Minutes of EOC AGM Meeting 23rd October 2011, Helsinki

Present: I. Borg, M. Dumont, V. Dumont, C. Dupont, H. Grote representing VDOF Deutschland, S. Grote, C. Hammer, J. Hermans, R. Jenny, V. Kozlova, C. Maeder, A. Matikka, I. Palmai, A. Schulz, T. Seidl & E. Wildburger.

Apologies: R. Scheitler & J. Larsen.

Guest: C. Hermans (Minute Taker).

Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny.

Mr Jenny confirmed that the Romanian, Italian & Dutch Orchid Societies had given the chair their proxy votes. Mr Jenny reported that he had had no contact in the past year with the Catalonian Association of Friends of Orchids.

2 Minutes AGM Budapest

The Minutes from the AGM held at Budapest on 7th Nov 2010 were approved.

3 Info Minutes of Dresden Board Meeting

The Minutes of the EOC Board meeting held at Dresden on 17th April 2011 were tabled.

4 Report of Finances

The Report of the Finances was approved.

5 Re-elections

The re-election of the Treasurer Mrs Borg and the Auditor, Mr Christiansen were approved.

6 Election of new members of the EOC

The following new members of the EOC were elected: the Austrian Orchid Society, represented by Erich Wildburger; Orchideenfreunde Dortmund represented by Sigrid Grote; the Latvian Orchid & Exotic Plants Society represented by Valeria Kozlova.

7 Status of the EOC 2012 in Budapest

A progress report on the 2012 EOC in Budapest was presented by Mrs Palmai. Delegates were asked to help promote the Conference and Show.

8 Funding of the Proceedings for Budapest

A proposal from the EOC board was agreed to provide finances of €2000 to EOC Budapest to help finance the publication of the Proceedings; with the condition that the organising committee of the EOC provide information within a reasonable time about the feasibility of producing Proceedings and their plans on how to use the money.

9 Status of the EOC 2015 in Vienna

A progress report on the 2015 EOC Vienna was given by Mr Seidl.

10 EOC Website

Delegates were reminded that any alterations or amendments for the website should be sent to Mr Jenny.

11 New Statutes

The new Statutes were approved by the AGM. It was agreed that guests could attend the AGM with the prior agreement of the chair but that only delegates could vote.

12 Guidelines for EOCCE

The new Guidelines for EOCCE were passed unanimously and will become effective after the 2015 Conference & Show. Two additional recommendations were also passed unanimously: that it was recommended the show should last for four days and that it was a good idea to include a poster session.

13 EOC-news platform Orchid Review

Delegates were asked to send any National Show information for inclusion in the Orchid Review to Mr Hermans.

14 EOC projects

Electronic Newsletter: The Swiss Orchid Foundation produces an electronic newsletter that EOC can utilize.

List of Judges: is now on web site.

List of Lecturers: it was agreed to publish on the web site the list of lecturers and their abstracts from previous EOC conferences.

List of Translators: no final decision was made.

List of Events: it was agreed to explore the possibility of individual members updating show dates.

List of Societies: it was agreed that any update information is to be sent to Mr Seidl. Mr Jenny will contact the member Societies in the New Year.

CITES: it was agreed that the CITES website address will be added to the website. e-CITES permits are now available.

Protection Project: Slow progress has been made so far; delegates were reminded to respond to Mrs Dupont's questionnaire.

15 AOB

An approach has been made by orchid growers in Turkey who are starting an Orchid Society.

Delegates were asked that any proposals to hold the 2018 EOC should be submitted to the EOC Board 6 weeks before the autumn 2012 board meeting.

16 AGM 2012

It was agreed that the 2012 AGM will be held at 10am on Sunday 15th April at the Budapest EOC.

The meeting closed at 12.12pm.

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