

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2016
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures.

He announced and thanked the refreshment organizers, Michelle and Rose, and all those who brought in the tempting goodies and circulated a sign-up sheet for May, June, July and August refreshments.

NOS 2016 Orchid Show was Feb. 27 & 28 at the Naples Botanical Garden. The show was excellent and attendance was phenomenal!!! Kudos to all who participated. AOS judges were impressed. Four AOS awards were given for our members' plants.

Dick also thanked all the volunteers who worked at the Show and - In particular - David Orr for his work on set-up and take down.

Plant holding area was extremely helpful.

Dick also thanked Lanelle Bishop for the food that kept the volunteers going and thanked Norm Dolder and David Junka for putting together the raffle baskets, Jim Rawson for publicity, and Ramon Chapa for coordinating sponsors.

Further Dick thanked Naples Botanical Garden. We had over 3,800 people attend our Show!

Gulfcoast Orchid Alliance is having its show on Mar. 11 & 12 at United Church of Christ on Seagate Dr.
Please support their efforts.

Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids will be our speaker in April. He will speak on orchids of the Philippines.

Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5551 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300, starting at 6:30pm.
All are welcome.

Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon reported that we have 187 members and 13 guests tonight!

Treasurer Nanett Boerner reported that we are in good financial shape but don't have report for the Show yet. Dick is meeting with Naples Botanical Garden tomorrow to get final report.

Lanelle Bishop reported that there is a bus trip to Redlands on Sat., May 14th. First come, first ride. Sign up to get on the bus: \$30 includes admission + \$5 to spend at the show.

Kit Kitchen - Maran reported that her scarf sales at the show were Extremely successful. Sales totaled \$707.28. These funds go to support the internship program for students doing research in the Fakahatchee Strand, doing DNA coding and re-introducing native species.

David Orr reported that the basket raffle at the Show raised over \$2,000! The vendors reported robust sales and all were happy with the results.

The Naples Botanical Gardens staff was extremely helpful to our efforts and we expressed our gratitude to them.

David introduced our speaker tonight, Mike Owen, biologist at Fakahatchee Strand.

Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.