Minutes of EOC Board Meeting 4th October 2013 Basel, Switzerland

Present: I. Borg, C. Dupont, C. Hammer, C. Hermans (Minute taker), J. Hermans, & R. Jenny.
Guests: Emil Lückel, Honorary member.
Apologies: V. Dumont.
Those present including the special guest were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

2. Minutes board-meeting in London 13/4/2013.
The minutes of the Board Meeting London April 2013 were unanimously approved.

3. Report of Finances.
Mrs Borg reported that Grupo de Estudio y Conservació de Orquideas **(**GECOR) and the Orchid Club Romania have not paid their subscriptions.

4. Members.
Mr Jenny reported that the Orchid Club Europe no longer existed and that there has been no contact with the AHO (Arbeitskreis Heimische Orchideen) Germany and the Hardy Orchid Society. The new members of the EOC: GIROS, AGEO, the Portuguese Orchid Society & the Irish Orchid Society have not paid their membership fees, Mr Jenny agreed to contact them. In addition it was agreed that Mr Jenny would contact Grupo de Estudio y Conservació de Orquideas **(**GECOR) and the Orchid Club Romania to request payment of their subscriptions, in addition he would warn the Orchid Club Romania that this was a last warning. The Board agreed that the time allowed before a final warning for late payment of a member's annual subscription would be the interval between two Board meetings with the understanding that this could be extended at the Board's discretion.

5. Financial Competence of secretary general, treasurer and board-members.
Proposed amendments to the Statutes were discussed. The changes to 7 (a), 11 and 31 were agreed. A change was made to the limit set in 8 (a), 9 (a) & 10 (a) to €250. In addition 9 (a) & 10 (a) was altered to include 'with permission of the Board' after 'per individual case'. It was agreed to substitute 'negligence' for 'faults' in 32 if the lawyer agreed. Mr Jenny agreed to circulate the amended Statues to the Board for checking before they were circulated to the full Council one month before the next AGM.

6. Change of Bank Account.
It was agreed that Mr Jenny would open a new EOC account with UBS in Bern with three signatories to the account, Mr Jenny, Mrs Borg & Mr Hammer, but only two signatures would be required to make any withdrawals. In addition Mr Jenny would explore the possibility of the account being in Euros and being an internet based account. For the record the home addresses of the three signatories are included below.

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7. Status of EOCCE 2015.
Mr Hermans reported that the RHS has agreed to organise the EOCCE 2015 in London and the dates have been confirmed as 8th to 12th April 2015 with staging on 7th. A project manager has been appointed, the publicity design for the poster has been agreed and Mr Hermans will send Mr Jenny the finalised version when it is ready. Mr Hermans agreed to circulate the draft plan for the EOCCE to the Board Members. The domain name www.eoclondon2015.org.uk has been obtained and Mr Hermans will explore the possibility of a poster session during the Conference.

8. Status of EOCCE 2018.
Mrs Dupont reported that ideas for a logo and poster for EOCCE 2018 were being requested and that they were exploring which society will be the main organiser of the event.

9. EOC-Website.
Mr Jenny reported that the website had been recently updated with changes and it was agreed that he would contact Harry Nagata about having a link to the next APOC Conference. Mrs Dupont agreed to contact some of the member societies of SFO to ask if they would allow their journals to be added to the EOC-website.

10. EOC-news platform Orchid Review.
There was nothing new to report.

11. Status EOC projects.
List of judges: Mr Hammer reported it was up to date.
List of events (shows, conferences etc.): not discussed.
List of Orchid journals: as above.
Contacts CITES: no report

12. Next AGM 2014 (Spring 2014).
It was agreed to try to arrange the AGM on Saturday 1st March during the show at Blois, France.

13. Next board meeting (Spring 2014).
It was agreed to try to arrange the Board Meeting before the AGM on Saturday 1st March during the show at Blois, France.

14. Any Other Business.
Nothing was raised.