

Cindy Haeffner, President called the meeting to order. All board members were present: Officers; Cindy-President, Jason Delaney-VP, Vaughn Meister-Secretary, Peter McAdams-Treasurer and the three board members Marlene Katz, Dave Niswonger and Pam Hardy. Also in attendance was our 2016 World Conference lead, Lynn Slackman.

Old business:

1. **Risers for our show and 2016.** Peter McAdams has 8 completed and parts for most of the rest cut. The plan for 2016 is to have 15 double sided 3 tiered 6'risers completed and painted flat black. We will also be using Minnesota's 3'long double tiered risers, possibly for the collections. Closer to the date there will be a materials list and plans will be made for the room and layout. We asked Peter if there is any way we can help. It is difficult to plan a painting date as it needs to be done outdoors when it's warm enough and not too windy. Peter knows that we are willing to help.
2. **Availability of By-Laws.** By-Laws are available through a link on our website. The website also has the officers and their terms.
3. **Nominating Committee.** We will need a nominating committee as President, Secretary and 1 director terms are coming due. We reviewed the terms for directors. Each director is elected for a 3 year term. Sometimes we also need a director to complete the term of someone who was unable to serve the full 3 year term, because of moving or serving as an officer
4. **Sharing our MBG fall sale with the Lily Society.** We have shared our space before as we did this year when the Lily Society still had some material left after their earlier sale. We concurred that we have no problem sharing our space. Jason thought it might be easier for the Garden too, to have sales for 2 clubs at the same time. We could bill it as both a Daffodil and Lily sale and share the cost or room rental.

New business:

1. **Daffodil Rave.** We have a volunteer to serve as editor, Rob Donnelly. Expectation is 3 issues annually. We need to give Beth Holbrooke recognition for her years of service as Rave editor.
2. **Membership** A broad discussion was held on what kinds of things we might do to enhance welcoming new members into our group. We recognize the need to do more for our new members. Some ideas discussed were mentoring-Marlene gave great examples , a new member packet possibly to include a booklet of members names and contact info, some bulbs. Other ideas include the use of lanyards with our names, publishing a member listing, inviting our group to each other's gardens, more social events for example a holiday get together. Another

incentive idea for new members—if they attend 3 meetings in their first year we could purchase an ADS membership for them. Discussion will continue. Actions identified: Pam volunteered to find out cost and availability for lanyards for name tags. Marlene agreed to briefly discuss mentoring ideas at our Feb meeting.

3. **Date for 2015 Spring Show.** Lynn reported that our usual first weekend of April for our show falls on the weekend of Easter in 2015, April 4 and 5. We discussed several options and agreed that Sat Apr 4 was still our preference even if we were only able to have the one day instead of 2 days. Lynn will submit the request to the Garden.
4. **Work vs Attendance.** We had a broad discussion about how there are always some members that do more of the work of the group, taking leadership roles, work events. There is a long history in our group about trying to find ways to reward those who participate more. We used to give the lower Exchange price, \$10, to those who had worked at work events (Show, bulb cleaning, Bag and Tag, and Sales) as opposed to simply attending a certain number of meetings. We recognize that several levels of participation is not a bad thing, just reality. If we do a social event, or go out to dinner some time, that could be a tiered payment to reward those who work. We agreed to think about these ideas
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting closed at 4:50PM.

Sincerely submitted,

Vaughn Meister