

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N.A.L.S.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

JULY 17 and 18, 1953

The 1953 annual meeting of the N.A.L.S. was called to order by President Taylor at 4:15, July 17. In a short address President Taylor thanked all the members and friends of the Society who have helped make this show a success. He spoke of the various complications which always arise in the staging of a show the size of this one. The cheerful cooperation of the Customs Inspectors eliminated the anticipated nuisance which might have been encountered in bringing lilies from the States.

Inasmuch as the minutes of the last meeting had been published in the Quarterly, Dr. Taylor called for corrections and additions, and when none were forthcoming it was moved and passed that the reading of the minutes be omitted.

The Treasurer, John L. Tingle, reported on the present financial condition of the Society. Since the fiscal year now ~~runs~~ ~~from~~ coincides with the calendar year it seemed more informative to present the figures for the year since the last meeting.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952.	\$2161.00
Income during year	<u>4700.00</u>
	6861.00
Expenses during year	4100.00
Cash on hand, July 1, 1953.	2761.00
Expected cost of 1953 Yearbook.	<u>2000.00</u>
Free Balance.	<u>\$ 761.00</u>

In the absence of Mr. Fulmer, Membership Chairman, Mr. Tingle reported that the Treasurer's books show that the Society now has approximately 900 members. Mr. Pickering raised the question of

why the Society is not growing faster. In the discussion that followed it became apparent that the difficulty lies not in failure to obtain new members but in failure to hold our older members. A number of explanations were offered. It was pointed out that with the membership scattered over the entire continent it was difficult for most members to participate actively in the proceedings of the Society. ~~and~~ Their principle^a contact with the Society is through ~~re-~~ceiving the Yearbook and the Quarterly Bulletins. It was suggested that it might be helpful to make the Bulletin less impersonal, to make it an organ where members may feel free to discuss matters of local and transitory interest. Attempts to do this have been made, but since the Quarterly is at present the responsibility of the Officers as a group it tends to emphasize matters have been brought to their attention, rather than matters of timely interest to the membership. Actually the Society has depended largely upon the efforts of Dr. Emsweller and Dr. Stewart in ~~this~~ the publication of the Quarterly. Mr. Horsford offered a motion that the ~~appreciation~~ of Society express its appreciation for this work. Dr. Stewart moved that the present officers consult with those elected for next year concerning the advisability of setting up an editorial committee for the publication of the Quarterly. This motion was seconded by Dr. Pfeiffer and passed by the meeting.

Miss Alida Livingston suggested that the Society would hold its old members better and get new members more easily if they could arrange to have news of their activities more widely published in garden magazines and in the garden pages of the larger newspapers.

The idea was expressed that organization of regional groups within the Society might be of assistance. Dr. Kendall spoke of the interest being shown in the New York area in the meetings of

the Metropolitan Lily Group. Thanks to the efforts of Miss Livingston seven meetings have been held during the past year. The group has learned first-hand how various commercial growers propagate, grow, harvest and ship their lily bulbs. They have seen how a number of lily hybridizers work. They have seen how different members grow lilies in their own gardens. It was suggested that the organization of similar informal groups in any area where a half dozen members of the Society are located would lead to an increase in interest.

Dr. Raymond Crawford, Chairman of the Publicity Committee, reported on the activities of his committee. Following the 1952 show he sent information concerning the show to the local newspapers in the home towns of all the winners. A news release telling of the Society and offering a free packet of lily seed resulted in such a deluge of responses that a second release had to be made rescinding the offer.

Dr. Stewart reporting for Mr. Olivet informed us that the rental of the Kodachrome slide sets belonging to the Society had resulted in a net income of \$65.00 during the past year.

Dr. MacDaniels reporting for the Awards and Standards Committee presented models for the Award of Merit and Certificate of Commendation to be awarded to outstanding lilies and received authorization to proceed with the procurement of an adequate supply of each.

Mr. Tingle reporting for Mr. R. E. Wardleigh on the Seed Exchange informed us that approximately 6,000 packets of seed had been sent out to members during the past year. Mr. Wardleigh has completed three years' service as Chairman of the Seed Exchange and wishes to be relieved of this task. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At the motion

of Professor Slate it was voted ~~xxxx~~ Mr. Wardleigh be made a life member of the Society and sent a letter signed by the President and Secretary expressing appreciation for the work he has done for the Society.

Mr. Rothman expressed the opinion that the price of seeds should be raised to 20¢ per packet. After discussion the question was left to the judgement of the Chairman of the Seed Committee and of ~~xx~~ the officers of the Society.

President Taylor announced that Miss Alida Livingston, Remsen's Lane, Oyster Bay, New York, had agreed to take over the Seed Exchange. Miss Livingston replied that she would accept with certain provisions: that no one would expect her to equal Mr. Wardleigh's performance; that everyone in the Society should send their seeds to her as early as possible so that the seed list could be in the hands of the membership before the end of the year; and that the Seed Exchange be given space in the December Quarterly for instructions on handling the rarer and more difficult seeds. Miss Livingston pointed out that the ~~xxxxxx~~ demand for certain seeds exceeded the supply by a factor of 100 or more. The seeds in shortest supply are those of European, ~~xxx~~ Central Asiatic ~~xxxxxxx~~ and Western American species, as well as most hybrids.

Dr. Kendall read a report on the Round Robins prepared by Mrs. Clara Bangs and Mrs. H. F. Pinnow; "

"In the Robins we try to help each member succeed with lilies by helping him solve his problems and by telling of our own experiences which might be helpful to others, thus dispensing information, inspiration and good fellowship to all.

"Members keep notes from the Robins each round which will be useful later and which would be difficult to find elsewhere, as

few have lily books to consult since there are not many in the libraries as yet. They express appreciation for the helpful letters, especially those in new groups, and they thank us for helping them get into the groups. Many have joined the N. A. L. S. to enable them to join the Robins. Some say the experiences given in the Yearbooks is 'above their heads', being intended for more experienced members, while the Robins help the beginner get started and encourage them by coming more often. So far only one member of a Round Robin has dropped her membership in N. A. L. S. Her reason was old age and lack of funds. She lives with her children part of the time, so gardening must be cut down. I feel sure most of our members will keep up their membership faithfully so as to continue with the Robin groups they enjoy so much. They tell us the Robins alone is worth the price with Newsletters and Yearbook thrown in for good measure.

"We have fifteen Robins now and another is ready to start. This will be the hybridizers group, our first on this subject. Each group has ten members which means ten enthusiastic boosters for lilies and lily Robins."

This report was received with enthusiasm. Several members present confirmed the ~~valmax~~ value and pleasure to be derived from participating in this aspect of the Society. It is interesting that almost 20% of the membership ~~at~~ are now enjoying ~~this~~ the Robins.

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Mr. Rowell, Chairman, presented the report on the Nominating Committee. The following slate of officers was recommended, beginning January 1st, 1954.

President: L. N. Freimann, Bellingham, Washington
Vice President, U.S.A.: Dr. Robert N. Stewart, Beltsville, Maryland
Vice President, Canada: Charles A. Best, Toront, Ontario
Secretary: W. L. Fulmer, Seattle Washington
Treasurer: John L. Tingle, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
Directors (to serve 3 years): Dr. A. M. Volmer, San Francisco, Calif.
Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, Ithaca, New York
Mrs. F. J. Koktavy, Minneapolis, Minn.
Director(to serve 1 year): Ralph Warner, Milford, Connecticut

The meeting adjourned until 10:00 A.M. July 18, 1953.