

## **Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011, Helsinki**

Present: I. Borg, V. Dumont, C. Dupont, C. Hammer, J. Hermans, R. Jenny, & I. Palmai.

Guest: C. Hermans (Minute Taker).

Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

### **2. Minutes of Board Meeting Budapest November 2010**

The minutes of the Board meeting at Budapest November 2010 were unanimously approved.

### **3. Report of Finances, auditor report**

A report of the Finances was tabled by Mrs Borg to be approved by the AGM.

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

A progress report was given by Mrs Palmai. It was decided to ask the AGM for further help in promoting the EOC Budapest and that the professional PR Company would be asked to target the Orchid Community to increase the number of registrants.

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

A presentation was made to the members of the Board by Mr Seidl on the progress so far for the EOC in Vienna. A further presentation will be made by the Vienna Orchid Society at the AGM in Budapest in April 2012. Final contracts are still to be signed and the final date still to be confirmed, the proposed month is April 2015.

### **6. EOC Website**

Mr Jenny gave a progress report on the EOC website; the Judges list maintained by Mr Hammer is loaded. Judges need to indicate which Judging scheme they participate in but do not have to belong to a member Society of EOC. It was decided that any change made to the data on the web site should show the date of the amendment.

It was decided that the Event list should be given higher priority and a link to the next EOCCE should be on the home page.

### **7 New Statutes**

It was agreed that the AGM would be asked to approve the new Statutes.

### **8 Show Regulations & Guidelines**

It was agreed that the AGM would be asked to approve the Show Guidelines. It was also agreed that the AGM would be asked to approve two additional recommendations: one that it was recommended the show should last for at least four days and the other that it was a good idea to include a poster session.

### **9 EOC-news platform Orchid Review**

It was agreed that if possible information on the EOC Budapest would be included in the next issue of the Orchid Review, deadline allowing. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to include a short news feature on the Helsinki 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Orchid Show, the

information on the new member societies joining and the approval of new Statutes & Show Guidelines in a future issue.

### **10 Status of EOC projects**

**List of Judges:** Mr Hammer will send an annual request to delegates for updated information on Judges. It was agreed that all documents should be sent to Mr Jenny in English where possible and in a PDF format.

**List of Lecturers:** it was agreed to ask the AGM for ideas.

**List of Translators:** it was agreed to ask the AGM for ideas.

**List of Events:** it was decided that forthcoming event information should be sent to Mr Jenny.

**List of Orchid Journals:** this is already up & running.

**Contacts CITES:** this can now be done electronically in some countries. It was agreed that information on where to download the e-CITES certificate will be added to the EOC web site.

**List of Societies & Contacts:** it was agreed that this would only include members of the EOC.

**Protection Project:** Mrs Dumont reported that thirteen societies had replied; it was agreed that she would provide a statement of progress for the web site.

### **11 AOB**

It was agreed that Mr Hammer would provide an example of a press release that can be added as a download to the web site. In addition Mr Hermans would check if he could provide Mr Jenny with some basic orchid information that can be included on the web site.

It was agreed that the September 2012 board meeting would discuss proposals for EOC 2018 and that formal presentations would be made at the Spring 2013 AGM meeting.

### **12 AGM 2012**

It was agreed that the date of the AGM 2012 would be 10am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April in Budapest.

### **13 Next Board Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be some time on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in Budapest.

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