

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE VERDE VALLEY AREA IRIS SOCIETY HELD
OCTOBER 29, 2008, AT THE COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING,
COTTONWOOD, AZ**

Present: Linda Smith, President

Devon Artrip, acting Secretary

Members present: 14

Guests present: 1

The President declared the meeting open at 5:30PM and welcomed everyone. Guest and Members introduced themselves.

Old Business: Minutes from the August meeting that were sent via e-mail or hard copy where needed, were referred to. The President requested a motion to accept the minutes; Sandy Kelleher made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Betty Gaudy, and passed unanimously with the members. **Sandy Kelleher** reminded people to check their pin location on the member map resident location bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report: Charts presented to show how Society funds are being utilized and tracked. Ten new members recruited at rhizome sale. Exact balance unavailable as Treasure was not present, but the Society funds were in the black with approximately \$1200 in bank account to the best of President memory. All bills paid.

New Business:

Brief discussion of upcoming Spring Trek and attendance was held. **Jane McGraw** volunteered to chair our part in Spring Trek.

Discussed quality of rhizomes from Region 15 and how we could help club responsible for distribution in coming year.

Definition of side orders; members were asked to look for places in the community that iris could be planted and side order sales could be placed.

Need volunteers to sell iris at Farmers Market locations in Cottonwood, Camp Verde and/or the Cornville Farmers Market. Potted irises are needed for future sales; request donation of containers (like 1 gal plastic planter pots) to Society. Tentative date for next rhizome sale scheduled for Labor Day. Also, sale of container plants during the spring bloom season recommended.

Binders set up for signing of service needs for 2009 VAIS duties.

Slate of Officers: The president announced the vacancy for the Vice President seat and asked for volunteers for the position. Devon Artrip was presented as the acting Secretary and as being on the slate for the Secretary seat. A motion by Nora Graf was made for Devon to be Secretary for 2009, and was seconded by Jane McGraw, and passed unanimously by the members.

National Convention: AIS National Convention to be held in Kansas City MO this May. Attendance

encouraged strengthening networking between VAIS and AIS members.

AIS Website: VAIS recently added to Region 15 websites. Link: http://region15ais.org/verde_ais/

Presentations: Discussed the possibilities of future presenters at VAIS meetings and budget needs for outside speakers.

VAIS Bylaws: Discussed amending bylaws for membership categories. A vote to pay board member dues for AIS and discounting member dues for all members who join AIS as well as VAIS; motion to accept change made by Mary Wagner, which was seconded by Nora Graf and passed unanimously by members.

Iris Varieties: The President made a presentation discussing varieties and various characteristics of iris and their definitions. For fun, the President dressed as reverse amoena space age iris in honor of Halloween. The President asked for volunteers to present historical iris and varieties of pink iris at a future meeting.

Pest Control: Members discussed various methods for eliminating grasshoppers in gardens.

Iris Growing: Members discussed pros and cons of cutting iris fans and the differences of growing iris in various micro climates of the Verde Valley. Discussion of transplanting; whether to cut roots or not.

Raffle: A raffle was chaired by **Mary Wagner** and held as finale of the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE PRESIDENT DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:00 P.M.

*Correction to minutes: Binders for Service Work established and displayed for members.

Submitted by Devon Artrip (acting secretary)

Edited by President: Linda Smith