

JGS Spring Membership/Festival Meeting Minutes, Peru, 2008

Spring Meeting-\$500.00, Fall Meeting-\$500.00, Tendril-\$1,500.00, Ways and Means-\$1,500.00, Seeds-\$2,400.00, Publicity-\$500.00, Education-\$1,500.00, Patches-\$400.00,

Operations - \$2,100.00, Photography- \$100.00, Pure Seeds- \$150.00.

Steve Sullivan made a motion that we accept the 2008/2009 budget. Joyce Dankowski 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that the auction, today, netted \$378.00.

Pure Seeds Steve Sullivan reported that we are now able to sell seeds from our Pure Seed program. Jesse will not have to purchase as many seeds as we can now sell our own seeds.

Comments from Steve: Steve feels that the Miami Co. fair grounds building is a good facility .He wants to thank the vendors, and the members who made the effort to attend. There was not much of a crowd but there was a lot of enthusiasm. It was noted that the attendance for the Spring Meeting for the last three years has been low. The board thanked Steve for his efforts.

Nominations and election of officers The ballots of nominees for next year were passed out to the membership. The voters were directed to change Bill Freihofer to 2nd vice president and enter Sid Meyers for 1st vice president. Phil Moorhead, treasurer, was to be crossed out .He is not up for re-election this year. The official ballot read:

President Karen Niemeyer *2nd Vice President* Bill Freihofer
1st Vice President Sid Meyers *Directors {choose two}* Rich Rodriguez,

Guy Shutt, Jesse Glessner *Recording Secretary* Loretta Pressel *Membership Secretary* Pat Moore. The ballots were collected and tallied by Renee Meyers, Robbie Hiduke and Blanch Murrin.

President's report: My four years, as President, has not always been easy. But, I feel they have been rewarding. I have experienced many situations. I find especially rewarding during my four years the dramatic changes that have occurred. I feel it is now time to step back and let some one else take us to the next level. I feel that the IGS is ready to turn the corner and to start achieving new growth. It is time for new leadership.

New people have stepped forward and accepted responsibility. We have successfully completed Patch reorganization. We now have an electronic newsletter. We are the last state to go this route. The electronic newsletter saves a great deal of money. We now have Education material online. We needed to make a change in the location of our State Show. We decided on South Bend and it appears to be a good move. We now have a money system that is infallible. All income and spending is accounted for. I am happy to announce that for the 1st time in several years we are operating in the black. We operated in the "Red" for several years previous. Our being able to sell our own seeds has helped with lowering our expenses. The society is ever grateful to Steve Sullivan for the Pure Seed Program. All these changes have been very significant, and can only make for a stronger society.

**Election Results President – Karen Niemeyer 1st Vice President – Sid Meyers
2nd Vice President – Bill Freihofer Directors – Rich Rodriguez, Guy Shutt
Recording Secretary – Loretta Pressel Membership Secretary – Pat Moore**

New Business The newly elected President, Karen Niemeyer, presided over the remainder of the meeting. Phil and Sid explained the accounting procedures to be used by anyone receiving or spending money. Proper forms must be filled out. Phil will pay no bills if the proper form is not filed with him. This protects us, if we should get audited by the government.

It was suggested that since the postage rates were going up, that we purchase a large quantity of postage stamps. Bill Freihofer made a motion that we do not purchase any stamps. Phil Moorhead 2nd. Motion carried.

Steve Sullivan made a motion that we adjourn. Joyce Dankowski 2nd. Approved

The membership meeting concluded at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Pro-Tem Loretta Pressel

