



Minutes

General Meeting

11 February 2020

Venue: Social Room, John McGrath Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth. 12 noon

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:05pm

Attendance: 13 members as per record book. There were apologies from Doug and Maxine Major, Fran Cannon, Liz Coombes and Katherine Patterson.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 12th November 2019 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Ian Blackwell and seconded by Ralph Coombes that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Carried.

Correspondence: A summary of the items of correspondence as in appendix A was presented. Full details were available for viewing. No further action required. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded Noel Blunt that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$9,256.48 bank balance as at 31/01/2020.

12 month Term Deposit balance \$17,224.50 and this matures 17 April 2020

Summary of financial activity since 12th November 2019:

Income: Membership \$15, Raffle \$20, Plant Sales \$100, Grower Supply Sales \$180.70.

Expenses: Affiliation Fees \$138.20, Grower Supplies Purchase \$124.72, T Shirts \$100, Venue Hire \$88, Internet \$118.53.

YTD Profit is \$270.98

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Murray Ryall that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

Annual Flower Show Planning.

- Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th May 2020 at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre
- Venue is secured and a room to prepare blooms will be available
- An updated Show Program and schedule has been published and is available on the website and Facebook.
- Prize money.
 - Prize money will be paid for show entries as specified in the Schedule. Where Points Awarded is specified for WACS Section Championships and Parts A to F, prize money will be paid at the rate of **\$1.00 per point**.
 - Both State Championships \$100 First, \$50 Second and \$25 Third
 - FORRESTFIELD FORUM CHAMPIONSHIP donated by the Hawaiian group \$100 for 1st, \$50 Second and \$25 Third

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- ANZAC MEMORIAL VASE -\$50 First, \$30 Second and \$20 Third
- Country Championship \$50 First, \$30 Second, \$20 Third.
- JACK EASTLAKE TROPHY FOR CASCADE AND CHARM MINIATURE CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN CONTAINERS \$50 First, \$30 Second and \$20 Third
- POCKETT CHAMPIONSHIP -\$50 First, \$30 Second and \$20 Third
- WALLACE BROOK MEMORIAL \$50 First, \$30 Second and \$20 Third
- Presentation Luncheon 11:30am Tuesday 26 May 2020. John McGrath pavilion booked and caterer to be confirmed.

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- Date 22-23 February 2020
- Program.- Set up Friday man stall Saturday and Sunday Clean up at 3:00pm
- Plant quantity as advised by members is 340
- Roster to set up, service stall and clean up recorded. If you wish to volunteer contact Michael Drake-Brockman

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Lina and Carl Slusarczyk's place at 6 Regent St West, Mount Lawley on Sunday 8th March 2020 at 1:00 pm. Please bring a small plate to share with afternoon tea.
- Judy and Michael Drake-Brockman's place at 136 Merrivale Rd, Pickering Brook on Sunday 5th April 2020 at 1:00pm. Please bring a small plate to share with afternoon tea.

Judging Course

Information has been sent out and trainees who are now in the reference material reading phase.

The WACS Flower Show is the next major event for the trainees who under the guidance of the show judges will see judging up close.

Following the show there will be reminders to read material and tests.

Group meetings are available if requested.

By the second show trainees will be judging sections of the show and recording their results for review. Trainees will be part of the judging but the final decisions will be with the main judges.

This course is about gaining experience and knowledge of Chrysanthemums.

The WA Horticultural Council prefer 3 Judges for State Championships hence the requirement to encourage the next generation of Chrysanthemum Judges.

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: The WACS membership to the ACC has been paid
Show Schedule tabled by Carl, to be distributed to members via web site and Facebook
- WAHC –
 - September Fair made a profit of \$2040 on reduced attendance of 890.
 - BIOM project is to be located at the Airport and can now proceed much faster due to fewer restrictions. This will be 3 giant domes representing Western Australia climate and landscape.
 - Wednesday 26 February 2020 is the WAHC AGM. Want new committee members.
 - WACS can use the WAHC email list to distribute show Flyers.

