

REMEMBER:**New Meeting Location!**Ralph & Kakoo's on Bluebonnet

October 12 at 10:00

- Table sales start at 9:30
- Plant give-away after lunch
- By-law membership dues vote

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Business Meeting Minutes for Baton Rouge Daylily Society, Inc. (Unapproved)Held Saturday, March 16, 2002
Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant,
Bluebonnet Blvd., BR, LA.

Called to order at 10 AM by President Joe Goudeau. Officers present were Joe Goudeau, Ruth Hanson (Vice President), Leon Richmond (Treasurer), Muriel Walker (Secretary), and John Schexnaider (Tour Chairman).

Joe welcomed all and mentioned several opportunities for members to interact with the public:

- Have your garden on the annual BRDS tour
- Have your garden on the tour for the Region 13 meeting BRDS will host in 2005.
- Baton Rouge Botanical Garden Day, April 6 from 8 AM to 2 PM.
- The Mall of Louisiana "Festival of Flowers" will allow the club to participate with an info table and to sell daylilies "in a neat and orderly fashion."

March 2002 Meeting Minutes – Muriel Walker, Secretary: The minutes of the Fall 2001 were published in the Spring newsletter. Corrections, omissions or errors were requested. Leon Richmond, Treasurer, spoke to the financial statement. No other comment being voiced:

- A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Jim Baker and seconded by Ed Herringshaw. Motion approved.

Joe recognized the speakers, Earl

and Barbara Watts, and past AHS Presidents Dorothea Boldt and Clarence Crochet.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Leon Richmond: A correction to Spring financial report. It should read "\$107.39 for the BRDS 2001 Social". The "Cash Balance Date" should read "as of 12/31/2001". A current report has been passed out and we have currently \$11,190.11 (with an income this year of \$518.83 and expenses this year of \$558.56, resulting in a \$39.73 loss.)

Checking account and cash, as of 10/2001: \$2,848.59.

- A motion to accept by Paul Tyler and second by Ed Herringshaw.

The Asset Allocation Account started on 03/18/2000 with \$6,000. Income of \$1293 and expenses of \$3,085 leaves a current balance of \$4,208.

- A motion to accept by John Schexnaider and second by Muriel Walker.

Joe asked all to sign up on sheets being passed around for upcoming activities (tour gardens, etc.)

Texas Bus Trip - Ruth Hanson, Vice President and Program Chairman: Ruth asked the persons who signed up for this tour to see her. She wants to give them an info handout. She went through the sheets of the info handout on details about the trip. She announced that there were 3 seats left on the bus. The seats are available today to BRDS members then they will go to the waiting list. Any further details or changes will be sent out to the persons involved, since the club will not meet again before the trip. She continued through trip details listed on the handout.**Local Bus Tour** - Tour Chairman John Schexnaider: Set for May 25th. Seats are \$10 each. He has two busses of 55 each.

He has a sign up sheet for gardens that wish to be on local tour. He has registration forms for people wishing to go on the tour. He asked for bus captains.

John recognized Mrs. Julia Shurley

for her volunteer work for many years registering the members for the meetings and the nametags. He presented her with a double fan of SPACECOAST STARBURST. Applause followed and pictures. She thanked everyone.

Publicity - Ellen Richmond: She reminded all that the club videos are here today and available for check out. She plans to attend the sales and tours to get articles and photos. She also hopes all will participate.**Club newsletter** articles should be given to Joe Goudeau. He will pass them on to Ken Shacter.**Web page** - Tom Walker reports that Canadians and Russians visited our club's web page this year. May and October are the months with most visitors. The club's web page has information available (such as links on rust). If you have any questions, please ask Tom. www.brdaylilysoc.org**Baton Rouge Botanical Garden Display Bed** - The Garden requested a large daylily bed. Joe reports he volunteered to provide the plants if the club would provide signs to identify the plants. There are now about 420 cultivars with 20 open spaces (since some were lost this past winter). He thanked the persons who helped weed the bed. He is cutting back and treating for rust. The freeze helped kill the rust. He says donations are appreciated.**2002 Club Phone Book** - Joe Goudeau: Please check the draft in the back for your name and correct information. The final ones will be mailed to each member household.**Nominating Committee** - Ed Herringshaw (chairman), Terry Rehn and John Waggespack. Ed rose to announce the slate of nominees. Election at Fall 2002 meeting and Officers to serve January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004.

