

**Great Lakes District  
American Rose Society**

**Minutes of the Fall Planning Meeting of November 7, 2015**

**Secretary Kathleen Sibó called the role:**

District Director Duane DeDene	Present
President Jim Holtrop	Present
Vice President Teri Weese	Present
Treasurer Diane Bennett	Present
Secretary Kathleen Sibó	Present
Prizes and Awards Teri Weese	Present
Horticultural Judges Roman Kwarcinski	Present
Arrangement Judges Jean Bradley	Present
Old Garden Shrubs Frank Von Koss	Absent
Roses in Review Diane Bennett	Present
Historian Jackie Steinert	Absent
GLD Web Site Clint Bremer	Absent
Review Editor Sarah Hanifi	Present
Review Publisher Bill Blok	Present
District Directory Sarah Hanifi	Present
Membership Joyce Latta	Present
Consulting Rosarians Rose Enders	Present
Cherry Capital Rose Society	Absent
Detroit Rose Society	Present
Grand Valley Rose Society	Present
Greater Lansing Rose Society	Present
Grosse Pointe Rose Society	Present

Huron Valley Rose Society	Present
Kalamazoo Rose Society	Present
Metropolitan Rose Society	Absent
Northeast Michigan Rosarians	Present
Saginaw Rose & Garden Club	Present
Southwest Michigan Celebration of Roses	Present
Thumb Rose Society	Present

District Director Duane DeDene declared that we had a quorum. There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 15, 2014 and September 19, 2015. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### **District Director's Report**

Duane sent a list around to update everyone's email addresses. He stated that Roman Kwarcinski is now the Horticultural Judge Chair, and Joyce Latta is the Membership Chair. Duane thanked everyone in their various positions for helping him while he was District President for six years. He said he would send out a new officer list later on.

### **President's Report**

Jim Holtrop discussed how hard it has been to get new members. He encouraged us all to keep trying to bring in new members to our societies.

### **Vice President's Report**

Previous Vice President Bill LeVasseur reported that he has sold his house and would shortly be moving to Jacksonville, Florida. Current Vice President Teri Weese reported that Kalamazoo paid the district \$240 for the district fee and an additional \$60 donation from the fall rose show and convention.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Diane Bennett passed out report sheets showing financial activity since her Sept. 18, 2015 report, all transactions for 2015, and a district financial summary for 2006 to 2015. From September 18 to November 7 the Great Lakes District had \$330.25 in income and \$358.10 in expenditures for an ending balance of \$3,060.42.

A motion was made and approved for the Kalamazoo Rose Society to keep the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle.

### **Secretary's Report**

Kathleen Sibbald asked that attendees give her updates for their addresses and email addresses.

### **Prizes and Awards Report**

They are trying to get everything shifted over to Teri Weese. The question also came up of when we should present a 2014 silver medal to Diane Schrift. Someone suggested that maybe we could ask her husband to help arrange it.

### **Consulting Rosarians' Report**

Rose Enders reported that every consulting rosarian has been approved through 2017. She will wait to send the reports to the ARS until late March 2016. Rose sends the letters of certification to the CRs. She needs documentation for who will be chosen as the exceptional consulting rosarian. Karen Barnes was awarded it previously.

### **District Directory Report**

Sarah Hanifi reported that Duane DeDene had sent some ideas to her previously. However, she still needs updated information from each society to put into the directory. Teri Weese asked if the directory will be available on the internet or other electronic media. Rose Enders said that it would be available on the ARS web site, the Members Only section.

### **Horticultural Judges' Report**

Roman Kwarcinski reported that all but two annual reports had been submitted from the horticultural judges. Joyce Latta asked if there will be an updated list of judges by the end of the year.

Bill Blok told us that the Grand Valley Rose Society works with Meijer Gardens. They asked for June 18 2016, but Meijer had already rented the building. They are having the show the last weekend in June (June 25-26) instead. They don't know if they will be doing a fall show. Meijer wants them to double the number of roses in their show.

