

NCCABS Meeting Minutes: 24 January 2004, held at the San Francisco County Fair Building

Present: Karl Bareis, Bob Clampitt, Ed Smith, Rich Simpson, Karston Iversen, Lucy Avila, Robert B. Stewart, Bob Johannessen, Suzanne Coffee, Bruce Wright, Ele Chew, Darrel DeBoer, Henry Bankhead, Jerry Phelps, Bet Neary and Rosy Ross

= Darrel DeBoer, President, opened the meeting by asking for Election of Officers of the Board. It was decided to continue with the following Officers:

President - Darrel DeBoer

Vice President - Jerry Phelps

Treasurer - David King

Secretary - Rosy Ross

Current Board and year of expiration of term:

David King - 2006

Henry Bankhead - 2006

Jerold Phelps - 2005

Darrel DeBoer - 2005

Suzanne Coffee - 2004

Bob Johannessen - 2004

Rosy Ross - 2004

Note: election of Board is May 2004.

= Karl Bareis and Jerry Phelps announced that a two day course about culture and reproduction and bamboo use in landscaping; will be taught by Karl at the Zen Temple in Garberville, May 15 and 16, 2004. Included will be an auction of rare bamboo from China. NCCABS will be a sponsor. Cost: \$80.

Details available from Jerry Phelps - email: jphelps11@earthlink.net

Karl Bareis - email: ibabambu@cruzio.com

= Darrel DeBoer told of a request to fund the World Bamboo Organization (WBO). It was voted to contribute \$500 to the organization.

Susanne Lucas and Karina Quintans, WBO Board members.

WBO address: P.O. Box 124, Newton MA 02456

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= Karl Bareis spoke of a plan to trace the origin of bamboo coming to the US. He is working with Chris Stapleton (Kew Gardens in London, England) on the project He asked for \$50 to cover his costs. The Board expressed concern that \$50 would not cover the costs, so voted to fund up to \$500 for the project. (probably the first time ever that a request for \$50 became \$500 at the insistence of the giver!) Karl will write up a proposal for the project.

Part of the proposal is to have NCCABS members press herbaceous specimens at a gathering at Strybing. Karl will make up "press" boxes for the pressing. Henry Bankhead will arrange a date for the pressing.

= Jerry Phelps reported that planting the Humboldt Botanical Garden is about to begin. Jerry and others are part of a plan to have a special place in the Garden for bamboo. Rich Simpson and Jerry Phelps (both live in the Humboldt area) offered to donate bamboo for the Garden.

= NCCABS has been asked by Quail Garden in San Diego, to become "Keepers" of their temperate bamboos. It is estimated that there will be about 170 plants needing a home. Darrel will work on a "Program of Distribution".

=Henry Bankhead led a discussion of the Greenhouse at San Francisco Zoo. At present there are no plants in the Greenhouse. Plants from the Greenhouse are now "housed" at Henry's garden. Needed: a work day at the Zoo to clean the Greenhouse. Henry will arrange for the date.

Distribution of the Greenhouse plants: If two plants have survived, give one to the original owner and keep one for NCCABS. If only one plant has survived, NCCABS will keep it and distribute it when division is possible.

= Rosy presented the following proposal (in part): Gamelan Sekar Jaya (GSJ), an internationally renowned fifty-member gamelan orchestra, requests financial support to fund the artistic residency for a master Balinese musician, I Made Terip, to lead a series of intensive workshops, classes, and performances at San Francisco's School for the Arts, focusing on two related genres of Balinese music that utilize rare bamboo instruments.

The recent long-term loan to GSJ of a gamelan jegog by rock musician Mickey Hart is the only set of instruments in the United States, to our knowledge. Gamelan jegog is an extremely rare ensemble of giant bamboo marimbas that evolved in the tiny area of Western Bali where such bamboo grows.

One way NCCABS can support Gamelan Sekar Jaya and the special teacher from Bali working with these unusual bamboo instruments is to have one of the ensembles perform at one of our events.

Rosy briefly described the proposal. A copy of the full proposal is available from Rosy.

Decision: There was interest and Rosy will pursue the possibilities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14 (Sunday) - 11am Home and garden of Ed Smith email: smith1068@aol.com

2052 Buena Vista, Livermore

Program: Plan for Spring Bamboo Festival

Pot luck lunch

April 24 (Saturday) - NCCABS Spring Bamboo Festival -
San Francisco County Fair Building, Strybing in Golden Gate Park

October 14 (Thursday) through October 17 (Sunday) - ABS Annual meeting at Huntington Gardens in Pasadena, CA. Bob Dimattia and the Southern CA Chapter are working with Ann Richardson of the Huntington Gardens to put together a fabulous event which will attract bamboo enthusiasts from all over the US.

Minutes by Rosy Ross