- Nominee for President - Ruth Hanson

- Nominee for Vice President - John Schexnaider
- Nominee for Tour Chairman – Ricky Bergeron
- Nominee for Treasurer - Carolyn Shacter (* see NOTE on page 3)
- Nominee for Secretary - Diane Tyler (* see NOTE on page 3)

Executive Committee –

- Joe Goudeau, past president
- Rudy Pacas, committee member
- Ed Herringshaw, comm. member

A motion to accept these nominations was made by (unknown) and second by Ginger Goudeau.

Joe asked: “Any nominations from the floor?”

- John Waggespack rose to nominate Joe Goudeau as President. Joe said there would be a paper ballot at the Fall meeting with all names on it.
- Clarence Crochet rose to nominate Muriel Walker as Vice President for years 2003 and 2004.
- Joe asked if there are other nominations from the floor. None.
- Joe called for a motion to close nominations. Beverly Pacas made the motion and Elmer Duplantis seconded. Vote by voice to close is unanimous.

Old Business –

Salvation Army Donation:

Joe explained that a vote was taken at the Fall 2001 meeting to donate \$1000 to the Salvation Army for victims of Sept. 11 passed. Another vote from the floor moved the action to the Executive Committee for discussion. After consideration, the Executive Committee felt it was not necessary for the club to do and it was a personal choice.

To reconsider the donation means a vote. Vote by voice: majority voted ‘no’ and several voted ‘yes’. A motion to send it back to committee did not pass.

By-laws change, increase

dues:

A motion was made at Fall 2001 meeting to raise the dues to \$10 per person; since the dues are in the by-laws, we must vote on a change in the by-laws. Joe called for any discussion from the floor. Ginger Goudeau rose to ask Treasurer Leon Richmond if the club has \$11,000 plus dollars per the Treasurer’s report, why do we need to vote an increase? She is concerned it might discourage members join.

Leon agreed we might lose some members, but that \$10 is very reasonable. He said we may not need the additional income if our sales increase, but we cannot always depend on that income. Our income in 2001 was \$401 from table sales for the entire year. Taking in only \$300 to \$400 a year will reduce cash balance.

- In response to a question from the floor, Muriel added that the members who brought the idea to the Executive Committee felt this was the better alternative than increasing dues a little bit each year for the next several years. She also added that club expenses are continuing and income is not.
- Bernie Holliday rose and suggested that increasing table sales and auction income would benefit the club more than the projected income increase of 100 members at the newer rate. More detrimental to not have as many members.
- Ruth Hanson rose to explain that the “thought had been, when they proposed this, was that this club was changing and now having entertainment or learning purposes over the last year to bring in speakers. This will cover the cost of most of that. So, we weren’t looking to insure that in 2010 that we still have a hefty balance, but we do want meet our obligations and to also to offer the club more. We felt like (dues) at \$5.00 and \$7.50 was sufficient when we weren’t really returning that much to the membership, but

now that we feel like we are offering more and cost is always going up that it was something that would balance out.”

- John Schexnaider rose to state that the fee was discussed in the Executive Committee and all agreed to it. This would give the opportunity for more (things) like the \$1500 for the plant give away and Texas bus tour; if you want to continue to do things for our club members, \$10 is real reasonable and he is all for it.
- Lucy Wells rose to ask what are the sales expectations? Joe says we can’t tell and last year we didn’t sell due to rust. She continued that free plants do not become free plants if the way you are getting the plants is by boosting the membership fees and having auctions solely within this room. It means we actually are paying for the plants ourselves. She is not opposed to increase but perhaps we could funnel some of our energy to come up with ways to make funds outside this room.
- Tom Walker rose to state that we have approximately 150 members (60% as family and 40% as single) so the increase to the club is not but about \$525 more dollars than we get now. The difference is a lot to the person but not much to the club.
- Rudy Pacas asks if we can delay the proposal for six months. He requests it be sent back to Executive Committee.
- Clarence Crochet rose to say this club and any club is looking for members. If we raise dues, we will lose members. We have lost 400 members over the last few years (for several reasons). But, if we need money we have to do it some other way.
- A motion to return by-laws change to committee for discussion by Rudy Pacas, second by Mr. Guidry. Voice vote was unanimous to return it to the Executive Committee.

