

**NCNH District
Fall 2006 Business Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006
Hosted by the Mount Diablo Rose Society
San Ramon, CA**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Jolene Adams, District Director
At 9:07 am.

Welcome was given by the Mount Diablo Rose Society President Christine Mateer.

The Roll Call of Societies was given by Judy Jones, Secretary. All Societies were represented except the Honolulu, Mendocino, Monterey Bay, and the Reno Rose Societies.

Minutes were read by Judy Jones, Secretary. Alice Affleck moved that the minutes from the Spring Business Meeting be approved as published. Motion was seconded by Rose Gilardi. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report was given by Ken Jones. Presented was a preliminary reconciliation as of Oct. 6, 2006. Ken will be meeting with the new treasurer, Kent Duncan and the auditor. The final audited report will be placed on the District web site. Ken discussed the income, out go, and special accounts. Motion to approve the preliminary reconciliation was made by Ken Jones, Dean Davis seconded. **Motion passed.**

District Director's Report – Jolene Adams

State of ARS and the District – Local societies are in good shape but need to grow – so recruit. Help neighbors learn how to raise roses. Reach out to local Garden Clubs and the Master Gardeners.

ARS is in good shape and now has money and has paid the bills. Staff issues are still present and good help is hard to find. Much of the temporary help are military transients. Klima Hall more than pays for itself with weddings and other special occasions. New plans for the land include a reflecting pool, to be built with a donation for construction and maintenance. Timber on the land is to be managed and harvested.

Roses in historic gardens of the past are preserved and grown in gardens around the world for the enjoyment of the public and for propagation of these antique varieties. ARS has joined the World Federation of Rose Societies in publishing a database listing where many of the roses are to be found.

Arrangement judge's book has been rewritten and is to be published by Dallas convention. All Arrangers – whether judges or not – should buy this book. It is a complete rewrite and very up-to-date.

Q&A Session (ARS questions and issues were raised):

Why can we not get the “American Rose” Magazine on time? Postal regulations are changing and they should become more prompt.

The poor condition of items sent from ARS was mentioned, with the suggestion to ship with a shipping agency such as Fed Ex.

The suggestion of publishing the magazine every other month was raised.

The size and cost of the Annual issue was raised.

Fate of submitted articles was discussed. Beverly explained the process. The suggestion was made to ask writers to include a self-addressed stamped envelop with a card acknowledging receipt of manuscript.

There have been changes made to improve, and changes are ongoing.

Jolene will take all concerns back to ARS

Membership rate of 3 / \$100 is still in effect. Give for gifts to all who love to garden.

ARS and NCNH Conventions and Meeting Dates and locations were given in the Agenda, “The Criterion” and may be found on the web.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director of Education – Dean Davis – Delegates were asked to contact Dean Davis and let him know what kind of programs they would like to have at the Spring Meeting. Jolene mentioned the District library of DVDs and other programs that are available from her. She was asked to list the available DVD's for publication in “The Criterion” and on the Web.

Consulting Rosarians – Elsin Dean was absent due to a family illness and Jolene Adams gave her report.

The Reno CR School resulted in 6 new CRs + 1 CR for Rocky Mtn. District. Next school is in Woodland on Nov. 11. MaryEllen MacKenzie elaborated Presidents must reappoint the CR Coordinator for the local society. This is an ARS position and the appointee must be approved by ARS. The names must be sent to Elsin Dean as soon as possible. If a society does not have an approved CR Coordinator, all CR's in the society risk losing their accreditation.

CR Schools in 2007 are needed. Seminars around the district are needed. Get approval for one point seminars before holding them.

We are all on the point system for CRs and Judges. Four points per 4 years are required. Your status and renewal date may be checked on the District web site.

Annual CR Report Form is online and must be sent in soon to Elsin. It may be completed online this year. If two Annual Reports in a row are missed the CR can be dropped.

