

April 20, 2024

## Official Membership Meeting of the Idaho Gourd Society

*These notes have been taken by Webmaster Chris Peters in absence of Secretary Karen Hibdon.*

Approximately 40 members were present.

Board members missing from the meeting were: Secretary Karen Hibdon and Directors Steve Kiser, Christy Pletcher and Radeene English.

Meeting was called to order by President Alan Sweeney following the Wheel of Goodies at approximately 10:40 a.m.

1. Welcome; there were no new members; collect for name tags
2. BOD was introduced
  - a. Vice President: Robi Hathorn
  - b. Treasurer: Janet Melligh
  - c. Secretary: Karen Hibdon (absent)
  - d. Membership: Madlen Tarlton
  - e. Webmaster/Social Media: Chris Peters
  - f. Directors (3): Steve Kiser, Radenne English, Christy Pletcher (all three absent)
  - g. Newsletter/Gourd Shards: Carolyn Frazier
3. Fall Official Meeting Minutes were brought forward for discussion. No one wished to discuss. Janet made a motion to accept the minutes and Robi seconded it. All members were in favor and the minutes were accepted as presented.
4. Janet presented the Treasurer's report. There was no discussion. Dee motioned to accept the report and John Melligh seconded it. All members were in favor and the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
5. Madlen reported that there has been no change to the number of members since last month, 141.
6. Old business was next on the agenda

- a. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws which have been circulated to the membership for the past 90 days was next on the agenda. Alan asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A motion to accept the changes was made by Janet and seconded by Carolyn Frazier; it was accepted unanimously by the members.
  - b. Alan gave a short report on the initial IAW show results from last weekend and thanked all of our members who volunteered, those who donated items, those who placed gourds in competition and congratulated the winners.
7. Alan next discussed participating as a club in IAW going forward. He said the BOD has voted to discontinue participating for a number of reasons, one being that we can put our energy towards our festival and not two events annually. He asked to learn how the members feel. A great deal of discussion commenced listing pros and cons. We got off subject and discussed how we can reach the public if we didn't have IAW but it was brought back to the issue at hand by LaRae Palmanteer making a motion to leave the IAW consortium and it was seconded by Mike Ciulla. All members voted in favor. No one opposed.
  - a. Bill Tarlton agreed to write a letter to the president of IAW informing them of our decision. This letter will indicate it was a decision of our BOD together with our members. The letter is to reach the IAW president by May 1st, 2024, the date of their next board meeting.
  - b. It is important that the IAW board receive this notification letter by that date as it is the final meeting prior to meetings for the 2025 show that start up after summer – the show that IDGS is slated to head up.
  - c. We will not address a question about receiving a payout for the 2024 share of revenue. If IAW questions our worthiness Alan does not want to challenge it.
8. Our picnic and swap meet is scheduled for June 8th at the Midway park, 14309 Midway Rd, Nampa. More information to come.
9. Festival Information was discussed on these topics:

- a. Old sculpture/statue "Gourden" has been taken home by Quency and Veletta as there is no room for him in the trailer.
  - b. Alan displayed one of the two new festival banners to member applause. There is a plan to buy additional banners of various needs.
  - c. Gourd Store announcements came next. Since Radeene and Christy (the subcommittee chairs) were unable to attend today Janet presented the announcements.
    - i. Donations, donations, donations
    - ii. Fall theme gourds are requested as are jack o'lanterns
    - iii. There is a lot of interest in birdhouses
    - iv. There is several Pop Up events planned
  - d. Prospectus is on the website. Members that pre-register the first 3 entries are free; New this year, there is a monetary award-watch for that; thanks to LaRae Palmanteer and Ron Swank for helping Chris with the Prospectus.
  - e. Vendor Application is on the website. Thanks to Ron Swank and Bill Tarlton. 2023 vendors have first priority until June 1 then others will have the opportunity to be a vendor. We are waiting to hear from Franz Witte about the tents before proceeding on the floor plan. Without the floor plan, we can't anticipate the quantity of vendor spaces.
  - f. Classes-Alan is giving AGS until May 1 to choose to teach before opening it up to anyone to teach.
  - g. Make and Take - a Sub committee person is needed and Robi stepped up to handle it. Thank you Robi.
  - h. Security-We still need a sub committee person. This job will be in the competition room only during the show and handling the pick up after the show.
  - i. Silent Auction-this is Pam Froom
10. Patch Report
- a. Sunshine, Kuna, Dancing Dog, Woodcraft
11. Show & Tell; Cash Prize Drawing

12. Adjournment was at 12:02 PM

13. After adjournment Ron Swank discussed germinating seeds with interested members.