Joe announced next Executive

Committee meeting is 6:30 PM April 1, 2002, at 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 320. All are welcome, just let him know (who will attend) for refreshments.

New Business –

No new business.

Meeting Closure –

Lady voice (Pat Comeaux) from the floor asked about the Plant giveaway. Joe answered that LeRoy Landry will report at the next meeting on the deal he can get. We don't know if it will be a giveaway in Fall 2002 or Spring 2003. He spent \$1500 and got 77 plants last time. He has \$1500 this time, too.

- Joe recognized the Regional Officers and AHS Officers. Beth Crochet as AHS Vice President and Region 13 Director, Barbara Watts as Region 14 Director, Region 13 RPD Elmer Duplantis (and president of Delta Daylily), Region 13 Muriel Walker, Region 13 Endowments Liaison to AHS Tom Walker, and Bernie Holliday as president of SELDS.
- Leon Richmond led us in the blessing for lunch.
- Joe introduced Barbara and Earl Watts as our speakers for the afternoon.
- Lunch served at noon followed by program.

Transcribed from audio tape on March 31, 2002. The tapes are on file for review.

Respectfully submitted by
Muriel Walker, Secretary.

NOTE FOR BRDS MINUTES

The Treasurer and Secretary positions are open. The nominees have withdrawn their names for personal reasons. The club is asking for volunteers to fill these positions. Contact Joe Goudeau at 225/262-8418 if you are interested.

BRDS PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, we've had an eventful year for the Baton Rouge Daylily Society.

The local tour went very well; the

weather was great and a good time was had by all. Speaking of tours, the Texas tour was a great fun. We were able to see some beautiful gardens and some wonderful flowers. I was unaware of the dancing talent we have in this club ☺. A special thanks to Ruth and Harry Hanson, Glennis and Ricky Bergeron, Gary Wilson and all the others who kept us stocked up on drinks as well as kept us from getting lost. I would also like to thank the other club and committee members who helped plan and make the trip a reality, Rudy and Beverly Pacas, LeRoy Landry and Ellen and Leon Richmond for their participation in this venture.

The club received great exposure through the Botanical Garden and the Mall of Louisiana this spring. The club generated approximately \$1500 with the plant table sale at the Mall of Louisiana. Many thanks to all who donated time and plant material: Mary Rish, Diane Denney and her friend Dawn Trahan, John Schexnaider, LeRoy Landry, Ruth and Harry Hanson, Tom and Muriel Walker, Clarence and Beth Crochet, Jim and Mary Baker, Tim Tassin, Jimmy Terrio, John Waguespack, Mammie Younger (Mammie you were great fun!) Rudy and Beverly Pacas, Leon and Ellen Richmond, Carolyn and Ken Shacter, Clatyon Thigpen, Ricky and Glennis Bergeron, and of course Ginger and Ashley Goudeau, as well as Ashley's best friend Kayla Cothorn. I apologize in advance for anyone I may have forgotten.

Many of these special people did not even sign up, they just "showed up" plants in hand and were ready to work! Thanks again!!!!!!

The AHS recognized *The ARKLA* as the best regional newsletter in the country for 2001. Kudos to our very own Muriel Walker (editor) and all who contributed articles! Congratulations to Clarence Crochet for winning the "Best Article on Cultivars" and the Region 14 Slide Sequence Award (details in the "Congratulations" column). I wish I could have been there to see our

very own Beth Crochet (an Executive Committee member, AHS Director and Vice President) present him with the award. I am very proud to have such talented members right here in the Baton Rouge club and even more proud to consider them my friends.

Try to attend the October meeting. There will be an election for new officers and a table sale. We look forward to seeing you there!

On a personal note:

I think an election for officers is a great thing. This means we have a number of people who want to spend many countless hours working, planing, and working some more. Being an officer is not always easy and we should feel fortunate that we have so many who want to contribute.

I would like to place my support behind one person who I consider the best to serve the Baton Rouge Daylily Society or for any club for that matter. This person spends countless hours at executive board meetings, club meetings, Regional meetings, table sales, garden shows etc. etc. etc. all over the state. This person spends hours with e-mail, writing minutes, and articles, as well as putting together the AHS's best Regional Newsletter. You never ever see a scowl! In fact I do not think the smile ever leaves her face even when there is not a daylily in the conversation. This person is the only person running for president or vice president that doesn't have a commercial garden. This person's only benefit of all the hard work is our friendship. Of course by now you all know I am referring to Muriel Walker. She and her husband Tom spend all of those countless hours simply for the love of flowers and for our wonderful company. I know she will make the best vice president this club has ever had! I ask you to join with me and support her with your vote on October 12th.

