

**The Great Lakes District  
Of the American Rose Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Spring Meeting-Bad Axe  
April 9, 2011**

**Opening**

District Director Tom Kressbach called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

**Roll Call**

Ellie Kressbach for Secretary Teri Sutton called the Roll:

**DISTRICT OFFICERS Present:**

District Director	Tom Kressbach
President	Duane Dedene-No
Vice President	Bill LeVasseur
Treasurer	Diane Bennett
Secretary	Teri Sutton-No
Prizes & Awards	Barry Crassweller

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS Present:**

Horticultural Judges	Ellie Kressbach Jon Bradley
Arrangement Judges	Jean Bradley
Old Garden Rose	Frank Von Koss
Roses in Review	Diane Bennett
Program Development	Vacant
GLD Web site	Clint Bremer-No
Review Editor	Sarah Hanifi
Review Publisher	Bill Blok
District Directory	Sarah Hanifi
Membership	Lynne Hammill-No
Historian	Jackie Steinert
Consulting Rosarian Coordinator	Rose Enders

**LOCAL SOCIETIES REPRESENTED:**

Cherry Capital -No  
Detroit - Yes  
Grand Valley - Yes  
Greater Lansing - Yes  
Grosse Pointe - Yes  
Huron Valley - Yes  
Kalamazoo - No  
Metropolitan - Yes

Northeastern - Yes  
Saginaw Rose & Garden - Yes  
Thumb - Yes

Ellie reported 20 were present with 15 necessary for a quorum.

### **Approval of November 7, 2010 Minutes.**

On motion, the November 7, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Old Business - (see new business below).**

### **District Officer Reports**

#### **District Director** – Tom Kressbach

Tom thanked the Thumb Rose Society for their good work and hospitality in hosting this well attended conference. The programs were excellent and this gathering is just what we rosarians need at this time of year. Tom told of ARS Board approval for Jeff Ware, current ARS Executive Director, becoming the ARS Director of Development once the position of Executive Director is filled...this decision came as Jeff had asked for the change in responsibility and desires to step down from his current job. Money and funding from the Endowment Trust will pay for this new position.

#### **President** – Duane DeDene

See new business topics below.

#### **Vice President** – Bill LeVassuer

Looking for hosts for future Rose Shows & Conventions.  
Spring Convention 2012, Fall Show & Convention-2012, Spring Convention-2013  
Any local society interested in hosting or co-hosting, please contact Bill.

#### **Treasurer** – Diane Bennett

Ending balance as of September 17, 2010 was \$2,912.13. Detailed income and expenses were presented on her hand-out. Highlights include: Fall convention income of \$144 for district fee of \$3 per person with 48 attendees, Great Lakes Review publication expense of \$280.81 and paid ARS memorials for Joe Enders and Frank Bernadella. Ending balance as of April 8, 2011 is \$3,079.34. Diane also included detailed 2010-11 income and expenses, along with a current 10 year summary.

There were no corrections or additions to the financial report. MOTION passed to accept the financial report.

No Report

**Prizes and Awards** – Barry Crassweller

Barry reviewed Committee discussions and advised that the Prizes & Awards committee has considered doing away with all trophies and just giving ARS certificates or District certificates. In the past, some family members were upset when a trophy they sponsored was lost or discontinued so P&A would attempt to contact donors of trophies as a courtesy to the family that donated it, otherwise these trophies could be donated for reuse by removing the name plates.

Motion was made and supported to recommend that the Prizes & Awards committee eliminate all trophies beginning Fall 2012. Following discussion, it was asked if Prizes & Awards could select a limited number (e.g. five or eight) classes for which trophies could be continued, and to also select the best trophies that could be used for those classes. The remaining trophies could then be discontinued. District Director Kressbach asked Barry & Prizes & Awards to review this alternative and to make a recommendation at the November Planning meeting.

Barry suggested that all trophies be brought to the Fall Rose Show in Lansing for final distribution at the November Planning meeting.

Barry also suggested having only one Prizes & Awards meeting per year in the spring, in the event that the District Fall Rose Show is structured as a one day only activity.

**Horticultural Judges** – Jon Bradley, Ellie Kressbach

We have 24 active judges.

Judging School will be held in conjunction with the Top Gun/Buckeye District meeting, July 16-17 at Delaware, OH. So far, 2 candidates from GLD have applied to attend, and we hope there will be 2-3 more. The GLD will help with the Region 4 School.

**Arrangements Judge**– Jean Bradley

There are 4 active arrangement judges in Michigan. The district needs to train more. Plans are being made for an Arrangement School in Toledo the end of July.

**Old Garden Roses** – Frank Von Koss

Frank was disappointed so few responded to his OGR quizzes in the Great Lakes Review. Jackie Steinert won the Howard Walters book and another for her correct answers to the quizzes.

**Roses In Review** – Diane Bennett

The new 2011 Roses in Review booklet includes 36 reporters and 340 reports. Results were sent to all GLD Review subscribers. The new Roses in Review list of varieties will be in the upcoming June/July ARS magazine. Send in a report(s) to help with the RIR evaluations. ARS will send paper copies of newer varieties if there are any after publication.

**Great Lakes District Web Site** – Clint Bremer

No report.

**Great Lakes District Review Editor** – Sarah Hanifi

Asking for updates and articles. Sarah has been editor for the last 10 years. Thank-you Sarah! Deadline for next review is Nov. 16.

**District Directory Editor** – Sarah Hanifi

Information is on the computer but not printed at this time, so changes can still be made. Get updates to Sarah ASAP.

**Membership** – Lynn Hammill

No report.

**Historian** – Jackie Steinert

No report.

**Consulting Rosarian Coordinator** – Rose Enders

Rose passed out CR Materials on CR Information from Mary Peterson, ARS CR Chair.

She emphasized these reminders;

1. For CR credit for speakers, Rose must send the information to ARS Chair ahead of time so give plenty of notice if want CR credit for a meeting.
2. Some CRs are in need of credits, Rose will send cards to those individuals.
3. Nominations for Master CR are due May 1<sup>st</sup>, one must be a CR for 10 years before can apply. Mary Peterson must approve applications.
4. There will be a Region 4 CR School in Ohio, date to be announced.

**New Business**

1. Bylaw Amendment Vote

District Director Kressbach reviewed the proposed Bylaw amendment on quorum.

It was moved and seconded that Article VI. Section 3, Quorum, of the District Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“ C. For purposes of determining a quorum for Special Board Meetings, or Spring and Fall Meetings, the District Director, and the elected Officers of the District and the appointed Chairs

of Standing Committees may be additionally counted, if necessary, as the designated representative(s) of their local society. Any such persons who counted twice for quorum purposes, shall have only one vote on Board business meeting matters.”

Bylaw Amendment **unanimously adopted**.

## 2. ARS Fund Raising Drive

Each District has been asked to contribute \$1,000 to ARS by the end of May. Each local society has been asked to voluntarily donate to the ARS One Hundred Grand Campaign. The goal for local society contributions to this campaign is \$2,640 for the Great Lakes societies (approximately \$10 per ARS member in the Great Lakes.

Tom discussed the financial changes taking place at ARS due to the drop in Membership and other income. ARS got a line of credit to cover urgent matters, and structural budget changes have been made at ARS. They changed magazine publishers, at an annual cost savings of \$28,000. Headquarters has laid off & reduced personnel at a cost reduction of about \$70,000. Of the 18 Districts, 10 have made their \$1,000 contributions. Two of our local societies have made donations to the GLD to help the District meet the requested ARS contribution, and to also help in the voluntary local society contribution to the 100 Grand Campaign. Tom thanked the Kalamazoo Rose Society and The Cherry Capital Rose Society for their generous contributions for this purpose. He also thanked George Hartley, Tom & Ellie Kressbach, Duane Dedene & Tim Nawrocki for their private contributions to help the GLD meet the requested \$1,000 contribution.

Discussion followed on how the District could help to meet the ARS requested contribution.

It was moved by Chuck Leibrand that the District (from its treasury) match all donations from local societies and individuals up to \$500. **Motion adopted**. Tom plans to list the names of those local societies and individuals who contribute to the ARS fund raising requests in a letter to ARS. Any donations over the \$1,000 amount will be credited to the local society donations from our District to ARS.

3. Fall Rose Show – Diane invited all to attend the Fall District Rose Show & Luncheon on September 17, 2011 at the MSU Soil & Sciences Building in East Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellie Kressbach

