



Meeting Minutes

Management Committee

25th September 2108

Venue: Murray and Colleen Ryall's place, Lesmurdie. 10:15am.

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk welcomed the newest member Judy Drake-Brockman and thanked the remaining committee members for their continued support.

Attendance: 7 members present.

Minutes of previous committee meeting 15th April 2018 were attached to the agenda. Motion moved Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Murray Ryall that the minutes be accepted. Carried. These were signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Correspondence: The Garden Clubs of Australia Schedule, Bulletin, and Magazine application.

Treasurer's Report: Term deposit is currently \$16,829.02 and will be reinvested until April 2019. Bank balance was \$7490.28 as at 25/9/2018.

Membership 92 including 11 life members

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

General Business:

General concepts for the next Annual Flower Show were discussed

- Date Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th May 2018 set and duration to remain the same.
- Venue Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre, Forrestfield indicating that they are happy for us to continue.
- Show Schedule is in good shape and requires no changes at this stage. With the return of Roy Shilling to showing sprays, this category will be kept.
- Budget based on this year's show income and expenditure as no significant changes expected.
- Prizes currently include trophies. Due to the profitability of the Society the introduction of prized money was discussed. It was also suggested that instead of trophies that a crystal vase be the prize. It was recalled that the last \$1000 crystal vase was broken. Can the Society accept that a perpetual vase may be broken occasionally? Alternatively will it be a new vase each year. It was also pointed out that the financial position is reliant on the fund raising at the two Garden Clubs and society fairs. This will need to continue to provide approx \$900 to \$1000 per annum above running costs
The prize money would be allocated using the available money less an allowance for championships divided by the Schedule points system i.e. \$1 per point.

Motion moved Carl Slusarczyk seconded Michael Drake-Brockman that prize money be reintroduced to the show schedule. Show Secretary to calculate rate based on points system. Carried

- Discussion held on means of transporting plants like hire of an enclosed truck so that the plants can be moved without damage. Especially central display and growers with large numbers of show plants.

- There will be a central display. Carl to advise Hawaiian. Ralph Coombes to be key grower. He has a great track record. Based on past process where Jack Eastlake was actually paid at Belmont we should be recompensing Ralph Coombes.
- Motion moved Carl Slusarczyk seconded Murray Ryall that Ralph Coombes be commissioned and recompensed \$150 for the production of the Central display at the flower show. Carried
- Promotion timing to be discussed with Hawaiian. To also include coordination with the WACS Facebook and webpage
 - The venue and format of the Presentation function format will be retained.

Distribution Day

This is to be held on Sunday 28th October at 1:30pm at the John McGrath pavilion.

Bring plants at 1:30pm to place on the bench. Distribution will start for new members at 2:00pm immediately followed by members.

Distribution Day plant sale price to remain at \$1 each.

A vacuum cleaner will be require for clean up at the end of the distribution.

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Judy and Michael Drake- Brockman's place Sunday 31 March 2019
- Lina and Carls place Sunday 28 April 2019
- Flora Plant Wholesale Nursery at 822 Rowley Rd, Oakford WA 6121 have been approached by Carl to see if a visit to their nursery can be arranged.
- Discussed if there is interest in an organised trip to Japan in November 2019 for the All Japan Chrysanthemum Society Show. There is also the option to talk with Kokka and to attend small regional fairs.
- Hydroponic options to be further investigated.

Reports and activity up dates for:

- ACC: Carl Slusarczyk will be writing to the other Australian Chrysanthemum Societies proposing that the Register as prepared by WACS be the Australian Register. If approved it is proposed that this become the Australian Register of cultivars. The register will identify the active cultivars.
- WAHC: nothing reported
- Garden Clubs and Society Fair. Planning for next one approved
- Newsletter: Discussed roster for Cultural notes. No discussion on who will be contributing
- Website: Now contains the Societies' Rules
- Facebook: Lynn Seaton has posted the UK results
- Membership: Carl to write a letter of welcome and encouragement to new members via email
- Member Education: Nothing formalised for next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Grower refund for plants sold at the Fair. In the future this is to be included in the operation of the fair whereby the payment will be immediately paid to the grower unless he clearly advised that it is to be a donation to the Society. Outstanding payments to be made.

