

Flint Hills Daylily Society

February 6, 2012

Minutes

- President Jim Parker called the meeting to open at 7:00 a.m.
- Steve Amy introduced guest speaker Chad Miller, KSU Horticulture Department. His topic was "Companion Plants for Daylilies"
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.
- The treasurer's report documents were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- There was some discussion concerning the Tax Exemption status for the club. Ruby Zabel is going to continue to explore this option for the club.

New Business:

- Steve Amy discussed the possibility of hosting a regional meeting three to four years out. Discussion followed around the whether to or not question. Straw poll of members suggested many in the club was interested. Steve will continue to investigate this possibility with the region.
- Discussion of updated motions for Hybridizer and Club participation drawings. These motions were distributed via email (attached). The motions convey essentially what the club has actually been doing, although some friendly amendments to the motions were proposed. Each motion was considered separately and passed on voice vote.
- Discussion regarding change in By-Laws to eliminate the dollar amounts. It was suggested that most of the dollar amounts in the By-Laws be removed and that, in lieu of that, we develop an annual budget.

Other Business:

- Frank Schmeidler asked club members to return hybridizer and participation plants at the June meeting.
- Ernie Minton distributed 2012 yearbooks. Marian Quinlan reported that her Presidential Daylily was reported incorrectly in the yearbook. The correct plant is Lightnin' in My Bloomers (Owen-P., 2010) That correction will be noted for the 2013 yearbook.

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Reports from individual committee chairs
- Webmaster: Ruby Zabel
- Manhattan Area Garden Show: Ernie Minton
- Mall Bloom Display: Karen Hawes
- Member's Gardens Tour: Kristin Mulready-Stone
- FHDS Farmers Market Sale: Ann Redmon, Irene Johnson, Ernie Minton, Pat Freeman
- Refreshments: Maureen Thien
- Stoneybrook Daylily Bed: Evelyn Lacey
- Membership & Mentor: Jo Lyle
- Media Specialist - Librarian: Marian Quinlan
- Reporter (MoKanOk): Ernie Minton
- Annual Banquet: Bobbie Kromm, Gary McKenzie
- Meetings and Programs: Steve Amy
- Scholarship: Jo Lyle

Drawing:

- Frank Schmeidler conducted the daylily drawing.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:12. Next meeting is Monday, April 16, 2012 Throckmorton 2002

Flint Hills Daylily Society

April 16, 2012

Minutes

- President Jim Parker called the meeting to open at 7:00 a.m.
- Jim Parker introduced Scott McElwain as guest speaker. Scott provided an update of the plans for the renovation of KSU gardens.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. The following sentence "Discussion of updated motions for Hybridizer and Club participation drawings. These motions were distributed via email (attached)" was amended to read "...will be distributed via email" ... and attached
- The treasurer's report documents were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- There was some discussion concerning the Tax Exemption status for the club. Steve Amy indicated he had contacted AHS, but had not received a response.
- Discussion of By-Laws amendments to remove most of the dollar amounts in the By-Laws and develop an annual budget was tabled until the June meeting for potential edit and first reading.
- FHDS hosting another regional meeting was discussed again. It was moved and seconded to propose to Region 11, July 4th weekend 2015. Frank Schmeidler, Chad Miller, Steve Amy, and Ann Redmon will serve on the organizing committee.

New Business:

- Steve Thien introduced Susan Schoenweis, K-State Research & Extension- Fort Riley, to talk about the Fort Riley Victory Garden. Susan talked about the garden and the possibility of donating daylilies to the Garden. Plants are to be dug, washed and sized appropriately for planting and delivered either to Steve Thien's or Susan Schoenweis house no later than Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Other Business:

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Reports from individual committee chairs
- Webmaster: Ruby Zabel
- Manhattan Area Garden Show: Ernie Minton. It was suggested to have bookmarks for next year to distribute at the Garden Show with the important club dates.
- Mall Bloom Display: Karen Hawes. Jim Parker reported Karen was making plans for the bloom display.
- Member's Gardens Tour: Kristin Mulready-Stone. Date has been rescheduled for June 23, 2012. Gardens are Thien's, Foster's, Marian Quinlan's, and Chris Renner's.
- FHDS Farmers Market Sale: Ann Redmon, Irene Johnson, Ernie Minton, Pat Freeman. It was moved and seconded to reimburse Ann Redmon for color ink to print pictures of donated daylilies for the sale.
- Refreshments: Maureen Thien. Chris Renner, Pat Freeman, Kathy Foster
- Stoneybrook Daylily Bed: Evelyn Lacey
- Membership & Mentor: Jo Lyle
- Media Specialist - Librarian: Marian Quinlan
- Reporter (MoKanOk): Ernie Minton
- Annual Banquet: Bobbie Kromm, Gary McKenzie
- Meetings and Programs: Steve Amy. Steve showed a presentation of club hybridizers seedling pictures.
- Scholarship: Jo Lyle

