

VAIS Minutes for 10/28/09
Verde Valley Area Iris Society

Place: Cottonwood Public Safety Building, Cottonwood, AZ
Linda Smith, President called meeting to order at 5:30 with Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed the 5 members present including, Nora, Janet, Janice, and Betty.

Approval of August 2009 minutes –Janice moved and Nora seconded. Passed.

Treasurer' s Report by Linda Smith: \$1573.26

New Business:

Linda shared info learned at Region 15 Fall 2009 Trek in Lompoc, CA.

Region 15 will be hosting AIS Nationals in Los Angeles in 2012. In 2010 the AIS National conference will be in Wisconsin end of May and in 2011 Vancouver, Canada.

We have a website on the Region 15 site. For direct link, type:
region15ais.org/Verde_ais

Old Business:

General Chair Positions open include: Iris Display, Verde Valley Fair, Iris Rhizome Sale, Reblooming, Newsletter editor, Membership. Janice Montgomery agreed to be Reblooming chair. The remaining tabled.

Labeling of iris-various ways of doing this. Linda continued to encourage everyone to label.

New Business:

Election of secretary nominee, Janet Regner. Motion by Janice M and 2nd by Nora-Vote unanimous. Election of VP nominee, Linda Smith, Motion by Janet, and 2nd by Janet-Vote unanimous. President and Treasurer position remain open.

Nora stated she now has blog up and running for Master Gardening Website and encouraged us to check it. Janice will have Linda as guest speaker at the newly created Verde Thumbs gardening group to promote membership for VAIS.

Discussion of places to display and grow irises in the Verde Valley. Places mentioned, Cottonwood Chamber, the Yavapai Verde College, nursing homes and Sr. Center. As well as various businesses in Verde area. VAIS is now a member of the chamber and Linda will promote businesses to grow iris. Pines Motel and Ad King have planted iris. The chamber site has agreed to provide space. Janice will check on Senior center.

Proposed VAIS hosting Region 15 Fall 2013 Trek. Normally these meetings are held for 1 day on a Saturday in the fall months. The Public Safety Building holds 164 people, which would easily accommodate more than enough space for normal attendance at these meetings. Also, Quality Inn was briefly discussed. The biggest expense would be food and the judges training, but this cost could be included in registration fee.

VAIS is in charge of labeling iris for the 2012 Nationals, and for counting votes for awards.

Program:

Ted couldn' t be at meeting, but Linda showed a demonstration of his mulcher & garden techniques. Review of iris terms with power point by Linda. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Janet K. Regner
Edited by Linda Smith.