list of Lecturers or suitable contacts at Institutions, so that the EOC can encourage younger people involved in orchids to be invited as speakers at Conferences, examples given were students working at Leiden, Kew & Harvard.
- e. Create & maintain a list of all National CITES contact details.

- f. Create & maintain a list of EOC members with information on their activities, constituent societies including native orchids and direct links to their web sites & showing their logo.

Mr. Jenny would arrange for the member list to be kept up to date.

Mrs. Dumont stated that she would present a report on the progress of the EOC Protection project at the AGM.

## **10. Activities of the EOC at the World Orchid Conference in Singapore.**

It was agreed to explore the possibility that fliers for the EOC Hungary 2012 could be included in the WOC 2011 delegates pack. It was also agreed that Mr. Jenny would explore with John Elliott the possibility of EOC sponsoring a trophy at the WOC.

## **11. Any other business.**

1. Mr Hermans presented draft Guidelines for Prospective Organisers of EOC Conferences. It was decided that comments & corrections should be fed back to Mr. Hermans. The Guidelines would be an Agenda item at the next Board meeting and then would be tabled for approval at the next AGM.
2. Copyright Protection. Mr Jenny confirmed that it would cost a lot to protect the various names connected with EOC. The need seemed to have diminished. Another option was to consider buying the domain names EOC & EOCE at 100 Swiss francs as a one off fee with an ongoing 40 SF a year. No final decision was made.
3. It was agreed that EOC did not have a role inputting comment to ASCHOR and that this was best left to private individuals.
4. Mr Jenny confirmed that there had been an invitation from the Peruvian Orchid Society for a few European Judges to judge at their show in Lima 19-23 October 2011.

## **12. AGM 22-23 October 2011 in Helsinki Finland.**

It was agreed that it would be suggested to the AGM to accept the invitation from Mariliina Perkko for the 2011 EOC AGM to be held during the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary show of the Finnish Orchid Society 22<sup>nd</sup>. to 23<sup>rd</sup>. October in Helsinki.

## **13. Next Board Meeting.**

It was agreed to accept the invitation from DOG to hold the next Board meeting Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. April 2011 at 10am during the DOG show in Dresden.

Mr Jenny thanked the Hungarian Orchid Society for hosting the meeting.