

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP/FESTIVAL MEETING - LAPORTE, COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LAPORTE, IN

May 16, 2009

9:00am - 3:00 pm CST

PRESENT: Rich Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, Pat Moore, Mary Cuff, Marion Ellis, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Robbie Hiduke, Charlene Abel, Blanch Murrin, Bill Freihofer, Jesse Glessner, Ron Pressel, Loretta Pressel, Alice Pawlowski, Ray Nixon, Debbie Nixon, Fran Bascom, Sid Meyers and Renee Meyers.

In the absence of our President, Karen Niemeyer, Sid Meyers, 1st Vice President opened the meeting at 3:40 CST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary, Loretta Pressel, read the minutes of the Fall Membership/Festival held on Nov. 8, 2008 at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in Lafayette, IN. It was approved with one correction. Charlene Able is from Jefferson County, not Madison County.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank balance as of the close of business 4-30-09 shows \$8,426.82 in the savings {money market} account and \$26,039.87 in the checking account. This is a total of \$34,466.69. The books balance with the bank statement. Report will be filed for Audit.

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Moore reported 2 new memberships today. 2009 total active memberships are 333, with 36 complimentary memberships for a total of 370.

STATE SHOW: Renee reported that we lost money on the State Show. Friday was a wash, Saturday had no TV coverage and Sunday was a bust because of the cold and snowy weather.

STATE FAIR: Jesse suggests that if you are going to enter get the State Fair premium book and study the rules. July 1 is the deadline for entries. They are fixing the cabinets with lights and backs that lock. Security will be tighter. He will have a sign up sheet posted on line soon.

SPRING MEETING: We appeared to have done well today. Seeds sold 83 packets for \$166.00. Ways and Means sold \$161.50. The Auction took in \$306.00. Education donations were \$28.00. Received from Booth rentals were 225.00. The vendors were satisfied. The Fairgrounds had six activities going on which helped us a great deal with walk-ins.

No reports from Seeds, Ways and Means and Publicity and Pure Seed.

EDUCATION: Charlene is working on up dating the information sheets and booklet.

TENDRIL: Jesse needs the news articles now.

PATCH #1 The Patch will be meeting one of the first two Sundays, in June, in Pioneerland at the School House. Dick Reel, from the Log Cabin Committee, wants to present a proposal to them.

PENDLETON PATCH: Bill Freihofer said he attended their meeting and that it went very well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alice showed the new design for the 2009 State Show Book, "Going Green with Gourds."

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers for 2009/2010. Judges were Sherry Benedict, Tom Benedict and Bill Freihofer. Phil Moorhead had previously been approved by the Board to run again as Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Phil was approved by vote to be Treasurer. There were three openings for Director. There were four candidates. Delaina DeHaven, Emily Wallace, Carolyn Rushton and Ida Kennedy. There were no nominations from the floor. Those with the most votes were, Delaina DeHaven, Emily Wallace and Ida Kennedy. Renee made a motion that the ballots be destroyed. Rich 2nd. Motioned approved.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Sid appointed the Audit committee. Rich Rodriguez will be the chairperson. Committee members are Jesse Glessner, Phil Moorhead and Delaina DeHaven.

BUDGET: Sid presented the 2009/2010 budget to the membership. The IGS Board had approved the budget earlier in the day. The budget was passed out to the members present and will be appended to these minutes. The budget is for \$34,923.00. It was unanimously approved.

Bill made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Rich 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Pressel, Secretary