

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting August 1, 2013

Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Phippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Dick reviewed the emergency exit procedures. Dick offered \$1 for orchid stories. Dick thanked the cookie and beverage providers.

Condolence chair Alice Thorne sent get well to Alida Baum.

Ralph Brand will be having his annual orchid sale on Aug. 31, 9 am to noon at his home.

Dick announced that we have been asked for a pantyhose donation to put orchids in trees at Hospice.

Sept. meeting will feature Ruben Saleda of Ruben in Orchids. He will speak on Brassovola Nodosa and its hybrids.

Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced new members & reported that membership is currently 229.

Treasurer Bill Overton reported that finances are good. Audit is well under way, report to be submitted next month.

Deborah Gallagher announced the new raffle. Each month we will have a special item to raffle. This month's item is a blow torch for sterilizing implements. Future items will be items such as a free membership and other interesting items. Deborah Gallagher also announced her resignation as 2nd VP board member of NOS.

Dick thanked Deborah for her long service to NOS and expressed our hope that she would still come to meetings.

Sue Roehl announced that the sale will not be on Nov. 16 due to conflict with Naples Botanical Gardens. Sale will now be on Nov. 9th. Norm Dolder called for donations of plants for the sale. He or Patrece will accept them.

Norm Dolder introduced our speaker, Axel Cahiz from Amazonica Orchids in Homestead, FL, who spoke on "The Care of Orchids Grown in Stalite."

The plant table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.