

**Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Board Meeting
Noyo Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society**

Meeting called to order by the President, Dennis Miller.

The Treasurer, Kathe Charters, noted there needs to be an installation of officers and directors (other than those continuing in a 2-year term) at the May general meeting of the membership.

Dennis Miller discussed community outreach:

He announced the Garden Club has invited members of our club to attend their annual event on June 10, 2024. We are welcome to hand out materials; he will get brochures from Fran Steinhardt and represent the club at the event.

He noted he will conduct outreach to the Redwood Symphony.

He further noted he wants the club to address growth in Hispanic membership and will invite his neighbor to lead a brainstorming session on this issue at a future meeting. Board members expressed support and enthusiasm for this goal. It was agreed a Spanish version of our membership brochure should be a top priority, hopefully to be accomplished soon.

Kathe Charters estimated the profit from the Show at \$2000, however several bills remain outstanding and a final total is not known.

Kathe Charters reminded the Board the annual budget is to be adopted in August; all Board members are encouraged to participate. The budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 4:15p, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Kathe Charters asked if the new Board wants to continue meeting at the same time (4:15p, on the Wednesday before the general meeting) and at the same place (St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church) in the 2024-25 year. It was agreed to do so with a reminder that Board meetings need not be held every month. The first regular Board meeting for the 2024-25 year is scheduled for September 18, 2024; the first general meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024.

Dennis Miller raised a series of issues regarding the Show, including help with the manual labor of set-up and take-down, the possibility of securing a Community Service Worker, and the expense of signage. Director and Show Chair Devon Billings indicated all issues would be noted and brought to the Board for 2025 Show planning purposes.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Gill
Secretary