As I sit here, I think about getting ready to go to my first club meeting. I can remember trying to

decide whether to wear shorts or jeans to a meeting only to find that everyone there was as in their Sunday best. (Glad I wore my good jeans!) A short nine years later I've helped plan a Regional, been bus captain, garden host (my favorite), tour chairman, vice president, and now president of the Baton Rouge Daylily Society. All because I walked into Alcee Favaron's back yard one July afternoon and just had to have one of each of those flowers. It seems like such a short time and still, I ponder shorts, or jeans? Not much has changed except my waistline and of course the flowers.

I have made some great friends through my involvement with daylilies. Friends from all over the country. Some I have only conversed through e-mails but friends never the less. I have daylilies to thank for that.

I have enjoyed my time serving you and would love the opportunity to serve you as president for two more years if you will have me. Thanks again for your support but most of all thanks for your friendship.

Depending on the outcome of the election, this may be my last President's Letter. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed time and efforts to make my time as an officer a great one. It has been a learning experience that I will not soon forget.

Happy Gardening and God Bless

Joe Goudeau
President BRDS

VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This will be the last opportunity I have to address the membership of BRDS in the capacity of Vice President. During my term as Program Chair many productive programs, speakers, fundraisers, and our club's first overnight bus trip as a club took place. I believe that I have proven my support for such programs by playing a major part, not only in the early stages.

The results of the upcoming election at the BRDS Fall Meeting on October 12th will tell whether the majority of the membership agrees. I would like to say that my experience in the various offices of our club has been rewarding. Every stride made was a joint effort of leadership and membership. Give yourself a pat on the back. You helped to make it happen.

Should the outcome of the upcoming election be favorable on my part, I will support the increase of dues to ten dollars per person. In the past we have heard countless times that the same few people carry the majority of the workload for the club. The dues increase is possibly the only avenue in which every member can play a part in increasing the club treasury. The increase in revenue will in turn allow funding for future programs.

In the upcoming term the groundwork for the Region 13 meeting in 2005 will be laid. I believe I have the qualifications necessary to lead this club to a successful Regional meeting in 2005. I served in the capacity of Regional Committee Secretary, Regional tour garden host, host of the Emma Middlebrooks Awards Bed, liaison to the Exhibition Judges Clinics and Garden Judges Workshops during the 1999 Region 13 meeting. I served along with my husband, Harry, as bus captains, en route garden hosts, and member of the decorating committee during the 1998 National Convention held in Lafayette.

Remember that *it's your club*. Make sure to get the word out that the meeting date has moved to October 12th. Plan to attend the meeting to cast your vote for the candidate of your choice. As an added bonus, you will get the chance to win of a \$150 Salter introduction.

Ruth Hanson
BRDS Vice President

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following BRDS members:

- Mr. Clarence Crochet won the

"Region 14 Slide Sequence Award" for the best sequence of slides giving information relating to daylilies. His presentation, "From Pod to Plant", depicts how to hybridize, is now part of the AHS photograph and slide library.

- Mr. Crochet also won the "Best Article on Cultivars" newsletter award for his "Our Picks for 2001" (Fall 2001 ARKLA). The article showcased daylilies that impressed him in gardens he and Beth visited during the year.
- Muriel Walker (Editor of *The ARKLA*, our Region's Newsletter) received well-deserved recognition with two awards: "Best Use of Pictures and Graphic Art" and "Best Regional Newsletter". Muriel shares her award with husband Tom, who takes many of the photographs seen in *The ARKLA*.

CONGRATULATIONS to all!

BRDS 2002 BUS TOUR

A special thank you to the seven tour garden owners for opening their garden for the 2002 BRDS Bus Tour. They were the Crochets, Goudeaus, Hansons, Pacasses, Rehns, Richmonds, and the Tylers.

And, a big THANK YOU to BRDS members and guests that purchase \$10 tickets for the BRDS Bus Tour. You are the greatest!

