

Idaho Gourd Society
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. President Ron Swank read the Statement and Purpose of the IDGS which is: "The purpose of the IDGS is to unify and support gourd artists, crafters and growers and promote gourd appreciation." The objectives of the IDGS are: "a) to provide the culture and crafting of gourds; b) to provide informational and educational services to its members and the community; and c) to provide an annual festival for the promotion of gourds and gourd crafting."

Ron then introduced the current elected Board of Directors: Ron Swank, President; Vickie McIntyre, Vice President; Sue Kostka, Secretary; Corlis Kent, Treasurer; and Directors, Liz Meyer, Christy Pletcher; and Ken Gordie. Appointed staff members to the Board are: Membership Secretary, Madlen Tarlton; and Webmaster/Facebook Curator, Chris Peters. The position of Newsletter Editor is still vacant and needing to be filled.

Ron welcomed everyone in attendance, including all new members and guests. He reminded everyone that member nametags were "required" and if you didn't wear one, there is a fine of \$.50. Ken proceeded to collect the fines.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Meeting dated November 13, 2021, were recently emailed to all members. Chris Peters made a motion to accept them as printed. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Corlis reported income and expenses from January through March 29th. At this time, we have a balance of \$9,098.07 in the bank. This included \$300 proceeds received from the IAW Show. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented.

Membership Update

Madlen announced we now have 112 paid members in IDGS.

Summer Retreat

The IDGS Summer Retreat is scheduled for the first weekend in August. Reservations are still available.

Workshops at Franz Witte

Chris, Ron and Alan have all given classes at Franz Witte. Everyone at the location is excited with IDGS' involvement and classes have been well received.

Gourd Festival

The festival is scheduled for September 22-25, 2022. There will be vendors, teachers, and competition. People on the Board have volunteered to head-up areas of activity; all members were encouraged to volunteer to help. Details are being worked out. Please contact a board member to volunteer.

Iris Show

This Iris Show will be held on May 21st at the Caldwell Historical Train Depot. IDGS has been invited to set up vendor booths to sell gourd items. This gives IDGS another opportunity to promote gourds in the community.

Patch Reports

- Kuna – Kuna Patch has been temporarily cancelled due to water problems.
- Boise – Boise Patch is still being held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Bring your own project.
- Sunshine – Sunshine Patch is every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Bring your own project, ask questions, and share information. The 2nd Wednesday of each month, however, is a Workshop with a teacher. Cost is \$2.00 per person unless otherwise specified.
- Woodcraft – Boise Woodcraft Patch is held each 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Hands on projects are taught.

Additional Business

- Vickie is looking for volunteers to do after-meeting demos. Please contact her.
- Chris announced that she has sign-up cards for the American Gourd Society if anyone's interested in joining.
- The June Picnic will be held on June 11th at our meeting site at 11:00 a.m.. Ron will be grilling, everyone else needs to bring a potluck dish to share, their own table service (plate, silverware, napkins, etc.) and drink.

Show and Tell

As always, there were many wonderful gourds that our members have done, and we thank them for sharing.

Meeting Adjourned,
Respectfully submitted,
Sue Kostka