

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting April 6, 2017 Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exits & emergency procedures & thanked Mary Jo Shivley & all those who made and brought in the refreshments. Former President of Naples Orchid Society, Joe Brzoza, passed away. He lived in the home where we now have our shade house. Condolences to his friends and family. John Budree will be our speaker in May and will speak on Phalaenopsis. Special speaker for June is Mark Einke, Marble Branch arms, South Carolina. He can't be here the first Thursday of June so our meeting will be June 8th. Membership chair Veronica announced we need 3 more likes on Facebook to reach 200. Total membership is now 202. We are putting together a printed roster. Please check your info. Anett Boerner, Treasurer, reported that we still don't have final numbers from how. Collier Community Foundation gave us a grant to update our website. We have \$10,959.69 balance in bank account & a \$5463.57 surplus. Lanelle Bishop reported that there is room on the bus for the May 20th Redlands Orchid Show. Kit Kitchen Maran announced that NOS has voted to fund the intern program again this summer (with the support of Bill Overton.) We will support 2 students from Illinois College and perhaps Dr. Mujica and Dr. Elaine Gonzalez. They will continue their study of the ghost orchid. She also announced that the Amazon Smile program will support NOS. David Orr announced that our speaker scheduled for tonight, Axel Cahiz of Amazonia Orchids, Inc. is unable to be with us tonight. Stepping in was Bill Overton, AOS Judge, AOS Rep. & Orchid Doctor presenting on the New Guinea and Hairy Dendrobium of the Genus Dendrobium. Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.