



Minutes

General Meeting

11 April 2023

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

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12.05 pm

Attendance 11 members and 6 apologies as per the attendance record book.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 14 February 2023 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Jenny Olsen 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 Tracey Kooimkan that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Since the General Meeting on 14 February 2023

Income was \$983.76 made up of \$25 membership, \$40 raffle, \$678.76 Plant sales and \$240 honey (Thanks Richard Williams)

Expenses \$972.60 made up of \$160 Hall hire, \$422.35 for NCS UK medals and certificates, \$148.25 for internet domain, \$242 for grower rebates.

Bank Balance was \$9,490.28 on 31/3/2023

Term Deposit Balance \$13,000 and matures 12 October 2023

Motion moved Colleen Ryall and Seconded Tracey that the Treasurers report be accepted. Carried

Membership

Total financial membership is 67 including 7 life members. There are no members waiting on acceptance/rejection from the management committee as per the constitution

General Business:

Annual Flower Show Planning.

- Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th May 2023 at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre confirmed with management
- There are No changes to the Venue, Show week Program, Show Schedule, etc. It is as published to the WACS web page. Specifics for preparation will be published in the newsletter.
- A vacant tenancy is available all day on Wednesday for exhibitors to prepare their show plants before putting them out on the show tables AFTER 6pm.
- Presentation Luncheon Tuesday 23 May 2023. Notify Treasurer at the show or 10 days prior.

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- This is a late show so check Ronlynnegardens Facebook page for which cultivars will be out on time. This may assist with your selection of cultivars for the show.
- Still too early to estimate the quantity of blooms that the exhibitors will be entering into the show. For many exhibitors have plants with buds still to show colour. Hot weather delays the development of the blooms. The current cool weather may assist the development of the blooms. In the cold UK environment it takes 7 weeks from bud first colour to fully developed show bloom. So with the show 4 weeks from today it will be tight.
- An experienced Floral Art judge will be attending.
- Tas Jones medals have arrived
- UK medals have arrived.
- For a vase of blooms like the "ANZAC memorial Vase" there is no set layout or height for the arrangement of the flowers. Oasis is allowed to help set the blooms.

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- Written report on the February 2023 Fair attached
- Next Fair is September Date Sat Sun 9-10 September 2023 (4 days before the AGM)

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Judy and Michael Drake- Brockman's place 1:30 pm Sunday 23 April 2023. Address is 136 Merrivale Road, Pickering Brook. Bring a plate to share. Tea and Coffee provided.
- Ron and Lynn Seaton' place on Saturday 29 April at 1:- 4 pm. Address is 279 Canning Rd, Lesmurdie WA 6076. Tea and Coffee provided. Bernadine Born will be attending. She is the president of the SA Chrysanthemum and Floral Art Society. There will be 900 new seedlings in a garden bed. Members are expected to help non-members with knowledge. Please call Lynn Seaton on 0409 107 694 to let her know in advance if you are attending so the crowd numbers can be managed.

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: Championship in WA this year. The ACC Cultivar Register has been updated and published. It is printable and sortable.
President Carl made a request to members to raise any national issues. Possible issues discussed included:
 - each state to have their own register. But for now must abide by the current Register.
 - Class 3 is diminishing. When split into class 3a and 3b it was easier to show. For a small bloom 3b bloom it must have superior form). For incurves form has more points than size). It is rare for 3a to have perfect spherical form. Note that some section 5 blooms, if they have size, can be exhibited as section 3
 - Connie Mayhew is a Class 5 bloom that has raised much discussion as to which class it should be registered under. It used to be able to exceed 6 " in diameter.
 - Agreed that a cultivar must be included in the ACC Register if it is to be entered in the ACC Championship.
- WAHC
 - The AGM was held on 22 February 2023 at the Tom Dadour Community Centre in Subiaco.
 - The Executive Officer's Report for 2022 delivered by Jillian Plester acknowledged the support of the hand over from Helen Martin-Beck.

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- Income was \$8,671 and expenses \$21,277 resulting in a loss of \$12,606. The loss is a result of the cancellation of the February 2022 Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair and the cost of the 90th Anniversary lunch in January 2023.
- Balance in the Gold Term Deposit is \$109,121.
- The Gardeners Handbook has been updated and is available on the Western Australian Horticultural Council website.
- The Office bearers from the previous year were elected.
- Council Meeting followed. The Main discussion was about the Garden Clubs and Society Fair. The committee is seeking someone to organise these events. The role comprises booking participants, setting up the hall and catering. A new caterer as a commercial participant is sought.
- 17 State Championships were awarded after discussion to ensure that they met the standards as written in the Gardeners Handbook.
- Detailed report on a profitable February Fair was tabled.
- Vale for Bob Melville, President of the Rose Society of WA who passed away suddenly on 27th November 2022. The Rose Society called a special meeting to elect a new president, Jillian Pester. Action was also required to bring the scheduling for the National Rose Society of Australia – Australian Rose Championships and Conference at the South Perth Community Hall in 21-22 October 2023 up to date.
- Newsletter- Going well. The editor has welcomed the feed back
- Web site – Serving the society well.
- Facebook – Lots of interesting discussions and pictures.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matters raised by Members

Carl has been able to get some old hairy chrysanthemum varieties.

In addition to Green Goddess other green varieties are now available.

Next General Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
Annual Flower Show	Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 May 2023	Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre	As for shopping centre	As for shopping centre
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday 23 May 2023	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room and Main Hall	11:30	3:00 pm
AGM and General meeting	Tuesday 12 September 2023	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Distribution Day	Sunday 29 October 2023	Social Room and Main Hall	1:30 pm	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 14 November 2023	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 13 February 2024	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 9 April 2024	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

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Meeting close 1350 hours.

Raffle draw and afternoon tea.

This is a true and correct record of this meeting.

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Date

Appendix A - Correspondence from 21 February 2023

Correspondence In from:

- WA Horticultural Council – Sashes and certificates for show championship.
- The National Chrysanthemum Society UK – Panorama 2022. A publication on the National Society and all shows. Include a report on trials using coco fibre as peat will be no longer available after 2024.
- GCA – Notice of AGM 10th to 15 September 2023 at Lake Macquarie NSW
- GCA – February Bulletin Included information on nomination for awards, Photo competition, and more
- Barry Hogg – Invoice for medals and certificates
- WAHC – AGM minutes, Council meeting minutes and Garden Cuttings.
- RDGC (Rockingham and Districts Garden Club) – Request for a quest speaker for Thursday 13 April 2023.

Correspondence Out to:

- Minutes of Meeting 14 February published on web site

Discussions and Outcomes by Email:

- WACS Roster for the Fair
- RDGC (Rockingham and Districts Garden Club) – Request for a quest speaker for Thursday 13 April 2023. Michael Drake-Brockman assigned this task.
- WACS – March newsletter
- WACS - Meeting/Events Update April/May 2023

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