Drawing:

-Frank Schmeidler conducted the daylily drawing.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, June 4, 2012 Throckmorton 2002

Flint Hills Daylily Society

June 4, 2012

Minutes

- President Jim Parker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Frank Schmeidler distributed the criteria for the hybridizer award and asked people to check off what they have done.
- Jim Parker introduced Patti Waterman as guest speaker. Patti is a hybridizer from Central Missouri in rural Osage County. Patti presented her work in hybridizing.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. The time was changed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Susan Schoneweis' name had been misspelled and the spelling was corrected. Irene Johnson had reported at the April meeting that Evelyn Lacey had put down mulch and done other maintenance work at the Stoneybrook Daylily Bed, which was not included in the minutes.
- The treasurer's report documents were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

- Discussion of proposed changes to 2013 Constitution. Suggestion that if the club attains non-profit status and should disband, that any remaining funds be distributed among other clubs in Kansas that are 501 3(c) organizations. Further discussion tabled for August meeting.
- Further discussion of developing an annual budget. As part of the discussion, there was a motion to remove the \$400 amount for the drawings from the By-laws. According to our By-laws, we have a motion at one scheduled meeting and vote upon it at the next scheduled meeting. Will vote on this issue at the August meeting.

New Business:

- Jim Parker reminded the group that the regional is coming up and people need to register if they are going to do so.

Other Business:

Announcement: The Garden Tour is this Sunday, June 10, from 1-5 p.m.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Reports from individual committee chairs:

- Webmaster:** **Ruby Zabel**
- Manhattan Area Garden Show:** **Ernie Minton**
- Mall Bloom Display:** **Karen Hawes.** Bloom display will be July 7, 2012. We hand out 3,000 or more bookmarks at each show. Karen asked for members' opinion on three possible colors for this year's bookmark. Consensus to have some of each color. We need more people to sign up to work at the bloom display. We particularly need volunteers to help set out the blooms people bring. Please give Karen a list of new cultivars and names of blooms a week ahead of time that you think will be in bloom. Karen will make up the labels for blooms if people send her the names of blooms they will bring to the show. Karen also requested that people drop off old catalogs or give them to Ann or Karen ahead of time so people who want to know where to order daylilies can take old catalogs home. Kristin Mulready-Stone suggested that we draw up a list of hybridizer websites to hand out to people who want to know where they can order daylilies in lieu of distributing old catalogs. Finally, if members are willing to share a list of what they have in their gardens to sell to club members who want a particular plant, please send such a list to Karen.
- Member's Gardens Tour:** **Kristin Mulready-Stone.** We are scheduled for June 23, 2012 at 8 a.m. The tour will begin at the Fosters', then go on to the Thiens', then Chris Renner's, and end at Marian Quinlan's. Marian will not be at her house that day, but her daughter will likely be there to greet people.
- FHDS Farmers Market Sale:** **Ann Redmon, Irene Johnson, Ernie Minton, Pat Freeman.** The sale will be September 8.

- Refreshments:** **Maureen Thien.** Tonight's refreshments were provided by Maureen Thien, Jeanette Schuler, Sally Lee and Ruby Zabel.
- Stoneybrook Daylily Bed:** **Evelyn Lacey.** No report.
- Membership & Mentor:** **Jo Lyle.** No report.
- Media Specialist - Librarian:** **Marian Quinlan.** Marian has the labeler, but it is available if anyone wants to use it.
- Reporter (MoKanOk):** **Ernie Minton.** No report.
- Annual Banquet:** **Bobbie Kromm, Gary McKenzie.** It will be at the Manhattan Public Library on September 24.
- Meetings and Programs:** **Steve Amy.** Steve Thien asked if the club continues to consider Throckmorton a suitable meeting place. Gary McKenzie reported the Senior Center is available for FHDS meetings at no charge. The Congregationalist Church on Poyntz is also a possibility. Jane Amy suggested an ad-hoc committee to assess the possible locations. Jane Amy, Gary McKenzie, Bernie Schmidt volunteered to serve on that committee to change location of meetings for next year.
- Scholarship:** **Jo Lyle.** No report.
- Regional 2015 Committee – Jim Parker** heard back from Randall Barron. He accepted our offer to host the 2015 Regional.

