

## **Minutes of EOC AGM Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Porto, Portugal**

Present: I Borg, G Diana, M Dumont, V Dumont, C Dupont, C Hammer, R Hendriks, C Hermans (minute taker), J Hermans, R Jenny, P Lemettais, M Le Roy, A Matikka & P Spinola (in place of G Meister).

1. Those present were welcomed by the Chair Mr Jenny and Mr Hendriks the new delegate from the Dutch Orchid Society, was introduced.
2. **Apologies:** C Barker, A Baudry, H Christiansen, H & S Grote, R Neiryneck & E Wildburger.

### **3. Minutes AGM Meeting 12th April 2015 at RHS London, UK**

The minutes of the AGM Meeting April 2015 London were approved. Mr Jenny noted that only a few societies were represented at the AGM.

### **4. Election of board**

The re-election of the entire board was unanimous although at the earlier board meeting it had been agreed that the board members should only stand for re-election at the end of their term (this meant that Mrs Hermans (co-opted) in 2017 & Mrs Dumont in 2018 did not require re-election this time).

### **5. Election of new board members**

Dr Matikka and Dr Diana were unanimously elected as new board members. Mr Jenny informed the AGM that Dr Matikka would act as Co-Treasurer for the following year before taking over as treasurer from Mrs Borg in 2017.

Mr Jenny was re-elected as secretary general.

### **6. Report of Finances**

Mrs Borg tabled the audited accounts and report which were accepted unanimously. It was noted that half the member societies had not paid their 2016 subscription and it was decided that an e-mail reminder should be sent.

### **7. Members**

Mr Jenny reported that the future status of the Swiss Orchid Foundation was not certain. He also reported that the Orchid Society of Romania had requested a suspension of their membership for one year and that the Dutch Orchid Society had renewed their membership after a change of its board. He also confirmed that Club Amigos de Orquideas will be resigning at the end of 2016. Mr Jenny confirmed that he was still in contact with Mr Khan Hürkan from Turkey but there had been no more progress on forming an orchid society in Turkey.

### **8. Status EOCCE Paris 2018**

Mr Le Roy gave a presentation on the progress for the EOCCE Paris. The possibility of a combined EOC member societies display at EOCCE in Paris was discussed. It was agreed that there should be some indication of which member societies had contributed the plants; however it was felt that it was important for the EOCCE organisation to find some one willing to co-ordinate the logistics of the display before continuing with the idea.

Mr Jenny suggested that Mr Le Roy should submit a request for EOC sponsorship for the EOCCE which will then be considered by the board at its next meeting. It was agreed that

clarification about the EOCCE Paris delegate capitation fee was required and this would be discussed further at the next board meeting.

#### **9. EOC Website**

Mr Hammer reported that the new website was working well but many societies had not provided information about their shows for it. Mr Hammer encouraged more to do so, jpeg photos, PDF or word files were all suitable for including on the website. It was agreed that a list of member societies' editors would be created for the web site with the media imprint for each journal.

#### **10. Next EOC 2021**

Mr Jenny reported that he had no new information on the EOC 2021 in Copenhagen.

#### **11. Future Meetings**

Mr Jenny agreed to explore whether the Latvian or Polish societies would be able to host the spring 2017 AGM. The 2018 AGM will be held during the EOC in Paris.

#### **12. AOB**

Mr Jenny reminded the AGM that proposals for the EOC 2024 needed to be presented at EOCCE Paris in 2018.

There was then a general discussion about what the EOC could realistically do for its member societies. It was agreed that this would be an Agenda item for the next AGM. It was agreed that a survey of the delegates would be conducted to ask what their problems were and what they wanted help with from the EOC. Mr Jenny would inform delegates that a survey was going to be conducted. It was agreed that Dr Spinola would draft the questionnaire for the board's approval before circulating it to the delegates. Dr Spinola would then collate the findings and present them to the Board and then to the next AGM.