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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

9 November 2010, 7.50 pm

Present: 36
Apologies: Lee, Tony & Mavis, Rita
Visitors: Esther, visiting from Singapore
New members: Nil
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (Neville, Trevor)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: The Financial Report was tabled by Sandra, and the current balance is $2,279.15 #2 A/c $1,810.86. (Graham, Ken)
Correspondence:
Inwards:
- City of Belmont - Confirmation of Hall bookings, Liquor permit.
- Various club Newsletters
Outwards:
- City of Belmont - dates requested for hall hire 2011, liquor permit,
- Certificate of Currency
Business Arising: Nil
General Business:
- It was suggested, as a club fundraiser, that we hold a second auction in 2011. April was thought to be probably the best month to do this.
- A big thank you to Gordon for graciously relinquishing the book Lowland Orchids of New Guinea for which he successfully bid at the auction last month. We had thought the book to already be in the library but discovered the copy we had was a much smaller (more a monograph) than the one auctioned. Our apologies to Gordon.
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- Mich needs confirmed orders at this meeting by members interested in purchasing the Stanhopea book by Rudolf Jenny.
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Cultural Award: A striking Phragmipedium caudatum exhibited by Maxine
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ABOUT US

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Following its discovery, large quantities were taken from the wild and imported into Europe by George Skinner and his successors. Some reports indicate that consignments of up to 100,000 plants were sold at auction in the late 19th century. It is little wonder therefore that it is no longer common in the wild, and for a time, was listed in Appendix 1 of CITES

While the line breeding in the later 19th and most of the 20th century was conducted by Santa Barbara Estate and Cal Orchids in California and Wylde Court Orchids in UK, the line breeding is now being done in Japan and some very superior forms are now available. Several colour forms exist including alba and some rarer forms including a pink form with an alba labellum. Oakley says that many of the Lycaste skinneri varietal epithets attributed in the period 1850-1950 are only horticultural cultivars not botanical varieties. However, more than 40 cultivars have been awarded by the RHS. This important species is present in many of the present show winning hybrids.

Lycaste skinneri var alba

Lycaste skinneri var rosea

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Thanks to Mich and Al for the social event at their home on New Year’s Day, and the delicious food. The afternoon timeslot worked well as the day that might otherwise have been unpleasantly warm had cooled down in the afternoon.
- If you haven’t ordered your new badge yet, please see Mich. The cost for badges with a magnetic clip is $13.50, and with pin is $11.50.
- Don’t forget the parking - please ensure that you park your car in the bitumen parking area whenever possible as it will avoid a fine!

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
9 November 2010, 7.50 pm

Present: 36
Apologies: Lee, Tony & Mavis, Rita
Visitors: Esther, visiting from Singapore
New members: Nil
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (Neville, Trevor)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: The Financial Report was tabled by Sandra, and the current balance is $2,279.15  #2 A/c $1,810.86. (Graham, Ken)
Correspondence:
Inwards:
- City of Belmont - Confirmation of Hall bookings, Liquor permit.
- Various club Newsletters
Outwards:
- City of Belmont - dates requested for hall hire 2011, liquor permit,
- Certificate of Currency
Business Arising: Nil
General Business:
- It was suggested, as a club fundraiser, that we hold a second auction in 2011. April was thought to be probably the best month to do this.
- A big thank you to Gordon for graciously relinquishing the book Lowland Orchids of New Guinea for which he successfully bid at the auction last month. We had thought the book to already be in the library but discovered the copy we had was a much smaller (more a monograph) than the one auctioned. Our apologies to Gordon.
- Members wishing to make purchases from the sales table are requested to make sure they have small notes to pay for their purchases, or to try to find change from other members. The Treasurer does not have the capacity to change multiple $50 notes.
- Mich needs confirmed orders at this meeting by members interested in purchasing the Stanhopea book by Rudolf Jenny.
- Ken reported that the problem with the printer was resolved by using only genuine printer cartridges. All now ok.
- Mich advised that the social day at her residence will be on 1st Jan from 4 pm. BYO drinks and chairs and a dessert to share, along with any flowering plants you may wish to show.
- Ken brought good news regarding the quarantined plants that were taken for testing of leaf markings. Apparently the bacteria is not a threat and all is again ok as far as bringing the new plants in and releasing plants that have been cleared by AQIS. He will need to recoup the extra costs of DNA testing and inspection from those who still have plants in the quarantine house.

Cultural Award: A striking Phragmipedium caudatum exhibited by Maxine
Raffle: Free raffle for all
Name Badge: John

ABOUT US

Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (exc January at Forster Park Hall, cnr of Abernethy Road and Keane Street, Cloverdale commencing 7.45 pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow members time to socialise and discuss orchids. All visitors are very welcome

Membership Fees
Family (1st year @ 2 badges) $31.00 renewal $15.00 (Badges with magnet fastening additional $4.00)
Single (1st year @ 1 badge) $21.50 Renewal $10.00. (Badge with magnet fastening additional $2.00)
New members who don’t live in Perth will not require name badges, therefore their membership will be at the renewal fee

Monthly Home Visit
On the weekend following the fourth Thursday of each month (generally on the Sunday morning), a home visit is held at a member’s home. This gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that our mutual interest provides, and to see how others go about growing their orchids.

Monthly Plant Display
Given that the prime objective of the Society is to promote the cultivation of species orchids, only species or natural hybrids are acceptable for display. Since we all may be uncertain about the identification of a plant from time to time, we encourage members to bring plants along about which they are unsure since someone may be able to identify them. There is no competition nor restriction on flower count, quality or length of ownership. We want members to be able to see species plants in flower. So even if your flowers are a bit past their best, bring them in as others may not have seen that species in flower.

Plant Sales
The Society provides an opportunity table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the Society to sell product from time to time. A commission of 10% is charged on all sales.

Plant Purchases
The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between $6.00 and $12.00. The Society makes a small profit on these sales which is invested in benefits to members. As it is always difficult to get new or different species, should members have 20 or more plants of one species which they feel might be suitable as a monthly plant, please contact a Committee member.

Raffle
The Society conducts a raffle each meeting and at home visits as a means of raising funds.

Plant Imports
The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris to co-operatively import species orchids.

Management
In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General meeting is held in May each year at which time the office-bearers and committee are elected. The majority of Committee members serve two year terms.
Peterskorner is now distributing a range of orchid products from Easy Orchids (Murray and Jean Shergold) and we are happy to take orders, and bring them to the Species Society monthly meeting.

Check out our catalogue at www.peterskorner.com, phone Peter or Shirley on the numbers shown, or e-mail peterskorner@iinet.net.au.