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LAWC Member Meeting Minutes February 9, 2019

Meeting was convened at the office of Dr. Dave Proietti, 2558 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505.

Meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Bob Korver,, President, Barbara Albers, Vice-President, Lisa Proietti, Secretary, Kristin Nielsen, Becky Zook, Lida Lafferty, Keith Everitt, Juliann Adams, Ron Rish, Laurie Conner, Rhonda Hummel, Marla Hanna, Trudy Perry (online) and Lee Ann Nielsen, Treasurer(online).

Treasurer's report. Expenses for month were discussed and discussed website issues with people trying to pay their dues

Surveys that went out were sent to all current and recently form members of LAC. Bob has received 13 back. Bob is going over to the Front Range to do meet and greet with several farms over there. Colorado Fruit and Growers Conference will be attended by Bob to answer questions regarding lavender.

Juliann gave us an update on Lavender Festival. Ronda Hummel has stepped down as title sponsor. Wine Country Inn is available on Friday for a dinner. Also checking with 13 Bricks regarding availability to host the dinner. Lida will be leading the cooking demos again. Juliann and Paola will be sending out info on Friday tours and Sunday tours.

LeeAnn discussed nose training. At USLGA conference we put 400 flyers in bags to let people know about the upcoming seminar. Working with Doubletree to get pricing for hosting the event. Juliann will post information to the Palisade Chamber website. The conference attendance is limited to 50.

Educational topics and farm meetings. May meeting will be at Paola Legarre's farm. New lavender varieties to be discussed. June meeting will be at Lamborn Lavender and discuss comparison between last winter and this as far a temperature and snowfall. Will be evaluating lavender oil. August meeting possibly at Dr. Swift's farm to see his harvester if he is amenable. Farm and ranch days in Fruita coming up in March. Need volunteers to give out LAC information. No member meeting in March or April. Need farm meeting location for August and September.

Holiday Lavender Artisan Fair will be the first Saturday in December. Still working on location.

USLGA conference update by Trudy. 370 people attended the conference, largest ever. Colorado was the second most in conference attendees. 2 preconference seminars were well attended. Keynote speakers were very good. Seminars were very informative, venue was great and food delicious. Next USLGA conference in 2021 is looking to be on the West Coast (Oregon or Washington). Bob asked that Trudy work on branding for the lavender. Discussed having logo camera-ready available for members to use in their product.

Kristin said there were 30 registered Coloradoans at the USLGA conference. Kristin spent quite a bit of time with the folks from Young Living and discovered, among other things, that they offer jousting at their farms. Discussed phytothera and what to do to minimize possibility of contamination. Root knot nematodes have also been discovered in lavender, mostly in the south and southeast part of the country.

We received two new memberships as a result of the USLGA conference.

Anyone having ideas for newsletter topics, please either write them up or send your ideas to Bob if necessary, for possible inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

Today we will have 2 oils to judge in a "Sniff-Off". Both of these oils were provided by Bob Korver. Twickle Purple and Betty's Blue will be the varieties involved today.

Kristin asked if you could/should water with your excess hydrosol. Discussed marketing hydrosol to horse farms as fly deterrent.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.