

Naples Orchid Society, Board of Directors meeting
November 20, 2014 - Minutes submitted by Cynthia Carlson

- In attendance: Dick Pippen, Bill Overton, Sue Roehl, Cynthia Carlson, Kris Morton, Marilyn Moser, David Orr, Sheila Demkovich, Lanelle Bishop.
- Absent: Nanett Boerner, Norm Dolder, Laura Stacell, Mike Brewer.
- President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.
- Cynthia Carlson presented the minutes of the last meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Marilyn Moser, second by Kris Morton, passed unanimously. Updated list of officers will be distributed and new board members will be given board books.
- Dick proposed that the board make David Junka an honorary member. Motion by Bill Overton, Sue Roehl seconded, passed unanimously.
- Treasurer Bill Overton presented a written report and balances of investments \$14,981.13 and checking \$19,179.16. Bill reported that the Plant Sale netted about \$8,500. Bill reviewed the year's finances and summarized that we currently have a surplus over \$4,000. Bill noted that Square Register charge \$2.75 per swipe (we had 115 transactions at the Plant Sale). Discussion ensued on ways to offset that expense. No action taken.
- Norm Dolder submitted a written report that all speakers are set for next year.
- Lanelle Bishop reported that plans are near to complete for the Holiday Party on December 4th. Concern was expressed about room layout. Kit will raffle the Orchid Scarf at the party.
- Nanett Boerner submitted a written report. We have 229 members, and 9 new member applications have been submitted. Discussion ensued regarding plants given to new members. Dick will be getting more plants soon.
- Kris Morton reported that newsletter is at the printers.
- Laura has prepared a publicity plan, copies of which were given to each board member. She has submitted info to local papers on the Holiday Party and the upcoming meetings.
- David Orr reported that leftover plants (210) are back from the sale and in the shade house. He has purchased a device which injects a compound into the water at the shade house that is supposed to remove the iron from the water. He will be trying it out on the orphan plants first. He is also replacing the nozzles on the watering system so that less water will be sprayed on the ground. They will also be undertaking to repair some of the benches.
- Marilyn Moser reported that there will be no AOS awards this year. Bill Overton reported that AOS is digitizing the magazine and bulletin. Naples Orchid Society was the first to donate to AOS's efforts to do this. Also reported that AOS membership is on the increase, currently over 8,000. AOS is offering an incentive to local orchid societies that for each new member, the local organization can extend its membership by one month. AOS has broken ground on its new library.
- Sue Roehl reported that website is up to date and please send info for the website. Sue will get info on the Orchid Doctor from Kris and will get design of coupon for Show and Sale from Kit.
- Sheila Demkovich was applauded for her work as Plant Sale Chair. Sheila thanked the Board for its contributions to the effort. 36 volunteers worked. She has agreed to be Plant Sale Chair again next year. Sold 590 plants.
- Kris Morton reported that the Naples Botanical Garden is starting its Orchid Doctor program again. Several board members are volunteering. Orchid Doctor will not be there on the day of our Show.
- Bill Overton announced that he is now an AOS Senior Judge.

Next meeting: Jan 15th

Adjourned 9 pm.