

**The Great Lakes District  
Of the American Rose Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Fall Planning / Business Meeting at East Lansing  
November 11,2012**

**Opening**

President Duane DeDene called the meeting to order at 10:54 AM.

**Roll Call**

President Duane Dedene Sutton called the Roll:

**DISTRICT OFFICERS Present:**

District Director	Tom Kressbach
President	Duane DeDene
Vice President	Bill LeVasseur
Treasurer	Diane Bennett
Secretary	
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
GLD Web site	Clint Bremer not present
Review Editor	Sarah Hanifi
Review Publisher	Bill Blok not present
District Directory	Sarah Hanifi
Membership	Lynne Hammill
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

Duane reported a quorum present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion, the Minutes of March 17, 2012 were approved as published.

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

#### **District Awards presentation: (due to no fall convention where usually given out)**

**Consulting Rosarian Award** - Rose Enders presented the District Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award for 2012 to Jackie Steinert. She will receive the new certificate when it arrives.

**Silver Honor Medal** - Barry Crassweller and Tom Kressbach presented the 2012 Great Lakes Silver Honor Medal to Jean Bradley.

**Davis Larsen and Ruth Esler Awards** - to be presented at the Spring Convention.

**Outstanding Judge Award** - No award this year.

### **District Officer Reports**

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

In September, Tom and Ellie attended the ARS Convention and Rose Show in San Ramon, CA. Installation of ARS Officers Jolene Adams as President and Pat Shanley as Vice President took place as well as the installation of all the District Directors for 2012-2015, At the business meeting, our Regional Director, Jim Hering was re-elected to the ARS Executive Committee. Tom was re-elected to the ARS Finance and Audit Committee. Jolene asked Tom to be the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Tom reported that ARS is ending the year in good financial shape. The 2013 budget adopted was less than that for 2012 budget partly due to the drop in membership. The current ARS membership is at 8700. A fund raising drive and a decrease in ARS staff and magazine publishing expense resulted in a positive net income for 2011. B.J.Harrington is now working on endowment giving.

The ARS Board will meet in Nashville, TN in March 2013.

The 2013 ARS National Mini Rose Show will be in Winston-Salem, NC, September 20-21,

There will be no spring or fall rose shows and conventions as there was no host available.

In 2014, San Diego, CA will host the National Show and Convention.  
Tom expressed concerns about filling any vacant leadership positions for the District. Anyone interested should contact him.

**President** - Duane Dedene

Thank you to all those present today. And Thank you to our Veterans, especially Bill LeVasseur, in honor of Veteran's Day today.

Duane attended the ARS Mini-National Show and Conference in Columbus, OH in July. He exhibited roses and is proud to report having won blue, red, and honorable mention ribbons.

**Vice President** -Bill LeVasseur

No report

**Secretary** - No report.

**Treasurer** - Dianne Bennett

Diane presented the Financial Report ending November 11, 2012 with a balance of \$2,860.58. She also included financial transactions for 2012 and a income/expense statement summary for years 2000 through 2012. Discussion followed. On motion the financial report was approved as presented.

**Prizes and Awards** - Barry Crassweller

Barry's 3 year term as chair is completed and he is not eligible for re-election. Lynn Hammill will take over as the P&A Chairman. Each society should let Lynn know who is their P&A representative.

**Horticultural Judges** - Jon Bradley and Ellie Kressbach

Judges annual reports were due November 1. George Hartley has requested emeritus status and we will present his certificate at a later date. Erv Ignash has requested "inactive status" due to health concerns. Andrea Maceri has moved from the District (now in Atlanta, GA area)

No outstanding judge award will be presented this year.

We have 25 ARS judges in the District including 3 apprentices-Janice Allen, Gail Kaplenski, and Mickie Leibrand. John Kelbel is now a certified Horticulture Judge, having successfully completed his apprentice judging. Please remember to ask the apprentice judges to judge your local shows and they , in turn, can ask if they can judge.