Drawing:

-Frank Schmeidler conducted the daylily drawings.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, August 6, 2012 Throckmorton 2002

Flint Hills Daylily Society
August 6, 2012
Minutes

President Jim Parker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Meeting location was moved to the Manhattan Fire Station Auditorium, 2000 Denison Ave.

Jim began the meeting with greetings and welcome to new members.

Guest speaker was Bob Faulkner, hybridizer from Dayton, OH shared pictures of seedlings featuring patterns, eyes, and other focused elements of his hybridizing program.

Following break, resumed the business meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. The financial report was approved as distributed.

Tax exemption status was reported on by Steve Amy. It was decided that the it was worthwhile to continue existing the non-profit status of the club.

Changes in by-laws were discussed as a second reading to remove dollar amounts. Was also decided that if club disbanded, proceeds would be divided between K-State Gardens and Region 11 of American Hemerocalis Society.

Jane Amy reported on availability of Manhattan Senior Center. Cost will be \$50 for four hours. But, Jane cut a deal on plant donation in exchange for waiver of room fee. Club voted to move meetings next year to Senior Center.

No old business items were discussed.

Pre-sale potluck, Friday September 7 at Linda Marston's house.

Date for 2013 sale was discussed. Discussion was tabled until potluck meeting.

Jim reminded members to participate in popularity poll.

Irene reported on Farmer's Market Sale. Working again at Pat Freeman's plan to dig and wash on Wednesday and Thursday. Sign-up sheets were circulated for washing/tagging and working the sale. Ann will print pictures, so let her know of plants planned on being donated. Ernie will be in charge of advertising in Smoke Signal, Riley Countian, Manhattan Mercury. Sale flyers and pricing sheets were made available.

Ernie reported on submission of the MoKanOk article.

Details of the fall banquet will be forwarded to the group.

Ruby sent a donation to Shriner's in memory of Evelyn Lacey's husband. Maureen also sent a note of condolence.

Meeting concluded with plant drawing.
Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Flint Hills Daylily Society
September 24, 2012
Minutes

President Jim Parker called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m., following the annual banquet. Meeting location was the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium, 629 Poyntz Ave.

Ruby Zabel presented the Treasurer's Report. Income from the Farmers Market sale was estimated to be \$2,027, pending final figures on advertising expenses. The members approved the Treasurer's Report unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no update on the Tax Exempt status.

Jim Parker raised the issue of the 2013 daylily sale date, saying it should be discussed in the context of the New Business item: Proposed Budget for 2013.

New Business:

1. Proposed Budget for 2013

The officers met prior to the meeting to discuss the FHDS Budget for 2013. Given declining revenues over the past three years, the officers discussed possible ways to cut costs and increase revenue in 2013. The officers brought several possible changes to the members for discussion.

- a. Jim Parker pointed out that his email message to members on 9/20/2012 stated that merging the Club Participation and Hybridizer Program drawings and criteria into a single drawing and a single set of criteria and requiring three of the criteria for a member to be eligible would eliminate one drawing and save the Club \$500/yr., not \$250/year, as stated in the email.
- b. Jim informed the members that he called the people who run the Farmers Market about moving the daylily sale to August and inquired about which weekend is the "Big Summer Blast," for which there is more advertising and which draws more foot traffic. The date for the 2013 Big Summer Blast has not yet been scheduled, but it typically coincides with the students' return, so will likely be 8/24/2013. The Farmers Market charges a bit more for booth space that weekend, since there is more advertising, Willie the Wildcat is present, along with bands, kids' activities, etc.
- c. Members discussed the possibility of holding the annual sale in August, rather than September. Some members pointed out that other clubs in the region hold their sales in May, which might be the best time. The rationale for the switch was that more people are thinking about planting at that time of year than in the heat of August. Members present also discussed holding a sale in early May, potting the plants that are leftover and having member volunteers care for them over the summer, then holding a second sale in August or September. There was discussion of whether this would require too much volunteering from members, but general consensus was that the bulk of the work would be in preparation for the May sale, with minimal work for a second sale of potted daylily plants in August or September. Potted plants could also be sold for a somewhat higher price of \$8-\$10 each. There was a motion to proceed with the idea of moving the sale to May, pending further inquiries re: (1) how much foot traffic there is at the Farmers Market in May vs. August and (2) What kinds of proceeds other clubs in the region get when they hold their sales in May. The motion passed.
- d. Swap and return plants.
The members discussed the possibility of:
 - i. Reserving all swap plants for the September meeting.
 - ii. Reserving all return plants (plants members have been "babysitting") for September.
 - iii. Not having any purchased plants in September.

