

**Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 2, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary**

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures, and thanked the refreshment providers. A clipboard was passed around for those wishing to sign up for refreshments.

Dick welcomed the guests and new members and welcomed special guests, our interns from Illinois College, Justin Mabry and Shannon Skarha, and their professor, Dr. Larry Zettler. Dr. Ernesto Mujica from Cuba was also introduced and will talk about his projects in Cuba. Northwestern PhD candidate, Lanon Johnson, who is researching orchid fungi and is a former student of Prof. Zettler of Illinois College, also was introduced. Thanks to our donors, Sheila Demkovich and Carolyn Booker who are supporting additional intern, Shan Wong of Florida International University, who was also present and introduced.

Next Board and Show Committee meeting is on Sept 24th in Classroom B.

Membership Chair reported that we have 16 guests. Membership is 213.

Treasurer had no report.

Prof. Dr. Larry Zettler thanked the Naples Orchid Society for its support and introduced Dr. Mujica who (through a translator) thanked the Orchid Society for its support and spoke about his work with orchids in Cuba.

Because of the length of Dr. Mujica's talk, 1st VP David Orr indicated that our featured speaker, Dan Christensen, Dan & Margie Orchids, Ft. Lauderdale would be happy to come at a later date to talk about "Common Sense Approach to Growing Orchids." He will return in October for this presentation. He was thanked for his understanding.

Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. Meeting adjourned.