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Minutes – Plant Introduction Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2005; 4-6:00 pm
Room 334, Baltimore Convention Center

The meeting was called to order by Fred Duis with the following present: Greg Eaton, Jeff Miller, Rick Baker, Neal Beasley, Matt Sawyer, Jack Campbell, Don Hyatt, Lizzy Pine, Lou Kobus, John Wise, and Don Hyatt.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 16, 2004 meeting were amended to correct the Research Committee representatives to the VNA Horticulture Research Foundation Board to: Butch Gaddy, John Tankard, John Lee Machen, and Tscharner Watkins III.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeff reported that he had transferred \$1,000 from the Research Foundation to open a checking account and pay for the PIP Coordinator job ads in December. The VNLA will be contributing \$10,000 in 2005 and the \$1,000 will be returned to the Research Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: (Fred Duis, Chair; Jeff Miller; Greg Eaton; Mark Weathington) Fred noted that the committee had just met and reviewed the applications for the PIP Coordinator position and they had narrowed it down to eight. Each committee member will be checking references on these applicants and will again review the applications via conference call later in the month and then initiate interviews with potential candidates and hopefully be able to hire a coordinator in February. It was agreed that the committee would not pay any travel expenses for interview candidates. This committee will also look into licensing issues and procedures.

Communications: Greg Eaton, Chair; Holly Scoggins; Liz Pine; Rick Baker; Jeff; Bill McCaleb; Doug Hensel; Neal Beasley

Facilities: (Matt Sawyer, Chair; Tscharner Watkins; Liz; Bill; Greg Eaton, Craig Nessler; Jeff) Matt reported that the committee had reviewed the basic site information. Greg Eaton reviewed a site questionnaire that he would be sending to each site for additional detailed information to the new sites and existing sites. It was decided that shade structures should be provided for, as needed, at each site.

Plant Selection: (John Wise, Chair; Don Hyatt; Linda Pinkham; Mark; Jack Campbell, Holly Scoggins) George Machen has also been added to this committee. John provided a list of plants nominated for promotion in 2007:

Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Duke Gardens'
Edgeworthia chrysantha 'Gold Rush'
Oenothera drummondii (Calylophus)
Rhodea japonica
Hosta 'Sagae'
Ilex x 'Virginia'
Acer rubrum 'Jamestown'
Aquilegia x 'Virginia' (Swan Blue and White)
Athyrum x 'Ghost'
Azalea 'Wagner's White Spider'
Azalea arborescens 'White Lightning'
Stokesia 'Peachies Pick'
Sarcococca confusa
Hemerocallis 'Loblollie Goldie'
Amelanchier 'Autumn Sunset' /'Forest Prince'
Rosa mutabilis
Azalea 'Fairfax'

He requested that the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden plant numbering system and database be used as the standard for identifying plants in the PIP program. Approved.
The Committee was also charged with reviewing propagation criteria and marketing timelines for these plants.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS: The following items were discussed:

Training Session for Site Volunteers, Bill McCaleb and Pete Schultz will work on this.

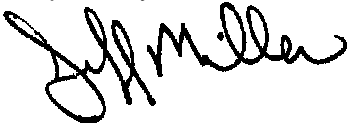
Applying for Federal Specialty Crops Competitive Act Grant, (Rick Baker will keep up with this.)

Categories of Plants in the Test Program will be determined by the Plant Selection Committee.

The next meeting will be at the Danville Advanced Learning and Research Center on Thursday, February 3, 2005
10 am – 3 pm.

Being on other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Miller, Exec. Dir.