

MINUTES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

June 26, 2010

After ascertaining that a quorum (15) was present, the 2010 Rocky Mountain District Annual Business Meeting was called to order by District Director, Peggy Williams at 7:27 p.m. June 26, 2010. Peggy welcomed all in attendance and thanked Pikes Peak Rose Society for hosting the convention, rose show and tours of PPRS members' gardens. Peggy shared an inspiring opening thought: "Life is like a rose. . . More exquisite and precious, When shared with others." Peggy offered those in attendance copies of an essay "The Rose Map", a great rose story by the poet and writer, Kathleen Cain. Next, Peggy introduced the District Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen as follows.

Officers: District Director - Peggy Williams
Vice Director - June Openshaw
Secretary - Barb Money
Treasurer - Opal Doane
District Member of the National Nominating Committee - Mary Kirby
Chairmen: Horticulture Judges - Susan Bishop
Arrangement Judges - Carol Macon
Consulting Rosarian - Joan Franson
Roses in Review - Cheryl Frechette
Awards - Mary Kirby

Guests attending the meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Andy Core from Albuquerque were introduced and welcomed.

Appointment of Minutes Approval Committee for 2010 are:
Sharon Fotheringham, Mary Kirby, and June Openshaw.

Secretary, Barb Money, called Roll of member societies present.

Boulder RS	2	Magic Valley RS	0
Denver RS	11	Pikes Peak RS	12
Four Corners RS	2	St. Vrain RS	1
Grand Valley RS	0	Utah RS	3
Idaho RS	0		
Loveland RS	0		

Copies of the 2009 District Meeting were distributed to members present.

Minutes of the 2009 District Meeting were accepted as approved by The Minute Review Committee: Carol Macon, Betty Roberts, and Peggy Williams. (The members voted not to hear the minutes and to accept them as approved by this committee. It was noted there was a typo-error on page 3 in paragraph 2 under General Orders, the dollar amount should have read \$1,000.00. This will be corrected on the master copy of these minutes.)

Financial Report: Opal Doane, District Treasurer passed out copies of the financial report and presented the financial statement as follows:

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Beginning Balance July 15, 2009 of \$2,780.40. Income \$1,252.00. Disbursements \$2942.62. Ending Balance June 25, 2010 of \$1,089.78.

Fertilizer Report: Beginning Balance July 15, 2009 of \$710.82. Income 607.74. Disbursements \$686.97. Ending Balance June 25, 2010 of \$631.59. Product on hand: Mile High Rose Feed 200#, Alfalfa 150#, Kelp 62#.

A copy of the Financial Statement is filed with these minutes.

Mary Kirby audited the Rocky Mountain District financial records for the past year and found them to be in order. The auditors report was adopted. A copy of the Financial Statement is filed with these minutes.

Correspondence: An invitation to attend the dedication of the Jean Cartwright Memorial Rose Arbor presentation on Sunday June 27, 2010, 3:00 PM at the Demonstration Garden in Monument Valley Park was read by Carol Macon. Carol reminded us that the 2010 Rocky Mountain District Rose Show is dedicated to the memory of Jean Campbell Cartwright.

Officers Report:

District Director: Peggy Williams reported the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses will have a new format this year. Peggy stated ARS is offering 4 month free trial memberships to new society members and existing members may join the ARS with a four-month trial membership for \$5.00 .

Assistant District Director: June Openshaw no report.

Secretary: Barb Money no report.

Treasurer: Opal Doane no further report.

District Member of the National Nominating Committee: Mary Kirby no report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Horticulture Judges Chairman: Susan Bishop stated the National Chairman said Shreveport will have new challenge class pages revised soon for the Judges manual Possibly RMD will hold a judges seminar next year.

Arrangement Judges Chairman: Carol Macon reported there are 3 new class offerings; Duke 10' x 20", Mini Duchess and Mini Princess.

There are no District classes or seminars planned at this time. Possibly in 2011.

Consulting Rosarian Chairman: Joan Franson reported the school held in October 2009 added 7 new CR's and that the district list will be updated. Perhaps a CR school will be held in Salt Lake City in 2011. Joan said the CR Manual is being updated and if we want any deletions or additions to let her know them so she can consolidate our District input and get the information to the committee working on the update. June Openshaw said she would like more organic information included.

Roses in Review: Cheryl Frechette told us it is time to respond to the RIR reports for 2010. Reports are due either by the ARS web site approach or sent to Cheryl by Sept. 26. The rating evaluation sheet and the list of roses being reviewed is in the July/August "American Rose" publication.

Awards: Mary Kirby announced that this year, Rocky Mountain District was presenting the ARS's second highest award and the Districts highest Award, the "Silver Medal Award" to the very deserving Margaret Drucker. A presentation was made to a surprised Margaret who graciously received the award.

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Peggy Williams presented Cheryl Frechette with a certificate of appreciation for her District Service, especially Roses in Review.

Special Committee Reports: A newly formed committee to amend/revise the District Bylaws was appointed; Joan Franson, June Openshaw, Betsy Vasquez, and Peggy Williams.

Special Orders: June Openshaw of the Utah Rose Society issued an invitation to the District to host the 2011 Rocky Mountain District Convention and Rose Show. Tentative show date June 11th OR June 18th, 2011. The invitation was accepted.

General Orders: 2010-2011 budget presented by Opal Doane as listed on the Financial Statement sheet. Being no debate the budget as presented was adopted.

New Business: Carol Macon moved that RMD donate \$1,000. from our budget for a tile in the main hall at Klima. Opal Doane seconded the motion. Opal said \$300. could come from the fertilizer fund. After discussion the motion was amended to include the District Director and District Treasure be instructed to ask each society to contribute funds for the tile purchase. The newly amended motion was passed.

Announcements: Thanks to Carol Roman for getting the District website backup. She was here today taking pictures of the Rose Show for the website.

Jerry Macon thanked all who came to the show and dinner meeting. He said this show had possibly the largest number of entries recorded in RMD (387). Jerry invited people to join the garden tours on Sunday.

Peggy once again thanked the members of PPRS for hosting the 2010 Rose Show and Annual Meeting.

Being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

**Barb Money, Secretary
Rocky Mountain District**

**These Minutes were reviewed by the Minute Review Committee.
Sharon Fotheringham, Mary Kirby, and June Openshaw, whose comments and input were incorporated into these final Minutes. My special thanks to them for their help.**