John Schexnaider
2002 Tour Chairman

CENAL FALL SYMPOSIUM

The CENLA Fall Symposium for 2002 will occur November 8-9 in Alexandria. There will be a reception Friday night; the events are on Saturday. The symposium consists of a continental breakfast, guest speakers' topics with Q&A sessions, catered lunch and a plant auction. There is usually a plant table sale and great boutique items for sale too. David Kirchoff and Patrick and Grace Stamile are the scheduled guest speakers. There are only 200 tickets available. All activities will be held

at a new site: the Best Western Inn Suites and Conference Center. Tickets are \$25 each. Special hotel rates until October 25 (mention the "CENLA Daylily Fall Symposium" at 318/445-5530). Contact Registrar Nancy Melder at 2325 Coulee Crossing Rd, Woodworth, LA 71485 or nanMtom@bellsouth.net. See your Summer ARKLA for details.

GARDEN HINTS

To mulch, or not to mulch, that is the question.

The answer is an unequivocal "yes!" But how to mulch? The chief yard and "mulcher" at our house (me) offers the following advice:

Save your old newspapers. Be sure to recycle (versus throwing away) the special insert ads and other sections that don't consist of the normal doublewide newspaper width; you won't use those.

First push aside the old mulch and weed the bed. Put the newspaper in a wheelbarrow and wet down with a hose. Then lay the wet newspaper on the ground (at least four sheets thick) and cover it with new mulch. Hardwood or locally collected pine needles are the preferred mulch in our yard.

I've found that this method does a much better job of keeping down weeds than just plain mulch, and it's much cheaper than using those special cloth barriers.

Carolyn Shacter

BIG DAYLILY SALE -

Event: Fall Garden Days
Date: October 19th and 20th
Place: New Orleans City Park Botanical Gardens

The daylily booth will sell to the public. All proceeds will benefit our Region's treasury. The booth will be staffed by Regional Officers with much welcomed help from members of the Southeast LA Daylily Society, based in the greater New Orleans area. Other daylily clubs and members are welcome to contact Muriel Walker (225/275-8881) if you wish to help

and join the fun.

We will have recent registered daylilies with valued from \$3 to \$20. Each bare root fan will be tagged with name and color, and offered for sale at \$3 a fan.

There will be many other booths offering plants for sale. There may be a small admission charge to the event.

NEW 2002 VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Our club has ordered Bobby Baxters new outstanding 2002 daylily video collection. Hopefully, by the time of our Fall meeting, they will be here and ready for you to check out for your viewing pleasure. This year's collection consists of five (5) videos:

Video 1) Jeff & Elizabeth Salter's Rollingwood Garden: Over 1½ hours of pure daylilies, capturing their complete hybridizing program.

Video 2) Kirchoff, Morss, Hansen, Roberts (Daylily World & Ladybug): Daylily World has won some of the highest awards from AHS for service and hybridizing.

Video 3) Stamile, Trimmer, Reilly (Floyd Cove Nursery, Water Mill Gardens): These daylilies are the daylilies of Enterprise, FL.

Video 4) Tim Bell's Daylily Garden (Brown's Ferry Gardens, Bloomin'-Dale's): Located in Sycamore, GA, this garden is perhaps one of the most spectacular gardens ever captured by the Happy Moose.

Video 5) The July 2002 AHS National Convention, held in Troy, MI. This convention was attended by several of our local club members as well as being recognized as elite award winners.

Ellen Richmond

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to BRDS:

- Tim & Carolyn Tassin
- William & Brenda Lovett
- Frances Townsend
- Damond Veach
- Linda Turner
- Mozelle Plaisance
- Mrs Michael Glover
- Mary Candiotta
- Glynda Everett
- Bella Voyles

- Florence Hargis
- Peggy Hatch
- Betty Pittman
- Dick & Pat Thevenot
- Ken & Sybil Simon
- Jason Crochet
- Weldon & Sharon Smith
- Louise Barras
- Janis D'Benedetto
- Merna Ford

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Meeting	October 12
New Orleans Plant Sale	October 19-20
CENLA Fall Symposium	November 8-9
BRDS Social	early December (details at the meeting)

VOTE TO AMEND BY-LAWS

Article 1: Membership and Dues

Delete the following current wording:

"Dues are set at five dollars for a single membership and seven dollars and fifty cents for a family membership."

Replace the above wording with the following wording:

"Dues are set at ten dollars for each member."

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