**Arrangements Judge** - Jean Bradley

Jean reports there are only 4 arrangement judges in the GLD with Andrea Maceri's move to Georgia.

**Old Garden Roses & Shrubs - Frank von Koss**

No report.

**Roses in Review - Diane Bennett**

RIR reports were filed by 36 rosarians on 184 roses, down from 287 reports last year. Diane reported one can get the RIR results on-line even if not an ARS member.

Diane will include other District's results in the RIR reports.

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

Clint was not present but he advised that he needs updated lists of officers, show dates, etc., to be posted on the website.

Motion made and passed with 2 opposed to pay Cliint \$75 for web-site work etc.

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

Send articles to Sarah for December publication of the GLD Review.

**District Directory Editor - Sarah Hanifi**

For the 2013 Directory, Sarah requests each society send their list of officers, rose show dates, and local monthly meeting date and place info to be listed in the Directory. She would like to print the updated directory for Spring 2013.

**Membership - Lynn Hammill**

Lynn reported on conditions at the ARS Gardens when they visited Shreveport, LA in late spring. She continues to look for new ways to increase membership.

**Historian - Jackie Steinert**

The info will be available for the April convention meeting.

**Consulting Rosarian Coordinator - Rose Enders**

Rose is working with the new CR Chairman, Cindy Dale from GA. The new CR manual has been approved and can be downloaded from the website or ordered from ARS for \$10.00.

CR's do need to do a RIR report annually or they will be dropped from the CR program. Current RIR participation is a must for CR's.

Four credits are needed per year to retain CR status. Credits can be earned by presenting a program, working with a nursery, any activities involving roses, etc. If you view videos or DVD's available on ARS website, they can be listed on CR reports. Rose needs documentation for activities for giving credits to CR's. CR reports are due Feb.1st.

**Old Business**

The 2013 Spring Convention will be hosted by the Saginaw Rose and Garden Club on April 26-

27,at the Sheraton Four Points, Saginaw. Dr. Jim Hering will be one of the guest speakers talking about minis and minifloras. Guest speaker will be announced at a later date. Registration will be \$45.00 per person or \$80.00 per couple.

The District needs hosts for a GLD convention for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. Hopefully, one of our societies will offer to host an event.

Trophies are stored with the Lansing Rose Group so that is something to consider if we do not have a show in 2013.

### **New Business**

Election of Officers - The Nominating Committee ( Jon Bradley, Frank vonKoss, and Rose Enders, chair) presented the following slate for District Officers:

President-Duane Dedene, Vice President-Bill LeVasseur, Treasurer- Diane Bennett. Following discussion those present, Kathleen Sibb offered to fill the position of Secretary. Lynn Hammill agreed to change from Membership Chair to Prizes & Awards Chair. Jean Bradley said she would continue as Arrangements Chair until the District can come up with someone, or maybe we can work out an arrangement with the Buckeye District to assist us.

It was moved, supported and unanimously adopted that the following individuals be elected to these three year terms (2012-2015):

Duane Dedene - President

Bill LeVasseur - Vice President

Diane Bennett - Treasurer

Kathleen Sibb - Secretary

Lynn Hammill - Prizes & Awards/National Nominating Representative

Conventions - No Societies have offered to host a fall 2013 meeting and rose show. President Dedene asked if we should continue to try for a one day Fall meeting and rose show. It was the consensus of those present that it would be better to concentrate on a Spring conference with educational programs and CR and Judging credits. District Director Kressbach requested Rose Enders to ask the Grand Valley Rose Society if they would consider hosting a Spring 2014 conference. It was suggested that we consider a program on Rose Rosette Disease for a future spring conference.

There was discussion about making a GLDistrict contribution to ARS and how our District contributions to ARS are at the lower end of the scale on a per member basis. It was moved and supported to send a \$200 patron donation to ARS in early 2013 for general operations. Motion adopted following vote: 11-yes, 2-no.

### **Adjournment**

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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Respectively submitted: EllieKressbach,  
Kathleen Sibó