New Master Rosarians were announced. They are: Judy Jones – MDRS, Rena Webb—GCRS, Ernie and Sue Magill – GCRS, Mike Devencenzi – LWRS, Marianne Jameson – MDRS, Betty Ann Cassina – SFRS-SRS, William Humenick – SFRS-SRS-SCRS, Thomas Nelson – HuRS, Herman Davey – HoRS, Michael Cevola – NBRS-SRS-SCRS, Barbara Piccarelli - MRS , Sandi Parker – SRS, Dena Wagner –SRS-RRS
Barbara Norkus was recognized as a new CR.

Horticultural Judges Report – Beverly Rose Hopper.

The Judging school in Vallejo was a success with 75 registrants and 13 candidates. Ten new apprentice judges were announced: Gail Carpenter, Karen Ernsberger, Joan Goff, Eileen Jackson, Marianne Jameson, Kathleen Lambert, Lesa Lane, Betty Mott, Lenore Ruckman, and from the Pacific Southwest District, Cliff Orent.

Bernice Jenson was given Emeritis status. Dorothy Tyson Patty was given the Emeritis certificate. Peter Alonso was introduced. He is new to our area and is a hort. judge. New, fully accredited hort. judges are Jennifer Galli and Marie Hubbel.

Invite apprentices to judge your Spring shows and be sure to submit the form so they get credit. Apprentice judges may also contact rose societies and ask to judge their show.

District Challenge Class requirement for three entries in some classes in order for that class to be judged may need to be changed. If it is an ARS Challenge class – only ARS can make the change.

In Seattle, the court for Floribunda Sprays was instituted. Societies may now award a Queen, King, and Princess of Floribunda Sprays.

Judy Bonds, the new Horticultural Judges Chair, was presented with all the books and backup materials by Beverly.

Arrangement Judges Report – Dolores Moffat

Dolores reported on the workshops, located in Redwood City, Citrus Heights, and Jackson given in 2005 and 2006. An Arrangement School was held in Dublin in 2006. At all of the schools and seminars judges received credits. The next school will be in the spring in Dublin. Any Arrangement Judges still needing points **must** attend to renew certification. New fully accredited arrangement judges are Cynthia Chuang, Jennifer Galli, Marie Hubble.

Membership Chair – Rosemary Sawyer

The report on the spring Motivational Speaker was given. What a great program! ARS membership has been declining. Reports from ARS are hard to get. We need enthusiastic people at the national level. Local societies are enthusiastic. Keep working to build up societies and share our love of the roses

Adena Kalal – Memorial fund – no report.

Alice Afflek – RIR – She has not received the final national report so she cannot give a final report on our district participation and results.

The District Rose Show Report was given: There were 249 Horticulture entries, 32 District Challenge entries, 55 Challenge entries and 67 Arrangement entries. Results will be sent to ARS, The Criterion and to Gail Trimble for posting on the web.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS –

Bob Miller from Palm Springs, CA was introduced as the new Regional Director.

New and on-going Officers and Chairs were recognized and installed for the term ending in 2009 by Jolene Adams. The new officers are: Kent Duncan – Treasurer, Gail Carpenter – Secretary, Judy Bonds - Horticulture Judges Chair, Carol Burek – Membership, Betty Mott – Programs and Speakers, Lesa Lane – Raffle and Site Development.

OLD BUSINESS

Local societies who have not turned in their “history” to the District Director are: Reno, San Mateo, Monterey Bay.

NEW BUSINESS

Ralph Moore will be 100 on Jan 14th. We need to recognize him. Suggestions were entertained and Jolene asked everyone to email their suggestions to her.

Kathy Pifari announced the 2007 Fall Conference and invited all to attend. It will be held at the Jackson Rancheria in Jackson. The “Strike it Rich” rose is planted around the Casino, courtesy of Tom Carruth. “Strike It Rich” is also the theme of the conference which will be held on Oct 5,6,7, 2007

The District raffle was postponed until after Tom Carruth’s presentation because he had to leave soon. The raffle was eventually held and everyone participated, bringing more than \$1,000 into the District Treasury.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.