

Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 13th November 2014 Leiden

Present: I Borg, V Dumont, C Dupont, C Hammer, C Hermans (minute taker), J Hermans & R Jenny (chair).

Guests: Emil Lückel, Honorary Member; Marei Karge, German Orchid Society; Wim Jansen & Jan Sienders, Dutch Orchid Society; Marc Dumont, France Orchidées

1. Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

2. Minutes Board Meeting 1st March 2014 Blois, France

The minutes of the Board Meeting March 2014 Blois were approved unanimously.

3. Report of finances

Mrs Borg reported that the Vienna Orchid Society, the Association Francophone pour le Jugement D'Orchidees (AFJO) & Latvijas Orhideju un eksotisko augu draugu asociācija (LOEADA) have not paid their subscriptions yet and Mr Jenny confirmed that the Grupo de Estudio y Conservació de Orquideas (GECOR) were no longer in existence. It was decided that as the reminders for 2014 subscription had already been sent out Mr Jenny would personally speak to the Vienna Orchid Society & LOEADA and Mrs Dupont would speak to the AFJO.

4. Members

Mr Jenny reported that a second Portuguese Orchid Society based in Lisbon was interested in becoming a member of EOC, Clube dos Orquidofilos de Portugal, it was agreed that their request would be put to the AGM next April. Mr Jenny agreed to talk to the Hardy Orchid Society about the benefits membership of EOC during the EOCCE in April. Mr Jenny reported that due to changes in the management of Associació Catalana Amics de les Orquídis there were still outstanding membership fees.

5. Status EOCCE 2015, London

Mr Hermans reported that good progress was being made on the Show & Conference and a recent EOS&C 2015 Newsletter had been circulated to all delegates of the EOC and many others. The list of Exhibitors has been formally agreed and will be on the website soon. Progress on the finer details of the Judging, Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner was being made. Mr Hermans agreed to send Mrs Borg the details of the bank account for payment of the EOC subsidy. He reminded the meeting that the rate for Registration will increase from 1st December and that there will be behind the scenes tours of the orchid collections at Wisley & Kew which can be booked. Subsequent to the meeting Mr Hermans has confirmed that a Poster Session will now be held at the Jodrell Laboratory, Kew. Mr Hammer praised the Newsletter for providing additional information.

6. Status EOCCE 2018, Paris

Report presented by Mrs Dupont.

1 LOF 'as told previously, we have decided, for the organisation of the EOCCE 2018, to join the main French orchid societies and to establish a new society: theLOF (L'Orchidée en France).

The LOF is constituted of the 3 societies (SFO, France Orchidées and SNHF) who were EOC members and presented the dossier together. We added FFAO who is now also an EOC member. The LOF statutes have been discussed and accepted by each of the 4 presidents. The procedure for statutes signatures is a bit complex, as the SNHF President, Henri Delbard, just told us that he wants to sign himself (and not the President of the SNHF-Orchid Section) and after all the others have signed.

But this **is** going to be made very soon, and then the signed statutes will be brought to the Prefecture to have the LOF official birth.

2 Place and dates

Besides Espace Champerret that we visited long ago and other places (currently not selected: Porte de Versailles, ...), we managed to visit the Parc Floral de Vincennes, a very nice place, rather expensive and with dates that are not really adequate. We have found another possibility in Paris: the Lycée Janson de Sailly, rue de la Pompe, 75016 PARIS (métro Pompe), which already had exhibitions (not orchids), during school holidays. Inside Janson, there is also a possibility of lodging and of feeding during the period where students are not there. The school holidays, especially in February, would be adequate, as we have already the agreement for exhibiting of the Senate-Jardin du Luxembourg (only for this period) and various orchid growers (idem), and also with regard to other important events (London, Dresden). The Museum also accepted to participate with us and to postpone their own annual exhibition. But the French Ministry of Education has not yet published the exact dates for 2018. There are 3 different periods for the whole France, but we'll choose that of Paris. The procedure for signatures is a bit complex too. The dossier has to be presented to the Board at the beginning of December. And then we have to request the agreement of the Ville de Paris (16th) and of the Conseil général which own the Lycée Janson.

