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 vicepresident 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