

Minutes of the Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, Mar 30, 2017, 6:30 PM

Conference room of AvAirPros, Suite 300, Toni Stabile Building, 5551 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300, Naples FL 34108

6:37 PM – Call BOD Meeting to Order,—Dick Pippen; Show Committee Meeting to follow BOD Meeting.

In attendance: Marilyn Moser, Dick Pippen, Bill Overton, Nanett Boerner, Cynthia Bock, Sue Roehl, Mary Jo Shively, Carolyn Booker, Kris Morton, David Orr, Sheila Demkovich, Kit Kitchen Maran, Lanelle Bishop, Jim Rawson, Ralph Brand, Kris Morton, Norm Dolder

Absent: Veronica Catrombon

Secretary's Report —Cynthia Bock—reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting). Minutes were approved as distributed. Conflict of Interest policy was approved at last meeting and board signed consent.

President's Comments—Dick Pippen – WGPU is having a program on why people love orchids. Dayna Harpster wants to interview some members about why they love orchids. Cynthia, Bill and Mary Jo volunteered to speak to her. Dick also received an email about the Orchard Supply Hardware. No interest in contacting them.

Treasurer's Report —Nanett Boerner reported that we have a net surplus of \$6,784. More invoices need to be paid. Report attached. No report from Gardens yet. Insurance has been paid, and first months of rent has been paid. Grant of \$1750 for website has been received. Bold Solutions working on the update. Veronica reported on this. Kit submitted payment of \$329 of Orchidgami. Balances in bank accounts \$12,319.18, Paypal \$214; MM \$15,318.15 and CDs of over \$17,000.

1st V.P.—David Orr reported that he had a phone call from John Boudrey and he will speak in May on Phalaenopsis. Phil Kreuger will speak in September on Orchids we all should grow. All meetings have speakers through the end of the year. June meeting will be on June 8, with Mark Renke speaking on Decoding Dendrobiums. David reported on issues at the shadehouse. House is still for sale.

2nd V.P.—Lanelle Bishop reported that 16 people are signed up for bus trip to Redlands on May 20.

Membership Report — Veronica Catrombon submitted a written report.

Newsletter Report — Kris Morton reported that newsletter is printed and has been mailed. Currently mailing only 12, out of 200 members.

Publicity Officer Report— Jim Rawson reported that he has sent out notices about the meeting next week. There are still a lot of bookmarks. No need to order more.

Directors' Reports

3 Year Director—Mary Jo Shively had no report.

2 Year Director—Sheila Demkovich had no report.

1 Year Director—Carolyn Booker had no report.

AOS Representative—Bill Overton reported that there are 350 issues of Orchid magazine available online. There is search feature. Very nice research tool. We contributed \$1,000 for this project. There are 5 webinars coming up. See websites for details.

Webmaster Report—Sue Roehl reported that the website is being updated by Bold Solutions. See Veronica's report.

Old business: none

New business:

Logo has changed on website. Discussion ensued of the logo. Motion to reaffirm our official logo by Carolyn, seconded by Bill Overton, passed unanimously.

Sales committee submitted a written report, attached to these minutes. Kit showed samples of items we could sell, caps and canvas bags. Kit also proposed a fundraising project selling Krispy Kreme donuts. Discussion ensued. There are about 150 orchids in the shadehouse. If the house sells, Bill Overton offered to accommodate them. And Carolyn offered space on her bench. Tabled for later consideration.

Kit submitted a report on scholarships. Dr. Zettler would like his students to do more work with Dr. Mujica in Cuba. Dr. Gonzalez from Soroa would also like to join the project. Dr. Zettler is requesting a grant of \$5,000 this year. We have been supporting his work for over 7 years. Kit has sent out his articles and reports. Kit requests that we provide a grant of the full amount. Discussion ensued. We are still waiting to hear from the Gardens. Dick anticipates a payment from the show of \$9,000. Sheila proposed that we earmark 10% of show proceeds for scholarships. Discussion ensued. Motion by Carolyn to fund scholarships at \$4,000 with Bill Overton offering to fund \$1,000, seconded by Dick, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting- April 27, 2017

Adjourned at 8pm.

