

Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 8th December 2012 Paris, France

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

Guests: C. Hermans (Minute taker) & M. Speckmaier.

Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

2. Minutes board-meeting in Budapest 13.4.2012.

The minutes of the Board Meeting Budapest April 2012 were unanimously approved.

3. Report of Finances, auditor report.

A report of the Finances was tabled by Mrs Borg. The number of member societies stands at thirty-two. Only one society's fees are outstanding, Romania, who have confirmed that they will be able to pay in 2013. Mr Jenny will remind them that they will need to pay two years subscription. Mr Jenny will also send a reminder to all the members that they need to inform him of any change of their e-mail addresses.

4. Members.

It was agreed to admit the following new member societies:

GIROS, AGEO, the Portuguese Orchid Society & the Irish Orchid Society. Mr Jenny will inform the new members that they have been accepted. Orchiophiles Reunis de Belgique has resigned.

The Board agreed that European native orchids need to have a higher profile in future EOC Conferences. Mr Hammer will contact the AHO (Arbeitskreis Heimische Orchideen) Germany & Mr Hermans will contact the Hardy Orchid Society UK about joining the EOC. Mr Jenny will investigate whom to contact at Naturaliste Belge.

The Board agreed that some information, downloadable from the website, should be available about the benefits of being a member of the EOC. It was agreed that ideas should be circulated by e-mail prior to being tabled at the next meeting of the Board.

5. Report EOCCE Budapest 2012.

Report from I. Palmai was tabled (see appendix). The Board agreed that help if requested from the organisers of EOCCE could be provided if it was focused. Communication was noted to be important. The Board agreed if a loan to an EOCCE organisers was made that it should be repaid if the Conference made a profit.

6. Report EOCCE Vienna 2015.

Mr Speckmaier confirmed that Vienna had pulled out of hosting EOCCE Vienna 2015 due to lack of a suitable venue, the overall cost and lack of member support. It was agreed that Mr Hermans would explore if the RHS was a possible alternative venue and then he would circulate the Board by e-mail the outcome of his discussions. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would inform delegates of the loss of Vienna as a venue and ask if there were any other proposals. It was agreed that the Board would put forward only one proposal for approval at the AGM in April 2013.

7. Proposal for EOCCE 2018.

Mrs Dupont outlined Paris as a possible venue for EOCCE 2018 either near the Port de Champerret or Port de Versailles. She confirmed that the SFO were already committed to a show with some lectures in April 2014 at Blois and that they were not keen to do an EOCCE in 2015.

8. EOC-Website.

It was agreed that Mr Jenny would circulate the membership with a reminder to update the list of their shows. In addition Mr Jenny would inform members that he can arrange for their data to be uploaded if they cannot. Mrs Dumont will send Mr Jenny the history of the EOC for the web site.

Text and Logo Orchid Society Denmark

Text and Logo Orchid Club Europe

9. EOC-news platform Orchid Review.

Mr Hermans reported that the Orchid Review articles about the EOC were on the website and could be downloaded. Also that the Orchid Review was happy to put information about major European events in the journal.

10. Status EOC projects.

List of judges: It was agreed that due to data protection laws individual judges home addresses could not be put on the web site and that contact with them was to continue to be made through their member society.

List of translators: It was agreed that this was no longer required.

List of events (shows, conferences etc.): see above.

List of Orchid journals: Mr Jenny informed the meeting that the Journals were up to date and that there were separate lists for members and non members. Some sub groups'

journals were missing for example within the SFO. Mrs Dupont agreed to contact the SFO sub groups.

Contacts CITES: Switzerland has new CITES rules starting in 2013. Mrs Dumont will translate them into understandable language.

Protection project: No further update. A suggestion was made that one of the native Orchid societies could do a presentation at each AGM. It was agreed that Mrs Dupont could explore the possibility of handing the project over to another member society if she so wished.

11. Communication within the EOC.

It was agreed to add some event or visit to the Board meeting weekends and to increase the e-mail contact between the Board members and with the wider membership if necessary. It was agreed to add 'How to improve communication' to the next AGM Agenda.

12. AOB.

The new president will be elected at the next AGM.

13. Next AGM: Saturday 13th April 2013, 2.30pm at the RHS Conference Centre London. Mr Hermans confirmed that EOC AGM delegates would have free access to the London Orchid Show on Saturday 13th April.

14. Next board meeting: Saturday 13th April 2013, 9.30am at the RHS Conference Centre London.

15. Board meeting Autumn 2013. It was agreed that Mr Jenny would circulate the membership requesting proposals for possible venue for the Board meeting in autumn 2013.

Mr Jenny thanked the French Orchid Society and Mrs Dupont for their hospitality

Appendix

E-mails from Ildiko Palmai 10/8/2012 & 5/9/2012.

'It is not so easy to answer your questions.

We had a very difficult situation; there were no sponsors from Hungary neither from abroad. From Europe we had only 3 exhibitors: Austrian, Italian, and German. The others were not interested to take part at the exhibition. What we would do next time differently? We would never take the opportunity to organize EOC again. We got only real support from the German Society. We had really bad financial situation and the nowadays financial recession also not helped us.

We were lucky that we had a very good organizer team, and with huge work we mad EOC successful.'

Total income: = 40,500,000 Ft

Expense: = 31,300,000 Ft

Profit: = 9,200,000 Ft

From this amount, printing cost: = 563,000 Ft

Financial support of EOC: 2,000 EUR/493,000 Ft

Number of visitors: = 12,420

Number of vendors: = 75

Number of registrants = 127

Number of lecturers: = 27