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- The green book was prepared using criteria provided from the Chrysanthemum Society. We can change it if we like so long as it does not diminish the Championship criteria. (Test “Would Ken May approve???” Ha ha)
 - John Pearson approached me (Michael) with a request to support the Gosnells Horticultural Society 70th Annual Autumn Show at the Addie Mills Centre on 2nd and 3rd May 2020. Firstly could we promote the show and encourage entries to the existing classes. Secondly would more or different classes make it more attractive to exhibitors?
 - Application to hold the State Championship for Chrysanthemums was approved
- Newsletter – Going well. Editor always looking for material.
 - Web site – Going well and valuable for the Society. Note that there is a WA cultivar Register now available.
 - Facebook- Going well. Especially contributions from India. Magnificent blooms are achieved in a hot climate with little variation in day length.
 - Membership: Total financial membership is 70 including 10 life members. Numbers dropped rapidly as some memberships were not renewed. There are 2 members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution from the management committee

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matters raised by Members

- Hy-Gen bulk orders are proving to be cost beneficial to members.
- Bulk purchase of gardening material from Garden City Plastic is also delivering a saving to members.
- Discussed a bulk purchase of gardening chemicals. This is something that the society will not be partaking in as chemical products are controlled by the Government. It is difficult to get the label and secure containers. It will be up to growers continue to experiment with retail available products.
- The society sent its condolences to Caroline on the passing of her husband Ian Blake
- Exhibition standards. The points used in Western Australia are different to the rest of the world. A review is proposed to get a uniform Australian Standard using material from an experience Judge Denis Maher. The management committee shall be responsible for preparing a proposed Australian Standard of scoring and its implementation. It was noted that most of the judging is by comparison and not a lot of weight is placed on the points system. Frank Blackwell circulated a 1 page proposal “Uniform Standards for Judging Chrysanthemums in Australia” for consideration.

Next Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
General Meeting	Tuesday 14 April 2020	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Awards Dinner	Tuesday 26 May 2020	Main Hall, Social Room and Kitchen	11:30 am	3:00 pm

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Education / Skills Presentation

Secretary Michael brought in an untidy potted William Turner, a white Medium Exhibition Chrysanthemum plant that required some care to produce a show quality bloom. Ian Blackwell shared his experience on how to treat the plant. The neck is prone to cracking which will cause a lopsided bloom. To reduce this he suggested allowing 4 stems from the first stop then 2 stems per the original 4 on the second stop. With bud swelling and round then select best two buds and remove all the other stems. (Trivia - The green structures are called sepals, and together the sepals are called the calyx.)

This process would be similar for JS Lloyd and other variation of this cultivar.

Note that this cultivar has been used for the flower trade where multiple blooms are required. With careful management you could also break and split many times to get 9, 12 ... 400 blooms.

President Carl brought in some Artemisia Annuua (Wormwood or Mug Wort) plants. For those interested these can be used to graft Chrysanthemums onto their stems. The plant has a strong stem and a vigorous root system hence its ability to host a large number of grafts to produce a 1000 bloom plant.

Meeting close at 13.05pm

Raffle draw and afternoon tea.

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Appendix A **Correspondence From** 19th November 2019

In from:

WAHC - Meeting Minutes for 27th November 2019
WAHC - Garden Cuttings
WAHC – Exhibitor Information for February Fair
WAHC – Membership Invoice for \$33.00
Garden Clubs of Australia – Quarterly Magazine “Our Gardens” Issue 84
Garden Clubs of Australia – Annual Report June 2019
National Chrysanthemum Society UK – Annual Bulletin
National Chrysanthemum Society UK – 2020 Renewal and Order form
Tulips with a Difference – Catalogue
Leonie Moss – John McGrath centre fire detection system now operational.

Out to:

WACS members and affiliates – January February Newsletter
Garden Clubs of Australia – Membership number for Insurance.

Discussions and Outcomes – Email

WACS – Show schedule
Colleen Ryall – Notice that WACS member Ian Blake has died.
WACS – November Meeting Minutes

Discussions and Outcomes – Facebook

Lots of good posts of different chrysanthemum blooms