

YANKEE DISTRICT MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
The Ehrenreich's Garden, West Barnstable, MA

District Director, Dave Long began the meeting by thanking Cindy and Irwin for opening their garden for this meeting. He thanked everyone who worked so hard to make this weekend a success.

Black box for the district - projector. Dave will check it out. Patsy and Irwin said he tried it. Patsy will take it home.

Irwin has speakers, microphone, stands and wireless mike. Irwin will bring it to the Rhode Island hosted convention next year.

Correction to the minutes: The Ralph Moore award was awarded to Dave Candler, not the Ehrenreichs.

Patsy Cunningham has a new email address: PatsyGC@gmail.com Please update your contacts.

Andy Vanable is now editor@Venablefamily.com

Email - List Serve: If you wish to unsubscribe to the list, contact Patsy Cunningham.

Committee reports will be sent to Audrey Osborn.

The minutes accepted as corrected.

Thank you and congratulations to Ed Cunningham as the Judging Chair of the Judging School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER: (Andy Vanable) very proud of the newsletter. ARS asked him to remove pictures. Thanked everyone who contributed to the newsletter.

PRIZES & AWARDS: (Oz Osborn) Andy dropped off the Mike Lowe trophy to Oz. Patsy and Ed Cunningham had won the trophy in 2018. Andy Vanable won the Mike Lowe trophy in 2019. The Cape Cod Rose Society would be eligible to award the trophy if they had a rose show this year, (2020) No one was awarded the trophy in 2017. Dave Candler did win the Ralph Moore trophy in 2018. The Ehrenreichs won the Yankee Shrub award again this year. Zack Lau was awarded the McFarland with a selection of five beautiful Hybrid Tea roses. Jon Heino was awarded Queen of the Show.

Andy Vanable questioned whether we should continue awarding the Ben Williams award for six mini flora roses. It has always been won by Dave and Dottie Ciak. It was agreed we will keep it on the schedule.

HORTICULTURE JUDGING: (Ed Cunningham) The Judging School was a huge success, and Ed thanked all the judges who helped with all the work. Everyone passed the first part of the test, he will know in about a week or so how everyone did on the second part.

ARRANGEMENT JUDGING: (Craig Dorschel) There was no real news to report. No one from the Yankee District made it to the Philadelphia Arrangement Judging School.

Arrangement judges has the same requirements as horticulture judges. Requires three 90 point arrangements. It could also be done in the spring. Candidates would have to be willing to travel to meet the five apprentice judging arrangements in three years.

CONSULTING ROSARIANS: (Andy Vanable) There will be a CR School April 9, 2021 in conjunction with the Yankee District Spring Convention hosted by the Connecticut Rose Society. Everyone needs to attend in 2021. Directors Dave Long and Craig Dorschel are good until 2023.

President Bob Martin has reported the ARS supports a grant for rose rosette research. Needs matching funds for CRs as rose rosette scouts. Email and link will be circulated. It will be in the six figures. This is very important! Keep checking your emails for updates. Dave Long has received it already. Jacqui Nye has spotted rose rosette three times in Rhode Island.

WEBSITE: (Patsy Cunningham) Nothing new. Website will be updated with awards and judges. Patsy requested info and pictures from this weekend. Please send photos in a decent size.

ROSES IN REVIEW: (Paul Raymond) Twenty six people have sent in their RIR. Paul asked everyone to send Paul an email that they have done it. The due date is September 26th. Paul's email address is RayPaulDen@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP/OGR (Mirjana Toyn) No report

PHOTOGRAPHY (Jacqui Nye) We tried to do a photo show this weekend, but it was just too much with the judging school. November 4th is the deadline for the National Digital photo contest. October is the meeting for Rhode Island The Yankee District Spring Convention will have a photo show. Jacqui mentioned she didn't agree with all the ARS rules regarding being able to enter photos that have previously received a ribbon in a judged show. You can enter photos that have been in a calendar. Rules will be in a schedule. ARS awards 50 points for just putting the photo in the right or wrong class. The rose is the most important part of the picture. ARS: If it isn't about the rose, it's crap. ARS says you have to be an accredited horticulture judge to judge an ARS rose show. Patsy asked to send our rules to her, vs ARS rules.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Paul Raymond) We currently have \$11,240.17 in our account, with current expenses outstanding. We don't have a problem now if we continue along these lines. The convention on Cape Cod was more expensive. Paul mentioned how great the convention will be in Rhode Island with La France Hospitality being involved. Silent auction is good, rooting and selling roses is good. Never can have enough roses!!

OLD BUSINESS

RECAP OF 2019 CONVENTION: Ocean Edge hit us with unexpected administration charges, which in turn hurt Yankee District profits.

NEW BUSINESS

Deadline issue for refunds: If it is a medical issue. Refund deadline - food has to be bought in advance. Sandy Long said it should say date for refund set well before the date in to the hotel.

2020 SPRING CONVENTION - RIRS: The convention will be held at Whites of Westport. It is located before Fall River right off Rte 195 in Massachusetts. There is a convention center and hotel. There is a transport/shuttle for going across the hot. The distance is less than a block. It is a lovely hotel, nice pool, free breakfast, both cold and hot offerings. They are giving us a free hospitality room. The convention center will be a big room, there will be a raised part for the vendors and auction. The speakers so far will be Weeks Roses, Leon the Rosemeister, Steven Hoy, and a panel on rustling and preserving old roses. There will be a paint and wine night from 3pm to 6 pm., a rose and lighthouse theme. Dr. E. (Irwin Ehrenreich) will entertain us Friday evening with music.

2021 SPRING CONVENTION - CR SCHOOL: Connecticut Rose Society will host the convention in Mystic, CT. Becky Martorelli is the Convention Chair. It is a great hotel, in a great location. CR School 2021. A motion was made by Dave Candler to keep the school and seminars expenses separate. Craig Dorschel moved that the CR School 2021 be held at the Spring 2021 convention. It was seconded by Dave Candler. Patsy moved that a separate budget be set. it was up to a vote and it passed. There will be a 60-40 split

Jason Capote mentioned that the New York Fall convention will be the same weekend as the Yankee District Lobsterfest weekend.

Jeanette Denehy reported she had a new email address: jeannetteDanehy@gmail.com

The Fragrant Rose - Chris Van Cleave, has left the position of Chair at ARS. Jason Capote is now the editor.

Dave Candler made a motion at 11:39 for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was followed by a Propagation Event where we were able to take cuttings and attempt to make new roses for our gardens.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Osborn, District Secretary