Northern Virginia Chapter Azalea Society of America Meeting October 17, 2010

Members Present: Rick Bauer, Carole McElvain, Lee McElvain, Rod Hoioos, Mary Hoioos, Paul Beck, Carolyn Beck, Lars Larson, Francas Louer, Phil Louer Mallrey Martin, Larry Martin, Virginia Burd, Sam Burd, Barry Sperling, Dave Nanney Dan Krabill Jane Newman.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rick Bauer at 2:05 PM. Until that time we were eating, socializing and looking at the inviting plants to be exchanged.

Old Business:

\$1100 was made at our plant sale held in September at Merrifield Nursery.

A special Thank You was given to Carolyn & Paul Beck and all those who gave so much time to make the sale a success.

A blue jacket left at Merrifield Nursery is available to claim.

December 5 is the next meeting date. This will be a Holiday Social event. We will elect officers and the treasurer will give the year end Treasurers Report.

New Business:

Rick gave a report on the response to the survey made available at the sale. Rating high was the socializing, learning, plant exchanges and also visiting member gardens.

Barry Sperling has offered to take on the job of doing "The Azalea Clipper" We thanked Francas & Phil Lauer for their many years in doing this publication.

Barry asked for people to share information with him including a new feature" Come and Get It" – a way to have people tell their plant needs or there extras to share.

Rick Bauer ask if anyone has leads for speakers to share this with the officers.

Officer job descriptions have been sent out via E-Mail.

One member ask for a copy of the By-Laws. Rick said we are waiting on National approval of the new by-laws, but they are available on-line.

Rick Bauer gave an interesting talk and slide program on Pete Vines' "The Holly Springs Hybrids".

Many of the slides were photographs by Carolyn Beck.

There was an interesting input from members as several had known Pete Vines personally. The name Holly Springs comes from the name of a town in Mississippi. Barry may have some catalogues of these azaleas.

The Azaleas were beautiful to look at and we thank Rick for the program.

The meeting closed at 3:10PM

The plant exchange took place along with socializing and eating.

Mary Haron Submitted by Mary Hoioos