

NEW ENGLAND CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY
Membership/Organizational Meeting
Saturday, January 18, 2003
1:00 p.m.

Charles H. Smith Greenhouses, Roger Williams Park, Providence

I. Welcome, Introductions

John Phillip, Jr.

The meeting was brought to order at 1:35 p.m. by John Phillip. Those in attendance introduced themselves and were welcomed. He expressed his excitement about getting the group organized and thanked those who had participated in helping with the efforts.

II. Discussion of Name, Organizational Goals, Mission

A motion to form "The New England Carnivorous Plants Society" was made by a unanimous vote of the members following a motion by Leslie Uhnak and a second by Bill Gleavey.

The following mission was agreed upon:

"The Mission of the New England Carnivorous Plant Society shall be to share, to gain knowledge of, and to achieve expertise in all phases of growing, education, appreciation and conservation of carnivorous plants both in culture and in native habitats."

III. Frequency of Meetings

For the immediate future meetings will be held monthly.

IV. Dues Assessments

Discussion was held regarding amount of membership dues. A motion was made by Tony Antonucci and seconded by Marcia Brennan to impose a \$20 single membership fee, \$25 fee for a family membership and \$10 fee for a student membership. The motion passed by a vote of the members. Members expressed an interest in encouraging membership among children of members.

V. Officers

A motion was made by Judy Gould to elect John Phillip as President. The motion was seconded by Nathan Lovell. Discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously. Judy Gould will serve as Secretary. Other offices will be filled in the future. Several members will pursue setting up a website and serving as Webmaster(s).

VI. Activities and Meeting Format

Formats for meetings will reflect the wishes of members including auctions and raffles with donations from members and vendors, swap tables and other fund raisers. Members are encouraged to give suggestions for programs.

John Philip acknowledged donations for auction and raffle items for today's meeting of plants donated by Tom Hayes and Dave Evans of Dangerous Plants.

A scrapbook will be presented at a future meeting for a permanent display of club activities.

VII. Announcements

Online resources for Carnivorous Plants is available as a handout.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15. The Rhode Island Orchid Society is holding its Annual Meeting on the same day. An invitation to attend the meeting, which will feature a talk by Bob Chabot, horticulturist of the Roger Williams Botanical Gardens, was extended. The President will work out details and inform members.

Following a break, a live auction, silent auction and raffle were held.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gould
Secretary