

Minutes for the Long Beach Cactus Club – October 6, 2019

The October meeting of the Long Beach Cactus Club was called to order at 11:00 am by President **Krystoff Przykucki** at Rancho Los Alamitos, CA and he welcomed 51 members as well as the attending LBCC Board members and guest speakers **Max Martin** and **Carlos Morera** from the Cactus Store in Echo Park, CA and New York, NY.

Krystoff Przykucki, President
Scott Bunnell, VP/Social Media
Henry Angulo, Treasurer
Andrew Lander, Newsletter/ Scorekeeper
Gary Duke, X-mas Party Chair

MA Bjarkman, CSSA Liaison
Nan Halbert, Secretary
Amelia Angulo, Social Media/Publicity
James Lemos, Inter-City Show Chairman
Jim Hanna, Vendor Coordinator
Regina Fernandez, Social Media/Publicity

Announcements

CSSA Board Member **MA Bjarkman** announced that as our club is an affiliate of the national CSSA, our club gets to vote for three of four candidates for CSSA board positions for 2020. Our club's votes went to **Kal Kaminer**, **Sandy Chase** and **Kelly Griffin**.

James Lemos encouraged new members who are anxious about entering their plants in shows to start small, like entering the club mini shows each month and perhaps the San Gabriel show in mid-January or Palomar show October 26-27 as a way to build confidence.

Krystoff Przykucki welcomed new members who received a free plant. Members found out about our club by googling it or other cactus clubs.

Gary Duke announced that Christmas party will be at **Sue Birches'** house. Also, beware of fake emails. Several were sent out recently regarding meeting times, etc.

Krystoff Przykucki offered to have members visit his garden. Notify him if you are interested.

Max Martin and **Carlos Morera** from the Cactus Store explained that the vision of their store is to springboard and reach a broad and new audience. Food, music gathering and community events are all free. Xerophile is their publication and even includes clothing and sensors which monitor metabolic rates. This includes greenhouses for acquired collections, El Centor, in Hollywood and desert cabins in JoshuaTree, California. The Plant Show which is a relationship between plants and society. Fertilizer and plant extinction show that people are ready to connection through plants and bring meaning to our lives. They work on a bazillion things all at once. Collective employees share a common interest and work together within the fascination of plants.

Xerophile was an attempt to take images and expose the plants and the habitat in a way that was not attempted before. Immense collection helped to compile photos from different collectors. **Woody Minnich** also contributed slides and photos along with other famous and renowned collectors. An incredibly rewarding experience and adding the actual people who work with these plants all over the world. A new nature show that shows the whole world of plants and a mix of things. Chilean Copiapoa mystical plant with the fog. People talking to plants, breeding and programs from plants facing

extinction, using plants as a door to other ideas plants stuck on islands, and other places all over the world. Footage from trip to Chile with Woody. Some of the plants can be 1,000 years old. Coastal desert of Atacama, Chile with a caravan of 6 trucks. Global warming will decrease moisture and never recorded rainfall. We are all part of one and we should learn to live. Perseverance, hang in there, keep on moving with the highs and lows.

2nd printing of book will hopefully be coming our soon and The Cactus Store is open Wed through Sunday. The Plant Show should be on the air sometime soon. Camanchaca fog currents which are fickle can affect plants. Funded through landscaping store and hard work.

Kathy McNair announced the Mini-Show winners which included **Richard Salcedo, Krystoff Przykucki, Andrew Lander and Jim Hanna**. Andrew and Jim both swept their categories.

October birthdays, member plants and dragon fruit were offered through our monthly raffle engaging new members and making them feel welcome.

Henry Angulo announced that we have 12K in our treasury and Inter-City show funds have not been received yet. A possible membership increase was discussed as well as a new venue for our meetings.

LBCC Officers/Board Members 2020

President/Inter-City Show - **James Lemos**
VP/Archive Committee/Mini-Show– **Christopher Bucka**
Treasurer/May Plant and Show Committee - **Henry Angulo**
Membership/VP/Communications – **Tanisha Herr**
Secretary...unfilled
Xmas Party Chair – Gary Duke
Vendor Coordinator – Jim Hanna
Newsletter - **Andrew Lander**
Vendors/ Prize Plants - **Jim Hanna**
Librarian- **Lisa Weller**
Photographer – Mini Show - **Rose Bank**
Programming – **Woody Minnich**
Xmas Party- **Gary Duke**
Social Media/ Refreshments – **Amelia Angulo**
Rancho Committee – **Mike Martin**
Auction Committee – **Gretchen Lewotsky**
Historian – **Nelson Hernandez**
Publicity Committee – **Regina Fernandez**
CSSA Liaison/Speaker Confirmation – **MA Bjarkman**

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Halbert – LBCC Secretary