Rationale: Under this model, the club would not incur any expense for purchasing plants for the September meeting, but many/most/all members present would receive plants nonetheless.

- e. Should the club recoup \$300 instead of \$200 of the \$400 the club spends on plants for each drawing? Jim Parker acknowledged this would require a change in the by-laws.
 - i. Steve Thien pointed out that when the club pays \$400 for daylilies for members, the hybridizers who send the plants often send well more than \$400 worth of plants. Sometimes the hybridizers send as much as \$1,000 worth of plants. Steve Thien suggested that the club could, therefore, recoup the full \$400 of cash expended and still get a great deal for members.
 - ii. Christopher Renner suggested building some flexibility into the language of the by-laws so they will not have to be changed so frequently. Jo Lyle proposed changing the by-laws to state the percentage members pay for plant drawings should be established each year when the officers establish the budget. If revenues are up, the percentage recouped could go down. When revenues are down, the percentage recouped could go up. This would allow flexibility in line with current revenue, rather than forcing the club to change the by-laws repeatedly to a specific percentage to be recouped.

The current language in the by-laws is:

Article V. Special Expenses

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Section 3

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"...If the member's name is drawn, the member may purchase the daylily for one half of the purchase price."

The proposed change to the by-laws is:

"...If the member's name is drawn, the member may purchase the daylily at a percentage of the purchase price to be determined each year in line with the annual budget."

There was a motion to make this language change. The motion carried and the new language can be voted on at the February meeting.

- f. Christopher Renner proposed transferring \$5,000 of funds to a longer-term, interest-bearing entity such as a CD (Certificate of Deposit) as a way to generate some income on an annual basis. Other members pointed out that with interest rates so low, it might not be worth it. There was general consensus that this idea was worth exploring to determine what current rates of interest are for CDs and that generating even a small amount of income in this manner might be better than no income. There was also recognition that this might not be compatible with Tax-Exempt status.
- g. Should the club suspend the annual \$500 scholarship until after hosting the 2015 Regional Meeting as a cost-saving measure?
 - Members expressed opinions both for and against suspending the scholarship. Jim Parker called for a motion for either position. No member offered a motion for or against. Kristin Mulready-Stone moved to let the Budget Committee, which consists of the elected officers, make the final decision on whether or not to suspend the scholarship. The motion passed.
- h. Should the club reduce the number of speakers as a cost-saving measure?

There was discussion of bringing in a speaker for a joint meeting of more than one club in the region. By consensus, the members present agreed to leave this decision to the officers.

- i. Instead of holding a banquet for which the club provides meat and members bring sides and desserts, should the club hold the September meeting at a restaurant meeting room and have members order a-la-carte from the menu, with each member paying for his/her own meal?

The members present agreed, by consensus, to have the officers form an ad hoc committee to determine possible locations, cost, and menu. The ad hoc committee will report to the members at a future meeting.

- j. As a revenue-generating measure, when members who have been “babysitting” plants return them after the specified time period, should the club charge those who receive these plants through a drawing instead of the current practice of giving these plants away for free?

There was a general consensus that this practice would be acceptable, but no vote was held.

2. Election of 2013 Officers

The proposed slate of officers for 2013 was:

Steve Amy, president; Steve Thien, vice-president; Ruby Zabel, treasurer; Kristin Mulready-Stone, secretary.

The proposed slate was approved unanimously.

3. Committee Reports/Updates:

- Webmaster: Ruby Zabel
No report. If anyone has information that should be posted, please let Ruby know.
- Manhattan Area Garden Show: Ernie Minton
No report.
- Mall Bloom Display: Karen Hawes
No report.
- Member’s Gardens Tour: Kristin Mulready-Stone
No report.
- FHDS Farmers Market Sale: Ann Redmon, Irene Johnson, Ernie Minton, Pat Freeman
Of the daylilies remaining after the sale, the club donated some to Meadowlark and some to Westmoreland City Parks. The rest were thrown out.
- Refreshments: Maureen Thien
No report.
- Stoneybrook Daylily Bed: Evelyn Lacey
No report.
- Membership & Mentor: Jo Lyle
No report. Please be sure to let Jo know of any important events affecting members, so she can send a card or note on behalf of the club.
- Media Specialist - Librarian: Marian Quinlan
No report.
- Reporter (MoKanOk): Ernie Minton
No report.
- Annual Banquet: Bobbie Kromm, Gary McKenzie
No report.
- Scholarship: Jo Lyle
No report.

- Meetings and Programs: Steve Amy
No report.
- Regional 2015 Steve Amy
No report.

4. Members' Drawing

Frank Schmeidler conducted the drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.