

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Naples Orchid Society Show Committee

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Conference room of AvAirPros, Suite 300, Toni Stabile Building, 5551 Ridgewood Drive,  
Suite 300, Naples FL 34108

In attendance: Dick Phippen, Rae Jean Walker, Sue Roehl, Veronica Catrombon, David Orr, Sheila Demkovich, Carolyn Booker, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Mary Jo Shively, Marilyn Moser, Lanelle Bishop, Jim Rawson, Kris Morton

Guests: Karen Davenport, Richard Davenport

7:45 PM –Call Show Committee Meeting to Order—Dick Phippen

Show Chair's Report—Dick Phippen—Application for 2019 Show and fees have been submitted to AOS. Judges have been requested. Show dates are 23 and 24 February 2019 at Naples Botanical Garden. Naples Botanical Garden has reserved the dates for our show.

Lanelle Bishop requested that the rooms for breakfast and lunch be reserved at NBG. Fogg Café will be changing management, which may impact catering decisions.

The vendors for 2018 (Mac's, SunCoast, Krull-Smith, Odom's, OFE, Bactra) will be contacted and asked to participate at our 2019 Show. Other vendors had contacted Dick regarding participation, but the Committee was nonreceptive.

The remainder of this meeting was devoted to a discussion of the items under "other business" that we did not have time for last month. Early discussion primarily focused on current Show Rules and Awards. An ad hoc committee was formed comprised of David Orr (Chair); Marilyn Moser; Carolyn Booker; Veronica Catrombon (Scribe) to review the current show rules and awards, and to suggest revisions or enhancements, including definitions of terms, to the Show Committee. The first meeting for this committee is on Tuesday, 1 May 2018, 11:30am at Fogg Café, Naples Botanical Garden.

Kit Kitchen-Maran commented on Elaine Gates email regarding the rule change announcement at the February 2018 meeting. Kit read LaRaw's statement expressing concern about the policy changes in our Society. The intention of Kit's email was to promote discussion toward clarity and resolution regarding rule changes and implementation. In addition to the changes outlined at our March Show Committee meeting, the ad hoc Show Rules Committee's suggestions will help to satisfy these concerns.

Sheila Demkovich stated that any rule changes for 2019 should be communicated to the Membership long before the show. These changes should also be reiterated in the newsletter and on our website prior to the show.

Discussion regarding the cash awards centered around the consideration to do away with cash awards; to change the amounts awarded for specific types of exhibits; definitions of hobbyist and professional; and the rebalance of awards to 'true growers' and 'not necessarily growers'. Dick Phippen and Marilyn Moser shared the history of the awards and noted that at one time awards were orchid related items, which fell out of favor, resulting in the awarding of cash.

In the 2018 Show, 22 members exhibited.

This year, a judge bestowed an award on a plant that had no category or green card—a departure from our rules.

Richard Davenport and Karen Davenport remarked on the Show floor conditions including the poor and inconsistent lighting for the exhibits. David Orr will work with NBG personnel to determine if enhancements to the existing lighting fixtures are available. It may be necessary to purchase or rent additional lighting. The black draping was discussed as a contributor to the poor lighting and that removing the draping from in front of the windows may help (using the existing shades for sunlight control.) Lanelle Bishop is researching table draping production. The current draping scheme should be reviewed.

Discussion regarding the show layout included changing the Vendors' displays to table tops, rather than floor displays. GCOA vendor displays are table tops. Veronica Catrombon commented that the floor displays are magnificent and are frequently commented on by show visitors. Even though they do take up a considerable amount of floor space, they have become an integral part of NOS Orchid Show. Changing the venue to the 'big tent' was discussed. It is a bit crowded in the Hall, and small changes, like removing some draping between categories, adding more risers, may alleviate some of the crowding. Spritzing of orchids may need to cease if the draping in front of the wood wall treatment is not installed.

Next Meeting- 28 June 2018 following Board of Directors Meeting

Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Veronica Catrombon

