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Minh Bui, MAAVS President, at 2023 AVSA Convention with Best Trailer in Show, *Rob's Vanilla Trail*

President's Message

With Spring quickly approaching, the anticipation and excitement for upcoming AV and Gesneriad shows looms. That includes our upcoming MAAVS Convention and Show in York, Pennsylvania, on November 7th to 9th at the St. John Episcopal Church. Stay tuned for updates on the hotel and dining options in the upcoming months on our website and Facebook group pages. In the meantime,

keep growing and enjoying your plants - nine months will be here in a blink!

Linda Stinnette's financial statement on Page 5 reflects her diligent efforts to keep our finances straight - - MAAVS' financial health is EXCELLENT. Thank you Linda.

Cheers, Minh Bui, MAAVS President
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Sue Hoffmann 2017 - 2022

Minh Bui 2022 - Present

Affiliate Activities

Delaware African Violet & Gesneriad Society

March 23, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Boscov's Department Store Christiana Town Center Route 273, Christiana, DE. African Violet Display & Plant Sale Event Dates and Hours: Saturday, March 23, 2024 10 AM to 4 PM Location: Boscovs Department Store Christiana Town Center Route 273 361 W. Main St. Christiana, DE 19702 Event contact information: Bobbie LaFashia rlafash@comcast.net Club Email: rlafash@comcast.net

Richmond African Violet Society

April 5, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - April 7, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden 1800 Lakeside Avenue, Henrico, VA. African Violet Show & Plant Sale "Ready, Set, Go Violets" Location: Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden 1800 Lakeside Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23228 Event Dates and Hours: Free admission to show and sale. Plant Sale: April 5th 1:00 - 5:00 pm April 6th 9:00 am -5:00 pm April 7th 9:00.

African Violet Club of Burlington County

April 13 @ Noon - 5 pm
Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences, 307 High Street. Annual Judged Show and Sale. Contact Sandra Skalski at sskalski@comcast.net

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African Violet Society of Springfield

May 3 @ 1 pm - 4:30 pm and May 4 @9:30 am - 3 pm
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Nominating	- Sue Hoffmann
2024 Convention Chair	- Rodney Barnett
2024 Show Chair	- Linda Kilby

APPOINTED Non-Board POSITIONS

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Editor of The MAAVS MEMO	- Ken Barbi
MAAVS Collection Rosette	- Minh Bui
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2023 Income

Bank Account Interest	\$	1.00
Membership Dues		1,723.24
MAAVS Rosettes for Affiliates		0.00
Life Member Donations		1,500.00
Convention Income		12,466.59
Total 2023 Income	\$	15,690.83

2023 Expense

AVSA Annual Membership Dues		35.00
AVSA Insurance		408.00
MAAVS Memo (Toner, Postage, Paper, etc.)		207.80
Convention Total Cost		11,845.45
Total 2023 Expense	\$	12,496.25

2024 Proposed MAAVS Budget

Total Expected 2024 Income

Bank Account Interest	\$	1.23
Membership Dues		1,750.00
MAAVS Rosettes for Affiliates		10.00
MAAVS Pin Sales		10.00
Convention Advertising		100.00
Convention Sales Tables		150.00
Convention Award Donations		1,500.00
Convention Registration		3,000.00
Convention Silent Auction		600.00
Convention Sale of Show Plants		100.00
Total 2024 Income	\$	7,221.23

Expected 2024 Expense

Convention Church Rental Costs	\$	1,000.00
Convention Tables		500.00
Convention Table Skirting		600.00
Convention Ribbons		100.00
Convention Advertising		300.00
Convention Booklets		300.00
Convention Judges and Clerks		200.00
Convention Goodie Bags		200.00
Convention Staging		300.00
Convention Awards		2,000.00
Internet Renewal cost (MAAVS share of a total cost split with DAVS)		248.22
MAAVS Memo (Toner, Postage, Paper, etc.)		200.00
AVSA Annual Membership Dues		40.00
AVSA Insurance		312.00
Total 2024 Expense	\$	6,300.22

MAAVS checking account balance as of February 17, 2024, is **\$12,265.08**

Respectfully submitted by, Linda Stinnette, Treasurer



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Minutes of the October 1 and 3, 2023, MAAVS Show Update Meetings

Meetings were called to order on time, both via zoom. Sandy reviewed the hotel contract with everyone, and a few questions were brought up. Sandy agreed to gather the information and informed everyone that she would be in touch with the hotel and finalize the contract if everything checked out. Ken B. made a motion to move the location, the motion was seconded by Linda Kilby, and it was decided that if Sandy was able to get the contract details worked out and we would move forward.

Even though meal prices were slightly different, it was agreed that meal prices would remain the same as originally laid out, and no partial refunds would be given. The vegetarian meal was still in question, and Jackie would reach out to the members that ordered the veg. meal and offer them the opportunity to change their choice.

