

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting August 3, 2017 Submitted by Veronica Catrombon, substituting for Cynthia Bock, Secretary Attendance: 79

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He thanked the refreshment organizer, Mary Jo Shively, and all those who contributed to the table this month. Our meeting Guests were introduced: Dr. Ernesto Mujica; Dr. Elaine Gonzalez; Donna McGinnis, CEO Naples Botanical Garden; Adam Herman and Conner Melton, interns; Larry Richardson; Mark Danaher. Beginning in January 2018, our plant table Phalaenopsis category will be split in to two categories—Large Phalaenopsis and Small Phalaenopsis, to better showcase these orchids. There will not be a 2017 Fall Orchid Sale. The program for our September 2017 meeting will be “Orchids We Should All Grow” presented by Roy Krueger of Sarasota, FL. Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, announced that we now have 216 members, including two new members tonight, Tom and Christine O’Donnell. Our Facebook page has 230 followers. Veronica reminded all that by Liking our Page and sharing an NOS Facebook post helps advertise our events and Society. Our newly designed website is live. New ways to help NOS through our website, Facebook, and Amazon Smile will be announced soon. Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of the Society. Kit Kitchen-Maran, Education Chair and Past President, explained the Donation Match Program for the 2018 Intern Program. Currently the total stands at \$252. Dr. Ernesto Mujica expressed his sincere thanks to the Society for continuing interest in native orchid research. David Orr, Vice President, introduced Jim Roberts, of Florida SunCoast Orchids, who has been a vendor at NOS Annual Orchid Shows and presenter at NOS meetings for 18 years. His presentation, “What’s Wrong with This Picture?” was taken from his vast experience with the 30,000 orchids he grows. His closing advice was “Observation is your best defense.” Plant Table winners were announced and awarded. Raffle tickets were drawn.