

Minutes – December 15, 2013, Meeting of the Northern Virginia Azalea Society of America

Meeting called to order at 3 p.m., by Rick Bauer, President.

- Welcome to all attending
- Thanks to Lars and Jean Larson for opening their home to the Chapter's Holiday party and meeting.
- Financial Report provided by Treasurer, Paul Beck as follows: Balance as of January 1, 2013: \$20,168.78; Balance as of December 15, 2013: \$24,208.75. December balance does not include \$2,500, which is seed money put aside for 2016 joint ASA/ARS Convention in Williamsburg. Net 2013 plant sale revenues \$6,359.58. Details available on NV ASA Chapter website.
- Budget Review provided by Treasurer, Paul Beck. Handout with Actuals and Budgets for 2012 and 2013 along with proposed 2014 Budget for comparison and easy review was available. Budget for 2014 similar to 2013 with some additions in the area of Administration:
 - \$300 - for equipment: Barcode reader, microphone & speakers. Barcode reader proposed is at lower cost end and will be tested at NV plant sales to determine possible use at 2016 convention. Microphone & speakers are necessary to support guest speakers when items are not available at meeting facilities.
 - \$125 – for tables to support plant sales.
 - \$100 – for Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate to allow credit card acceptance on website.
 - \$200 – to be used to support new membership, such as advertisement, possible reduced membership for students, and other approaches to be researched and/or defined.
- Discussion on Credit Card fees. Currently, Square (squareup.com) Program being used with a flat-rate of 2.75 percent when used. No additional fees/costs when not used.

- New expense item, not contained in provided 2014 Budget -- \$500 to fund materials for propagation of plants for sale at the 2016 convention. Don Hyatt indicated that the \$2,500 seed money put aside was intended for expenses like this. No further action was taken regarding this proposed adjustment to the proposed 2014 Budget.
- **2014 Budget was approved as originally presented by Treasurer, Paul Beck. Details are available on NV Website.**
- Rick Bauer reviewed the recommendation made by the NV Executive Committee regarding the Chapter's annual donations:
 - That a total of \$5,000 be donated and that the Executive Committee have authority to decide how much is given to each of the following potential recipients:
 - Green Spring Title 1
 - Green Spring White Garden Intern and plant maintenance
 - Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) Intern for the azalea/boxwood collections
 - Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) Azalea Garden
 - **Donations were approved as follows: The Executive Committee has the discretion to donate up to \$5,000 to the four mentioned recipients: Green Spring Title 1; Green Spring White Garden Intern FONA – Intern; and NBG Azalea Garden.**
- **Slate of Officers for 2014 approved as follows:**
 - **President – Lars Larson**
 - **Vice President – Paul Davis**
 - **Treasurer – Paul Beck**
 - **Secretary – Susan Bauer**
- Our chapter's azalea propagation efforts for the 2016 Convention are being headed up by Carolyn Beck. Assistance is needed in selecting cultivars, taking/starting cuttings and growing the plants. (Goal is 2,000 four-inch plants.) **Carolyn would like to commence discussion/planning efforts in January 2014. Request that folks interested and able to assist contact her.**

- Other related comments:
 - Barry Sperling has created a Facebook Page for NV Azalea Society Chapter.
 - 2016 Convention Website up and running, prepared by Don Hyatt.
 - Recommendation that local folks might work with the Green Spring White Garden Intern to share knowledge/information with Intern.
 - Ajit Thakur offered cuttings from two 35 year old R kaempferi, obtained from John Creech azalea plants, one red other pink.
- Meeting closed at 3:45 p.m.
- Attendees:
 - Rod and Mary Hoioos
 - Kay Jackson
 - Ajit Thakur
 - Lars and Jean Larson
 - Paul A. Davis
 - Patricia Gabaldoni
 - Don Hyatt
 - Rick and Susan Bauer
 - Carolyn and Paul Beck
 - Larry and Milbrey Martin
 - Barry Sperling
 - Barbara and Dan Krabill
 - Diane Marcus

Susan Bauer

Secretary, Northern Virginia Chapter, ASA