

LAWC Annual Membership Meeting 10/15/16

Location: Palisade Library, 10a-12p

Present: Carol Schott, Karen & Bob Owen, Cindy O'Shea, Bob Korver, Sam Wegh, Paola Legarre, Robbie Urquhart.

Board of Directors: Lee Ann Nielsen, Diana Wegh, Susan Smith, Kathy Green via Skype (although difficulty in keeping connection.)

Business:

Finance review: \$15250.77 balance in bank account. Treasurer Diane Keliher resigned in Sep due to serious illness. Temporarily Lee Ann Nielsen maintaining receipts, Kristin Nielsen maintaining account and payments. New Treasurer will be needed, and new bookkeeper. Stressed to have paid bookkeeper, organization too large and complicated now.

Committees:

Membership Committee: needs committed members, priority to maintain. Kristin Nielsen is contact for Member Find Me, the new member program within our website to manage our own listings. Training for this will be planned.

Education Committee: needs committed members, another priority to maintain. Suggested items to consider are marketing, facebook, utilize Business Incubator Center, how to keep statistics on production with lavender farming, disease phytophthera.

Nomination Committee: out-going Directors to the Board: Kathy Green, term ended; Diane Keliher, resignation; Lee Ann Nielsen, vacated term ended.

Results of elections: Robbie Urquhart 17votes, Freda Algeo 17votes, Lee Ann Nielsen 15votes, terms will be Oct 2016 – Sep 2018.

Special Board of Directors meeting Oct 18, 2016 to select Officers of the Board.

Web Site: continues to be maintained by Kathy Green, volunteering time. If intensive work needs to be done like was done on creation and festival pages, then charges incurred.

Annual Artisan Christmas Craft Fair: being held on Dec 3, 2016, Redlands Community Center. Diana Wegh reports the upstairs vendor space of 15 is full, outside space is available. Downstairs LAWAC portion, Chaired by Susan Metzger; Diana will be scheduling a meeting with Susan and interested parties to help coordinate and dedicate activities, similar to mini-festival offerings. Bake sale items are needed for fundraising, lavender and non-lavender, start your ovens!

Other info:

A terra-cotta pot mug has been ordered with LAWAC logo, will arrive for sale at Christmas Fair. Durable carrying bags with LAWAC logo is still desired.

Membership meetings to be on 2nd Sat of each month until spring, giving time to determine best time to move to evening meetings. Preference is to have evening meetings on Tue or Thu evenings, as Friday night people are tired at end of week, and busy preparing for their weekend sales in shops and markets. Suggested to check w Laurie Conner of Conner Orchards in Hotchkiss since she attends markets well into the fall, Lee Ann will contact.

Poster sales since Aug: 2016 x3, 2013 x1. Tubes for mailing posters ordered and received cutting cost of tubes from \$3+ to \$1/tube. Now postage is only cost, approx \$3. All items available or purchase and shipping are stored at Nielsen Village in Palisade.

Scholarship request for Board consideration to help interested member(s) be a representative to USLGC 2017, United States Lavender Growers Conference, in Mesa AZ, Jan 2017. Requirement would be presenting the information learned at the conference.

Bob Korver announced the winning farms of the New Zealand contest for EO, submitted in July and results in Sep, www.lavender.org.nz. 25 categories are judged, only 3 gold winners allowed, numerous silver are awarded. Countries around the world participate. **Three winners from Western Colorado**, one from Washington.

Angustifolia:

Meshaz Natural Perfumes, Mesha Munyan, WA: Melissa Lilac 2015 Silver

Echers' Acres, Dennis & Lauri Echer: Maillette 2014 Silver

X Intermedia:

Green Acres U-Pick, Bob & Elaine Korver: Super 2014 Silver, Super 2015 Silver, Impress Purple 2015 Silver

Blends:

Two Bears Farm, Freda & Dave Algeo: Maillette & Hidcote Pink, Blend 2015 Silver

Congratulations to our Western Colorado winners and supporters!!

Lavender organization in Australia may be starting a contest that will include GC's, Gas Chromatography.

Remaining hour of meeting involved sharing various Q&A's of farms, plants, weather, bloom, processing, etc.

Respectfully submitted

Lee Ann Nielsen

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