

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting July 11, 2013 Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Dick reviewed the emergency exit procedures. Dick offered \$1 for orchid stories. Kit and Cynthia told their orchid stories. Dick thanked the cookie and beverage providers (and Lanelle for the cake). Dick introduced the NOS scholarship interns, Korrie and Kavita. Dick reported that the Gallipeau orchid sale was very successful. The proceeds were given to Mrs. Gallipeau and she donated \$300 to NOS and sent a nice thank you note which Dick read to the membership. Dick reported the creation of a Benevolence Committee – Bill Overton and Ralph Brand will co-chair. Ralph Brand will be having his annual orchid sale on Aug. 31, 9am to noon at his home. Next month's speaker is Axel Cahiz from Amazonia Orchids in Homestead, FL. He will speak on the care of orchids in stalite. Kris Morton introduced John Brady, who is trying to revive the Everglades Wonder Gardens. He is trying to preserve the trees and natural landscape. He would like some orchids and native plants to put in the trees. John invited NOS members to come visit the park and he thanked us for our support. Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced new members & reported that membership is currently 228. Treasurer Bill Overton reported that finances are good. \$14,815.88 in saving and \$9,040.18 in checking. Norm Dolder yielded the floor to allow Dick to introduce our speaker, Dr. Larry Zettler, who spoke on "The Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College including projects in SW Florida, Hawaii and Madagascar." The plant table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced. The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.