

LONG ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

M I N U T E S

Following an invitation by the Exhibition Committee of the Long Island Nurserymen's Association, a meeting of representatives from various Horticultural interests including Nurserymen, Florists, Bulb Growers, Private Gardeners, Landscape Architects and Garden Club Members gathered for the purpose of forming a Long Island Horticultural Society, at the Garden City Hotel, Garden City, Long Island on Tuesday, January 16, 1934.

This meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry A. Naldrett at 2:45 P. M., with a registered attendance of fifty one. Mr. Naldrett then outlined the aims and purposes of this society briefly as follows: to promote greater interest in the growing of plant life and to closer unite the activities of the above mentioned branches of Horticulture into one unit with centrally located headquarters, where two flower shows may be held in May and September under the auspices of the Society; where local Garden Clubs, Horticultural Societies and others may hold their shows. The ultimate aims of this Society were grouped under four headings as follows:

1. The ultimate possession of a plot of ground of approximately five acres, suitably situated for the needs of the society.
2. Ample buildings for staging flower shows.
3. Suitable rooms to be provided for lectures, club meetings and a library.
4. Trial grounds for the introduction and study of new plant material.

Mr. Naldrett then called for nominations for a temporary chairman for the meeting. A motion was regularly made and seconded from the floor that Mr. Naldrett act as temporary chairman until such time as the directors of this society are duly elected.

Mr. Maurice Rogen, acting attorney, then outlined the legal steps which had already been taken, stating that the L. I. Horticultural Society had been incorporated in the state of New York and that five directors had been appointed so that its procedure was now legal. These directors were to resign as soon as permanent directors were nominated. These legal steps being necessary to bring the Horticultural Society into being so that definite action could be taken at this meeting either for the ratification or dismissal of the proposed society. Mr. Rogen then suggested that a Committee be named to form a Constitution and By-laws. A motion was regularly made and seconded from the floor that Chairman Naldrett be empowered to appoint a Committee of three for the purpose of drawing up a Constitution and By-laws.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion.

Mrs. Milton L'Ecluse asked if the yearly flower shows of the Horticultural Society would conflict with the annual show of the Federated Garden Clubs.

In reply Chairman Naldrett said that a schedule would be worked out so that any society wishing to exhibit would have non-conflicting dates.

Mrs. Addison Pratt then arose to express her interest and support and feeling that proper schedules could be arranged for all concerned.

Mr. Leonard Barron representing the Horticultural Society of New York stated that the N. Y. Horticultural Society had adopted a resolution empowering Mr. Barron to ask ^{that} the L. I. Horticultural Society become, in some manner, an integral part of their society, offering its facilities particularly the library and extending a hand of friendship and hoping such societies would branch out to other parts of New York State inasmuch as the N. Y. Horticultural Society is a state society by charter. Mr. Barron also offered his help in secretarial matters. Mr. John Sheepers arose in support of the remarks of Mr. Barron.

Mr. Montague Free of the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens expressed his interest in the formation of such a society, but cautioned too rapid progress until proper support was assured, stating further his doubt if enough money could be obtained through memberships and admissions to support it, without the backing of the N. Y. Horticultural Society.

Mrs. Whitlock then spoke in favor of the organization and expressed the opinion that with the cooperation of the Garden Clubs and others interested in Horticulture it could be successful.

Mr. Ken Harder was next heard from and questioned whether or not it would be possible to solicit sufficient support from all these organizations to undertake the formation of such a society, also what the obligations would be.

Chairman Naldrett in reply stated that other sections of the Country around the Metropolitan district were watching with interest the outcome of this meeting, further stating that it was not the intention to immediately purchase expensive property and erect expensive buildings but rather that the society start in on the ground floor and get the cooperation of everyone so that by 1935 it might be possible to get established, and, that the society have a self-governing body but that we keep close to the N. Y. Horticultural Society.

Dr. Halsey Knapp representing the New York State Department of Agriculture at Farmingdale stated that inasmuch as they were interested in Horticulture and maintained a horticultural department in the school at Farmingdale and owned property on the boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk Counties that they would offer the use of its facilities and services.

Attorney Rogen then suggested that there be discussions as to classes of membership to help the By-laws Committee in the formulation of these By-laws. Also, he advised that there were no legal liabilities on the officers and directors except for bad faith and negligence, also that no assessments could be made on members.

The Chairman then asked for a motion ratifying the action of the incorporators. A motion was then made and seconded from the floor that the work of the incorporators be ratified in their efforts toward forming this society, and that a vote be taken. This vote was verbal and unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was regularly made and seconded that the Chairman be empowered to appoint a Nominating Committee. This motion was unanimously carried, there being no dissenting vote. This Committee to be elected for the purpose of selecting 12 directors.

Mr. Jac Bulk outlined the proposed membership dues as follows:

Annual Membership	-	\$5.00	(No Voting Power)
Annual Membership	-	10.00	(With Voting Power)
Sustaining Membership	-	15.00	(" " ")
(After 10 years the above membership automatically becomes Life Membership)			
Life Membership	-	100.00	(With Voting Power)
Club Membership	-	1.00	per member - 1 Vote per club
Benefactor	-	250.00	

Mr. Barron then stated that the dues of the N. Y. Horticultural Society for Professional Gardeners was \$5.00.

Mrs. Whitlock expressed the opinion that the proposed membership of \$1.00 per member for Garden Club members was too high. It was further suggested that there be a \$10. assessment to the Garden Clubs and allow two members full benefits.

A further suggestion was made that a quarterly magazine or pamphlet be issued to the membership.

Mr. Thomas Chadburn, representing the Glen Cove Horticultural Society stated that he was present with four members to take back a report of this meeting and that members of the above society had voted to cooperate with us if not conflicting with their activities.

Mr. Rogen suggested that there should be no contention or confliction of various flower shows and that it would be up to the Board of Directors to arrange a proper schedule.

1933

Mr. John F. Johnson asked what the organizers had in mind as to headquarters and how it was to be supported or if its activities were to be roving about.

Chairman Naldrett replied that as far as 1934 was concerned it was simply the purpose of the Society to enroll members and obtain support. In 1935 there would be the possibility of perhaps acquiring land only, but that 1934 be a campaign year.

The Chairman then declared a five minute recess in which opportunity would be given for the enrolling of members. After this recess, meeting was called to order. Twenty three had enrolled.

Mr. Rogen further impressed upon the meeting that the Chairman's suggestion of land and buildings was entirely for the future and 1934 was merely to incorporate and that possibly the buildings and grounds at Farmingdale, or some other place, could be used and that for a period of two years no particular problem existed.

Chairman Naldrett then announced the Nominating Committee as follows: G. Clifton Sammis, J. B. Hodgkin and Mrs. Paul W. Craig. The Committee on By-laws and Constitution were: John Esson, Peter M. Koster and E. L. D. Seymour.

The meeting was then opened for further discussion and suggestion was made from the floor that representation be given to all Horticultural Activities.

Chairman Naldrett then read regrets from Mrs. Harold I. Pratt, William Rodman and Mr. Kelly on not being able to attend the meeting.

Mr. J. B. Hodgkin representing the Central Club of Brooklyn stated that they offered to obtain membership and bring support.

The Chairman then called an open meeting for Tuesday, January 30th at the Hotel Huntington at 2:15 P. M. Mr. Flatow was authorized to publish this meeting in all Long Island papers giving it as much publicity as possible.

No further business meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, G. Clifton Sammis, Acting Secretary.