- The updated Register of Chrysanthemums is ready and was approved for publication to Facebook and the Webpage.
- Harvey Ag College – The secretary is to follow up with Mathew as to success of last year's crop and investigate progress for this season. Now is the time to take tip cuttings.
- South Perth McGrath pavilion was discussed as a meeting place. The new costs will be Pavilion 1 at \$20 per hour, Pavilion 2 including kitchen at \$22 per hour and Pavilion 3 including kitchen at \$30 per hour. These charges were acceptable. The requirement will be for General meetings only. Committee meetings shall be held at committee member homes. The meeting venue is to be agreed between committee members. The members agreed that the meetings will be held as follows: November at the Ralph and Elizabeth Coombes. February at the Colleen and Murray Ryalls, March at Judith and Michael Drake-Brockmans and April at Lina and Carl Slusarczyk place. Time to be at 10:00 or after social days. Calendar to be updated
- South Perth McGrath pavilion storage lockers will cost \$30 per month from the first of November 2018 for the 4 that we have currently allocated. This was felt that this charge is excessive relative to the Societies requirement. The lockers are currently used to store the cups for afternoon tea, tea towels, Distribution day class identification tags and some items for the fair. Without the lockers afternoon tea could be served using foam cups. Alternatively a member could be responsible for bringing the cups to a meeting and storage. It was noted that there is a problem with access to the lockers outside meeting times (now only 4 meetings). At Distribution day check what is in lockers and decided if it can be justified to retain them.
- 'Our Gardens' magazine annual renewal is due in November. It was decided that as the library is no longer operational only the free copy would be requested for the Society. Members will be asked if they would like their own copy sent to their home address.
- Importation of Cultivars from Japan. Carl Slusarczyk has had preliminary discussion with quarantine to bring flowers in from Kokka in Osaka Japan. This is the same latitude as Perth. There is some risk due to the chemical treatment. There may be nurseries that grow from tissue cultures that have granted quarantine approval to allow for importation into Australia that requires inspection only in Australia. The imported stock would be grown by experienced club member(s) and made available at Distribution day. Imported stock to remain with club members only for a fixed duration to be determined. Hence one more advantage of been a Society member. .
Costing options are to be investigated that include a cost neutral model where sale price recovers import and growing costs and a second option where the Society funds the importation and growing out of financial reserves.
Alternatively if there is a nursery that has the quarantine protocols in place through which the Society could import plants from an approved overseas nursery, like Flora Plants then this may be a more reliable means of importing new cultivars.
- Secretary to complete the annual report to the Mines department.
- Cleaning and storage of Flower show vases and bottles is not yet complete. Michael to set a time and date for a busy bee. Katherine Patterson to return 2 crates of bottles on next trip to Perth. Society to pay Michael for containers purchased so far. Keep looking for more containers. Colleen to see if Toy library has any 55 litre containers spare.
- Electronic Backup of Society Records to be made and stored off site.

Other matters

Cultural. When taking a cutting it does nothing for several days. Instead of potting immediately, try putting in the crisper of the fridge for a couple of days to prevent wilting. Then pot up.
Discussed bulk purchase of Alar. 4 members interested of cost reasonable. Can be used to make smaller plants for sale at the show.

Next Meetings

Note that all general meetings are held at 12:00 noon in the Social Room, John McGrath Hall & Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth. Venue and time for Committee meetings is as advised.

Month Year	Meeting type	Day	Date
September 2018	AGM & General	Tuesday	11 September 2018
	Committee	Tuesday	18 September 2018.
October 2018	Distribution Day	Sunday	1:00pm 28 October 2018
November 2018	General	Tuesday	13 November 2018
	Committee	Tuesday	10:00am 20 November 2018.at Coombes
February 2019	General	Tuesday	12 February 2019
	Committee	Tuesday	10:00am 19 February 2019 at Ryalls
March 2019	General		No meeting
	Committee	Sunday	After Social Day 31 March 2019 at Michaels
April 2019	General	Tuesday	9 April 2019.
	Committee	Sunday	After Social Day 28 April 2019 At Carls

Meeting close. 12.20pm

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

Dr C Slusarczyk - President
Date

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary