

**The Great Lakes District
Of the American Rose Society
Meeting Minutes
Spring Planning Meeting
April 17, 2010**

Opening

President Duane DeDene called the meeting to order at 3:40PM.

Roll Call

Secretary Teri Sutton called the Roll:

DISTRICT OFFICERS Present:

District Director	Tom Kressbach
President	Duane DeDene
Vice President	Bill LeVasseur
Treasurer	Diane Bennett
Secretary	Teri Sutton
Prizes & Awards	Barry Crassweller

COMMITTEE CHAIRS Present:

Horticultural Judges	Jon Bradley Ellie Kressbach
Arrangement Judge	Jean Bradley
Old Garden Rose	
Roses in Review	Diane Bennett
Program Development	
GLD Web site	
Review Editor	Sarah Hanifi
Review Publisher	Bill Blok
District Directory	Sarah Hanifi
Membership	
Historian	Jackie Steinert
Consulting Rosarian Coordinator	Rose Enders

LOCAL SOCIETIES REPRESENTED:

Cherry Capital - No
Detroit - Yes
Grand Valley - Yes

Greater Lansing - Yes
Grosse Pointe - No
Huron Valley - No
Kalamazoo Yes
Metropolitan - Yes

Northeastern Yes
Saginaw Rose & Garden - Yes
Thumb Yes

Teri reported 21 were present with 16 necessary for a quorum.

Corrections to the September 6, 2009 Minutes

There were no corrections. MOTION to approve the minutes, passed.

Old Business

None

District Officer Reports

District Director – Tom Kressbach

Thank-you to Kalamazoo for hosting a successful conference. Tom recognized Jim Hering attending today's conference. Both are going to Shreveport to attend the ARS Spring National Conference and Rose Show.

Upcoming local rose shows: June 5 - Toledo; June 12 - Detroit; June 18 - Kalamazoo; June 19 - Metropolitan & Grand Valley. Jim Hering is hosting a July 10th Top Gun meeting. National ARS Miniature Conference and Rose Show - August 20-22 in Milwaukee. Great Lakes District Fall Convention & Rose Show - September 18-19 in Troy at the Summerset Inn. The last major event this year is the ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show - October 7-11 in Atlanta. Tom urged members to take advantage of these learning opportunities.

Tom recognized patrons listed in today's hand-outs, honoring members and helping the district. He also reminded local societies to consider giving to the ARS patron program and to take advantage of the free trial ARS memberships for new society members.

Regional Director – Jim Hering

No report.

President – Duane DeDene
See new business topics below.

Vice President – Bill LeVassuer
No Report.

Secretary – Teri Sutton
No Report.

Treasurer – Diane Bennett

Distributed the current financial statement, including a detailed summary for 2009 and 10 year history. Beginning balance as of 9/4/2009 was \$2,839.60 and ending balance as of 4/16/2010 is \$2,598.18. Three expenses reported today were approved.

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

Prizes and Awards – Barry Crassweller

Prizes and Awards committee members met, discussed trophies and reviewing which trophies are in use. Meijer Gardens is asking to keep trophies, retired and given by sponsors. Trophies are not as popular with rose growers. This may mean some categories in rose shows will be dropped. Are any of those trophies already in the Detroit show schedule? Lynne will follow-up.

Horticultural Judges – Jon Bradley, Ellie Kressbach

Received list of 30 judges, 2 are in ill health, and Henry Rankin is retiring.
Last week-end, Ohio hosted a judging audit giving attendees credit through 2011.

If there is interest in becoming a judge, one must become an apprentice, be an ARS member for 3 years, personally grow roses for 5 years, know characteristics of roses. Must have exhibited roses, won ribbons...most have rose exhibiting experience. Judging schools only occur every 5 or 6 years. Recommends people interested to buy the guidelines for judging.

Ohio may host a judging school this summer. Jim will let Ellie know.

Jon Bradley urges judges to cover the shows.

Arrangements Judge– Jean Bradley

Has been receiving and approving arrangement programs from local societies.

Roses In Review – Diane Bennett

Will be on the ARS website in June/July. Get in your submissions this fall. Tri-ennial, submissions...thanks to everyone who submitted.

Program Development –
No report.

Great Lakes District Web Site – Clint

Updated regularly.

Great Lakes District Review Editor – Sarah Hanifi

District Directory Editor – Sarah Hanifi

2010 directories are available, \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

Membership – No report.

Bill Blok - brought his mailing list... 80 / 24 inactive. 4 go to ARS dignitaries....52 subscribers...16 email only...going up making progress. \$5 bargain email issue. 36 snail mail copies. If you were paid as of Jan, you aren't due until Dec.

Historian – Jackie Steinert

No report.

Consulting Rosarian Coordinator – Rose Enders

We have a new national CR coordinator as of January. New procedures, including a new form, must be followed to gain CR credit approval for speakers. Kalamazoo will need to resubmit credentials for speakers at today's spring conference. (Follow-up note: Speakers were approved

granting all attending CRs 3 credits.)

Rose thanked CRs who responded with reports. 2 no responses.

Old Business

Future number of district meetings and locations. Bill will chair a committee to consider reducing district meetings to once a year, possibly at a central location. This option needs to be studied before changes are made. To volunteer, see Bill or Duane after the meeting.

Bylaws don't require a fall rose show annually. Some local societies are already reducing the number of shows. Recommendations for which trophies to use should be proposed and decided by this board.

New Business

ARS has not been to a local show in Michigan for many years. ARS needs to come to the GLD. Jim Hering urged Grand Valley to consider hosting an all miniature convention which lasts 3 days and requires less resources. Current conventions are scheduled through 2011, but open for 2012.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting – MOTION PASSED – meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.