

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT

OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

Spring Business Meeting

Watsonville, CA

Hosted by the Monterey Bay Rose Society

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Saturday, March 27, 2010

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM by Alice Affleck, District Director.

Dennis O'Hara warmly welcomed the delegates and visitors to the Monterey Bay Rose Society.

Roll Call of Societies was conducted by Secretary Lesa Lane. 4/27 societies were not represented: Honolulu, Lodi-Woodbridge, Mendocino, and Stockton. But 23/27 societies were represented!

Minutes of the Fall 2009 meeting in San Mateo were approved - moved by Dolores Moffat and 2nd by Laverne Cottet.

Kent Duncan's Treasurer's Report and 2010 Budget Proposal were approved. 1st - Dave Coop. 2nd - Dean Davis.

Alice Affleck presented the District Director's Report.

1. The State of ARS:

- ARS is financially solvent and healthy.
- Membership is constant with an actual increase in membership.
- Wall calendars will not be printed anymore but a desk calendar is being created for order on demand.
- The quinquennial survey deadline has been extended to April 15th. Jolene Adams, District CR Chairperson said that all CRs are required to complete this survey.
- The website is up and running. Clubs can enter event information directly at the website. Information will be included in website subject to approval from ARS.

2. Upcoming Events:

- 4/29 - 5/2/2010 Spring National Show in Shreveport, LA.
- 8/20 - 22/2010 All Mini Show in Milwaukee, WI.
- 10/8-11/2010 Fall National Show in Atlanta, GA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jolene Adams, Consulting Rosarian Coordinator, reported that Elsin Dean had everybody whipped into shape. 3 CRS are going emeritus status. The Vallejo school produced 14 CRS with 4 more in the waiting. 2 schools are scheduled: Chico on June 13 and Reno on Aug 14. A 4-point seminar is scheduled in Lodi on May 1.

Bill Reynolds, District Chairperson of Horticulture Judges, reported that he sent out an informational mailing to all judges. Currently 59 judges and 5 apprentices in District. The Annual Judges report is now due. Bill is assessing the need for a judging school and seminars. Bill asks that all show schedules be sent to him for review. Bill encourages all show chief judges to rotate out a few judges and rotate in a few new judges for their shows so that newer judges get experience.

Betty Ann Cassina, District Chairperson Arrangement Judges, indicated that an arrangement judge school is scheduled in Sacramento at the McKinley Arts and Garden Center on June 26 and 27. Both Ed Yesan and Earl Parsons will be present as an added incentive. Currently, the District has 11 Arrangement judges (3 want to be inactive) and 2 apprentice judges.

Carol Burek, District Membership Chairperson, reports that the Trial Membership program is successful. Carol requests that every society let her know who their membership chair is this year (10/27 societies reporting). Carol encourages each society to give away the club copy of the ARS magazine to a prospective member.

Betty Mott, Programs and Speakers Chairperson, has listed 7 new speakers this year, dropped 2 speakers, and has 6 new revisions to programs. Betty encourages societies to contact her if in need of assistance finding speakers.

Linda Burg, Criterion editor, indicates that the latest edition will be mailed on Monday March 29. Renewal rate is 70% and the subscription rate must stay at or above 200. Please send articles.

Dean Davis, Nominations & Awards Chairperson, requests that all society presidents let him know who will be the club N & A chair for the next 3-year term. Per ARS, it is required that 2/3 of clubs in a District (18 in our case) participate in the Silver Medal Nomination procedure in order to award a Silver Medal. Not eligible for the Silver Medal are the District Director, the N&A chairs, or their spouses.

Alice Affleck, Roses in Review Chairperson, indicated that participation was down this year nationwide but that NCNH still had the largest number of reports. Overall, CR participation was down this year. Bill Reynolds submitted the most reports. Tom Bonfigli was 2nd.

AWARDS OF MERIT

Alice Affleck, District Director, presented awards of merit for outstanding articles, bulletins, and websites.

- For articles: Linda Knowles, Betty Ann Cassina, Jolene Adams, Darrell Schramm, Gary Scales, Charlotte Owendyke, and Nanette Landeree.

- For Bulletins: Honorable mentions to Marin Rose Society and Butte Rose Society. Gold Medal to NCNH District.

- For Websites: Gold Medal to NCNH.

OLD BUSINESS

Charles Dowling reported that the Fall 2009 Conference was a success with a \$4200 profit.

NEW BUSINESS

The Spring 2011 business meeting will be hosted by the Marin Rose Society in Ross, CA at the Livermore Pavilion situated at the Marin Arts and Garden Center.

The Jolene Adams rose, a miniflora, will be available through Burlington Nursery in Visalia.

Thomas Bolden announced that East Bay Rose Society has made an official bid to host the 2012 National and NCNH District Conference.

Alice Affleck announced that no society has volunteered to host the 2011 District Conference although she has been hearing rumors.

Alice Affleck indicated that no club has come forward to host this Fall's 2010 show and opened the floor to discussion. Initial discussion indicated that no club wished to be financially responsible for the event. Joe Burek, District Parliamentarian, stated that per the bylaws, the District could not be held financially responsible which was why a local society or societies must host the event. Bob Parker of Shasta RS suggested that societies donate \$100-\$200 to a slush fund to help finance the Fall Show with all societies sharing in the profit or loss. Discussion ensued over responsibilities, management, etc. Dolores Moffat of Mount Diablo RS moved that each society donate \$100 into a fund to help finance the conference. 2nd by Doug Durham. Discussion: Bill Reynolds of Butte RS and Rosemary Sawyer of Golden Sierra RS indicated they could not make a financial commitment to the District for their club without their clubs' board approval. Jolene Adams of East Bay RS amended the motion: With approval of each societies' boards, each society shall donate \$100 to a fund to be monitored by The District Treasurer to help finance the 2010 Fall Conference. Sue Bennett of Sierra Foothills RS, 2nd. Motion carried for amended motion and thus for original motion.

Ron Sawyer of Golden Sierra then moved that each society shall act by May 1, 2010 to donate \$100. Rosemary Sawyer of Golden Sierra, 2nd. Motion carried.

Thomas Bolden and the East Bay RS generously offered to host a one-day District Conference subject to their board and membership approval and dependent upon receiving the aforementioned financial support.

Business meeting adjourned by Alice Affleck at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesa Lane, District Secretary