3 Organisation

We had meetings where the global organisation has been set up, with the heads of each:

- A direction committee with the 4 presidents of the LOF
- A chief of project and a treasurer
- 5 committees: exhibition-congress-judging-communication-social.

We are also selecting logos and a graphic chart.

So I'll let you know as soon as we have more information. We seriously hope it will be OK for next April 2015 in London.'

7. New solutions bank-account

Mrs Borg confirmed that she needed a signed copy of the Minuted decision to enable her to make withdrawals from the current EOC account. Mr Dumont reported that he had spoken to the UBS branch in Geneva and there was no problem in setting up the EOC account there and also that there should not be any difficulty in basing the account in Bern. Mr Dumont confirmed that the costs would remain low if all the transactions were electronic. It was agreed that Mr Dumont would ask UBS at Geneva to contact the branch in Bern to enable Mr Jenny to set up the account there, Mr Jenny would let Mr Dumont know the name of the person at Bern that he had previously dealt with. Mrs Borg confirmed that she was happy to continue as the EOC Treasurer.

8. EOC-Website

Mr Jenny reported that during the recent transfer to a new IT centre for the University of Basel some of the data on the EOC website had been irretrievably lost. In view of this the Board agreed that Mr Hammer would take over as the webmaster and that he would ask Mr Lafarge to act as a deputy. The Domain name of the EOC website is owned and paid for by the EOC; Mrs Borg agreed to send a copy of the annual certificate to Mr Hammer. It was not clear where the EOC site was hosted, Mr Hammer & Mr Jenny agreed to find out and report back to the Board.

9. EOC-news platform Orchid Review

An enhanced issue of the Orchid Review will cover the EOCCE 2015 and the journal will be happy to provide space for news updates for the EOCCE 2018.

10. Future activities of the EOC

It was agreed that the Board would try to hold its meetings at different society's events throughout Europe and to involve the members by inviting them to attend an open second part of the Board meeting after the formal business has been concluded. It was agreed that Board members should try to visit member societies if possible and report back to the Board. It was agreed that a few short (5mins) prepared presentations by delegates about their society should be scheduled at the AGM to involve the delegates and increase general awareness of the member societies' activities. Regarding the website it was agreed that: Mr Hammer would request an up to date list of Judges from the delegates, that the non English lecture titles will be translated, that Mr Hammer will find out if member societies can update their own Judges list, that the web-page 'translators' & 'protection' should be deleted, that the links to other sites should be updated and that David Lafarge & Mr Hammer will present a list of suggested links to the AGM. It was agreed that an EOC sponsored lecture by a local young person should be considered for the AGMs but not at those held during an EOCCE. The suggestion of an electronic newsletter was deferred to be discussed at the AGM, a volunteer is required. Mr Hammer agreed to do a short presentation at the AGM on the DOG's initiative to increase the membership.

11. Board meeting, spring 2015 (EOCCE London)

The next Board Meeting will be on Sunday 12th April 2015 9-10.30 am. (Room tbc)

12. AGM 2015 (EOCCE London)

The next AGM will be on Sunday 12th April 2015 10.30 to 13.00. (Room tbc)

13. AGM 2016 proposal Associacao Portuguesa de Orquidofilia

It was agreed to accept the offer of hosting the 2016 AGM from Associacao Portuguesa de Orquidofilia during their show held at Oporto two weeks before Easter. (Date tbc)

14. Any other business

Mr Jenny reported that there had been a preliminary enquiry from the Danish Orchid Society about hosting the 2021 EOCCE. Mr Jenny agreed to send an email reminder to all the EOC delegates requesting expressions of interest in hosting the 2012 EOCCE.

Mr Jansen reported that there would soon be changes in the membership of the Dutch Orchid Society's management committee and agreed that Mr Jenny would be informed of any change in the EOC delegate. Mr Sienders reported that there were 25 Dutch Orchid Society judges out of a membership of 950; the society meets twice a year at Utrecht and publishes a Journal, a newsletter is also planned. An orchid show is planned in 2016 to celebrate the Society's 85th Anniversary and he hoped that board members would attend.