

Naples Orchid Society, Board of Directors meeting
May 16, 2013 - Minutes submitted by Cynthia Carlson

- In attendance: Dick Pippen, Norm Dolder, Bill Overton, Kris Morton, Nanett Boerner, Patrece Rimmel, Lanelle Bishop, Ralph Brand, Kim Pendleton, Marilyn Moser, Sue Roehl, Cynthia Carlson, Deborah Gallagher, Kit Kitchen Maran, David Orr
- President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Dick thanked several members for repotting at the shade house. We now have many plants for the sale.
- Secretary Cynthia Carlson presented minutes of the last board meeting. One change is that Marilyn Moser suggested the change to the graphics of the website. Motion to accept as changed by Bill Overton, seconded by Marilyn Moser, passed unanimously. Cynthia also thanked Patrece for taking minutes during her illness. Cynthia reported that the annual report to IRS has been filed for 2012.
- Treasurer reported that he has renewed AOS membership for 2 years. Rent has been paid for the year. We are now paying on the calendar year. So we are paid for all of 2013 and 2014. The rent was increased 5%. Annual rent about \$9,600. Total expenses \$16,350. Surplus for the year of \$1,322. Checking balance \$10,890.51. Investments \$14,815.88. Good financial shape.
- Dick appointed Cynthia Carlson to perform an audit of NOS financials. Cynthia will coordinate with Bill Overton.
- Norm Dolder reported that all speakers on schedule. Brian Monk of Blu Lama Orchids will speak in June. Norm also reported that there are new fans at the shade house. Discussion ensued about what to do at July meeting for orchid sales, considered inviting Eastfork Orchids again, but reminding them that the orchids need to be labeled.
- Deborah Gallagher distributed her findings from an informal survey of the membership. She began circulating at meetings asking about suggestions. No suggestions were begin put in the suggestion box. Deborah stated that most of the comments she got were about the code of conduct. Discussion ensued about the petition which Deborah circulated and which has 28 signatures on it. Dick expressed his disappointment that Deborah did this without board approval. No motion was made. Dick requested that Cynthia email the code of conduct to all board members and add it to the board of directors binder.
- Membership Chair Nanett Boerner reported that membership is 219. Nanett asked whether by-laws and code of conduct should be in new member packets. Cynthia will email to her.
- Kris Morton thanked Dick for updating the blast sent out to members before meetings. Newsletter is almost ready to go out.
- Publicity chair Patrece Rimmel reported that Kit gave her info on Florida Weekly for publicity purposes. There will be an announcement re scholarships. Patrece will be following up on the bookmark design.
- Lanelle Bishop and Ralph Brand had no reports.
- Kim Pendleton reported that hats and shirts have been distributed.
- AOS Representative Marilyn Moser reported that the next AOS meeting in the fall will be held at Fairchild Gardens.
- Webmaster Sue Roehl reported that new articles are up on the website. She is working on the heading change. Kit cautioned that changing the header will be expensive and risk disorienting members. Sue will not be at the June meeting, so we will need someone to take photos. Marilyn volunteered to take the photos. Kim noted that the Plant table rules on the website need to be updated.
- Old Business: Dick needs a motion to renew the lease of the storage unit at \$54 per month for another year. So moved by Patrece Rimmel and seconded by Marilyn Moser, passed unanimously.

- New Business: Kit Kitchen Maran asked the board to approve scholarships to students researching orchids in the Panther Reserve and Fakahatchee. They are undergraduates from Illinois College working under the direction of Dr. Larry Settler. Motion to approve two \$1,000 scholarships to 2 students by Marilyn Moser, seconded by Kris Morton. Discussion ensued. We have done this for 3 years. They are now pursuing a new project. Dr. Larry Zettler is our speaker in July. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting June 20, 2013

Adjourned 8:00pm.