Joyce Latta said that SWMCR is thinking of the third Saturday in September for their show. They don't want to conflict with Grand Valley and the District. They are only planning on a fall show and no spring show for 2016.

### **Arrangement Judges' Report**

Bill Blok said there were mistakes in the District show results from the fall show and there were no arrangement results at all. We should get a complete list. Rose Enders said that we need to report to the ARS including the theme for arrangements. Barry Crassweller complained that they couldn't get the ARS to look at the results within seven days of the show. Bill Blok said that problems arose from having to tear down the Fall show so quickly. The Challenge awards didn't get recorded. There was a question about where to report to the ARS since there are two site forms for the ARS and Bob Martin, plus the Arrangement chairperson. The answer was to go to the ARS site, the Members Only section. On the left

side of the screen scroll down to "show forms" or "report forms". This is also how you find the CR forms.

There was a comment that Karen Schmidt from Traverse City doesn't respond to emails sent to her. There was a suggestion that we should ask her to be in the ARS newsletter group.

Someone announced that Bay City would be holding its 2016 show on June 25.

### **Old Garden Roses and Shrubs Report**

Jim Holtrop reported that Frank VonKoss couldn't do this anymore. Duane DeDene said he would talk to Paul Banish about taking it over.

### **Roses in Review Report**

Diane Bennett told us that she wants to stop doing this and needs to be replaced. She said the Review will be sent out later. Jim Holtrop said that we should give some to libraries. Each society should let Diane know if we want extra copies.

### **Membership Report**

Joyce Latta is the new chairperson.

### **Old Business Report**

Joyce Latta reported on the current plans for the Spring Conference. It will be held April 16, 2016 at the Bronson Athletic Club which holds 100 people. They plan to have four speakers: Dr. Andy Platz for rotation of chemicals to avoid creating resistance in target insects, Dr. Jim Hering for new miniature and miniflora varieties and judging them, Jon Wier for growing, showing and judging old garden roses, and Dr. Dave Smitley the entomologist for imidacloprid, rosette disease, mites, midges, oriental garden beetles, and rose sawflies. They are still negotiating with Peter Kukielski for a lecture on growing roses without chemicals and the Kordes family of roses. He may also sell his book and do book signings. They are planning on having box lunches available which are less expensive and may help draw more people to the conference.

Jim Holtrop told us that MSU just put out a handbook on bees.

We discussed fees and how to recoup expenses. Currently \$5 per person goes to the District from each event. We were reminded that judges and consulting rosarians will earn credits for attending the lectures and business meeting. There was a motion made and passed that we will work with Joyce Latta and Jim Holtrop to set up the spring conference and work out the finances.

### **New Business Report**

The question was asked whether the District needs a website other than its Facebook page. Duane DeDene thinks that we need a real website because many people aren't on Facebook. Whatever we have, information from the societies needs to be sent to Clint Bremer to post.

Duane also thinks that the newsletter should be issued on a schedule such as spring or late winter, summer, and fall.

### **Membership**

Duane DeDene believes we should create a District membership recruiting book that would contain information on all our societies, ARS information, and rose care information. Each society could hand it out at their events. The booklet would also need links to the ARS and its members.

Duane wants Joyce Latta to get a list of previous ARS members who have dropped out. However, Rose Enders told him that only a district director can ask the ARS for a membership list.

Joyce Latta said that she would do the membership post for a year to see how it goes. She needs to know what each society offers members, and what they've tried for getting new members.

Roman Kwarcinski commented that people can get information online and don't have to go to meetings. Joyce said that up-to-date information is important and that the society newsletters are the major source of information.

Marilyn Whittaker added that people want someone to look at their roses.

Joyce Latta had questions for Duane about ARS insurance. There were problems paying for insurance for different locations. She has an insurance agent that gave their SWMCR a policy.

Joyce also told us that SWMCR will be selling bareroot Weeks roses. If any societies are interested, send them an email. Orders should be submitted by December 15, 2015. The roses will be delivered at the spring conference.

Joyce also informed us that Ball Seed has bought out Conard Pyle-Star Roses.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.