**American Dahlia Society**

**Minutes – Executive Committee Meeting**

**March 4, 2023**

Present: Mark Oldenkamp, Tony Evangelista, Ken Jensen, Charles Miehm, Terry Schroeder, Harry Rissetto, Jerry Landerholm, Ron Miner

Due to health issues, Brad Freeman was unable to attend. Mark Oldenkamp, first vice-president filled in.

There was discussion regarding membership, financial review, application by Central States Dahlia Society for the 2025 national show and a request by a member from Australia for copies of the ADS color guide.

**Ron Miner moved, and Harry Rissetto seconded to offer to sell up to 50 copies at the standard 10% off the bulk mail of the color guide per the request from Australia. The motion passed.**

Kristine Albrecht explained a fundraising option using a program called Donor Box for raising funds for the genome project. Donor Box also requires a platform such as PayPal to collect the donation and recommends a payment platform called Stripe. **Ron Miner moved, and Tony Evangelista seconded to approve a trial run of Donor Box with Stripe for genome donations for Phase 3 fundraising. The motion passed.** Charles will set up Donor Box with Stripe. Kristine provided information as to what is needed for Phase 3. It will require $35,000 for the next three years in September for Zach’s stipend and $20,000 for leaf sample sequencing.

There was discussion about needing a replacement to continue the newsletter, ADS communication using generic email addresses, spring planning meeting in June in Denver, CO, *Bulletin* advertising issues, and virus information.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Schroeder

ADS Secretary