

Minutes of EOC AGM Meeting 7th. November 2010, Budapest.

Present: R. Jenny, I. Borg, J. Hermans, V. Dumont, J. Pokorny, P. Ildiko, C. Hammer, A. Matikka (representing the Finnish Orchid Society), T. Seidl (representing the Vienna O.S.), M. Dumont.

Apologies: E. Lückel, M. Perko, C. Dupont, R. Neiryneck, L. Röllke, C. Maeder, J. Larsen, A. Schulz, J. Stewart.

Guest: C. Hermans (Minute Taker).

Those present were welcomed by the Chair R. Jenny.

2. Minutes of AGM meeting Vienna February 2010.

The minutes of the AGM meeting in Vienna February 2010 were approved unanimously.

3. Report of Finances.

Mrs. Borg presented a financial summary. All members apart from one had paid their 2010 subscription. The Bank transfer fees remain low. The EOC bank account remains the same. Interest is accrued at the end of the calendar year.

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

Zoltan Pachinger resigned as delegate, President of EOC and board member. Mr Jenny thanked Mr. Pachinger for all the work that he had done for the EOC.

5. Elections.

Mr. Jenny confirmed that had received proxy votes from R. Neiryneck, C. Maeder, & C. Dupont.

- a. Election of Palmi Ildiko as President of EOC, votes were unanimous.
- b. Re-election of Charlotte Dupont as board member, votes were unanimous.
- c. Election Carsten Hammer as board member, votes were unanimous
- d. Election of Vincianne Dumont as co-opted member for the EOC protection project, eleven votes were in favour with one proxy against.

6. Project EOC 2012 in Budapest.

Ildiko Palmai gave a presentation about EOC 2012 which will be held at the SYMA Sport Hall, Budapest 12th. to 15th. April. The Hungarian Orchid Society has appointed a professional conference organiser Meeting Budapest Kft as their partner. The Gala Dinner will be on a cruise boat on the River Danube, which has capacity for 200 and an estimated cost of 50€ per person. Mrs Palmai requested advice and help from the members of EOC.

7. Project EOC 2015 in Vienna.

Thomas Seidl & Monika Ahl gave a presentation on this; they confirmed that the Vienna Orchid Society & the Austrian Orchid Society would be co-hosting the EOC Conference in Vienna in 2015. The exact details have not been finalised but it is hoped that the event will take place in the spring in just outside Vienna. A subway link to central Vienna should be completed in time. The proposed theme of the Conference is 'Orchid Conservation.'

8. EOC Website.

The website has been moved from Italy and is now hosted at the University of Basel at no cost to EOC apart from the domain fee. Mr Jenny asked that he could be sent any suggestions for inclusion in the website. The address of the website is www.europeanorchidcouncil.eu.

9. Change of Statutes.

It was agreed that all sentences in the current statute regarding an upper age limit of 72 years would be removed with immediate effect. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Emile Lückel would be asked to write a draft of new statutes. A mission statement for the EOC will be included. The statutes will then be checked against Swiss law before being discussed at the next board meeting in 2011 before being tabled at the AGM in autumn 2011.

10. EOC news platform Orchid Review.

It has been agreed that *the Orchid Review* will be the official journal of the EOC. Space will be provided for EOC news, major national events and pre-publicity for EOC Congresses. It was agreed 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 if there are no proceedings.

11. Future Activities of EOC.

Co-ordinators for the following tasks were agreed:

- a. Thomas Seidl agreed to create & maintain a list of all current orchid journals published in Europe with contact details, website linkage & example of front cover where possible.
- b. Carsten Hammer agreed to create & maintain a list of approved Orchid Judges with information on the different European Judging systems.
- c. Vinciane Dumont agreed to create & maintain a list of all National CITES contact details.

It was decided that the co-ordinators would send proposals on how the task would be achieved for discussion by the Board.

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

Co-ordinators for the following tasks remain unfilled:

- a. Create & maintain a list of orchid events in Europe and around the World.
- b. 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.
- c. Create & maintain a list of the EOC members to provide information on their activities, constituent societies including native orchids, and direct links to their web sites & showing their logo.

It was decided that every member society should provide information to Mr. Jenny for inclusion on the EOC website about their society, maximum of 20 lines with their logo & website.

Mrs Dumont presented a progress report on the EOC Orchid Protection project. Charlotte Dupont had received eight replies to her e-mail request for information about the current status of member society's involvement in the protection of European orchids. Information included papers published, website, tours, management of sites, and protection of land by purchase & propagation. Mr Jenny will provide the contact details of European native orchid organisations so that they can be approached directly. The proposal is to provide an easy step guide on how to protect native orchids. Mrs Dumont will provide Mr. Jenny a progress report for inclusion on the website.

12. Any other business.

1. Mr. Dumont will provide information on EOC to be sent to Editors of orchid journals for inclusion in their journals.
2. Mr Hermans confirmed that the draft Guidelines for Prospective Organisers of EOC Conferences would be presented at the next Board meeting and then would be tabled for approval at the next AGM.
3. Copyright Protection. Mr Jenny confirmed that it would cost a lot to protect the EOC name.

4. Mr Jenny confirmed that there had been an invitation from the Peruvian Orchid Society for European Judges to judge at their show in Lima 19-23 October 2011.
5. Minutes of the previous AGM & Board meeting will be published on the website together with photographs of the Vienna show.
6. Mrs. Palmai will send photographs of the Budapest show to Mr. Jenny for the website.
7. Mr Jenny will approach Mr Lückel, Mrs. Stewart & Mrs. Dumont to ask if they can write about the early history of the EOC for inclusion on the web site.
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13. Next Meetings.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation from Mariliina Perkkö for the 2011 EOC AGM to be held on Saturday 22nd October during the 50th Anniversary show of the Finnish Orchid Society in Helsinki.