Sandy explained that the link to book the hotel would be available online as of Oct 4. She secured a hospitality room, however there would be no kitchen and we would not be able to have anything plugged in the room. The new food deadline would be October 15th.

Minh mentioned the Philly Flower Show for 2025 and not having a show in 2024 to prepare for the 2025 show, he explained more details of how the show would work. Ken B. made a motion to move forward with the

2025 PHS and that we don't have a show in 2024, Kitty H. seconded the motion. 13 members in favor, 3 members abstained from voting, the motion will carry forward.

Sue H. brought up that the standing rules and bylaws for MAAVS, and they need to be revised.

Sue H. said she would have the show book finished up and email it to Linda K for printing in plenty of time for the show.

Minh shared the color for the show as Navy and Gold, and he showed the ribbons that he ordered.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Leitzel, Secretary

Minutes of the November 3, 2023, MAAVS Board Meeting, called to order at 12:20pm

Linda S. gave a treasurer report, beginning balance on 12/21/22 of \$9,426.16 and an ending balance on 10/24/23 of \$19,008.39, estimated hotel charges will be \$8,173.68, but contract is being re-negotiated because of the issues with the space. Awards to be pd out at roughly \$2,000.00.

A spring show/convention will be hard to pull off with the prices continually going up, venues are going to be tough to find at an affordable price. The discussion of using Rodney's church for a future show. Members would be able to get hotels on their own, perhaps MAAVS could secure a block of rooms at two different hotels for the members to have a choice. Rodney agreed to check with the church and see if the dates of November 7th, 8th and 9th would be available.

Minh brought up the PHS, so he could reach out to them to start

to confirm things with them about the venue. Ken asked for a vote as to who would like to move forward with the PHS option for 2025, several voiced concerns. Ken suggested we forego the PHS option after all, the votes were in agreement with Ken and Minh said he would reach out to his contact at PHS and let them know we would not be joining them after all.

Rich F. suggested rather than being a participant at the PHS that perhaps we set up a bus trip to attend the show.

Rich F. also suggested that if we do pursue the church venue, we may try to contact the local FFA, to help us set up the show etc.

Ken B. spoke about the MAAVS newsletter/website and that in 2024 MAAVS would be sharing the cost of our website with Dixie, this will be about a \$200 savings.

Donna Brining closed the meeting by letting us know that she would not be able to store the MAAVS properties any longer and that at the membership meeting we would need to find someone else to take them home with them.

The meeting was concluded at 1:15pm
Respectfully submitted, Jackie Leitzel, Secretary

Minutes of the November 4, 2023, MAAVS General Membership meeting was called to order at 3:03pm (with 36 in attendance)

Linda S. provided a treasures report of \$19,008.39. This is the balance before the hotel has been paid and before awards.

Donna B. asked for someone to take the MAAVS properties as

she will no longer be able to store them. Tammy Dubois agreed to take the niches, and April Van Ness agreed to take the bankers boxes with the remaining items. Sue H. suggested the list of where the properties are being housed should be updated on the website.

Linda K. gave a show report we had 30 members enter the show, with a total of 191 entries 45 in design, 2 special classes and 184 in horticulture. The show was awarded a Blue Award, it was a great show.

The judging school held by Joyce Stork on November 1st was a huge success, there were 7 members that attended the school.

Rodney spoke about the venue for the 2024 show, potentially being held at his church in York PA. We are not going to give up on a hotel for a venue for next year but will need to make a decision in the next 30 days if we want to have a chance as securing something in time. Sandy P. was going to talk to her contact at the Wyndham hotel to see what they would charge us to come back to Gettysburg next year and report back to the board. Linda K. made a motion that Rodney B. and Tammy D. would take charge in finding a location within the next 30 to 45 days, and that Tammy would also look for something for 2025, all were in favor, this motion was seconded by Linda A.

Linda A. asked if the entry list could be turned into a fill in style PDF so she could fill it in on her computer than by hand. Jackie L. said it could be done; she may just need to remind me of this coming next year.

Minh admitted that he missed a few awards and he apologized for it, Kitty H. volunteered to take over awards for 2024 and everyone graciously accepted her offer. It was agreed that the list of awards

would be reviewed, and everyone felt confident that Kitty could handle this job well.

Laura S. has volunteered to handle hospitality for the 2024 show. Everyone agreed that they liked the “pop-up” silent auctions that were held this year, and we would do these again next year, but we would try to post times and locations in advance, however if no one else is willing to help with them, that all we can do is the best we can.

April Van Ness thanked everyone for their support and donations to the hospitality suite and asked that if anyone had anything left in the room that they wanted if they would take it with them, anything left in the room after the meeting would be donated to the food bank.

This concluded the meeting at 3:47pm

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Leitzel, Secretary

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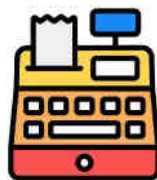


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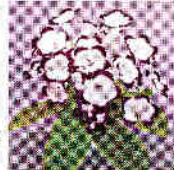
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