BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Linda Van Blerkom, Carolyn Booker, Debbie Goldman, Arlene Cluff, Jim Rawson, Sue Roehl, Bob Castonguay, Rae Jean Walker, Karen Davenport, and Guest Val Rooney.

1. The Minutes from March 11, 2025 were reviewed and approved with no changes.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer and Vice President Terre Morre were not present.
   - Since Steve will be in another location for several months of the year, Terre Moore will be assisting with check payments and monetary receipts. Steve will continue to do the bookkeeping part of the job.
   - Debbie Goldman discussed with the Board that the "Squares," used to receive money at all events, were not working, and she suggested purchasing a new Square System called the Wedge. She also advised that David Orr is still the Administrator on the Square System and the Board agreed that it needs to be changed. After discussion, it was determined that NOS should use these "Wedges," Rae Jean will look into purchasing them, and Richard Davenport will determine who should be the Administrators. Debbie Goldman moved to update the Square System, Arlene Cluff seconded, and the motion was passed.
3. Debbie Goldman advised the Board that there are 301 members.
4. Arlene Cluff has been researching the purchase of new NOS shirts as our inventory is low. She presented new samples of shirts to the Board for approval. Some suggestions were made, and Arlene will try to have the new sample shirts by the monthly meeting on May 1, 2025.
5. Culture Class Update: Jim Rawson advised that the Culture Class Series ended on April 12, 2025. There were discussions relating to the price of the Series, which was higher than usual as NOS had to pay for a meeting room (free in the past at Kapnick), plants have become more expensive, and the cost to print the handbook was also more than we'd paid in the past. Rae Jean Walker advised that the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club has offered the use of the same room we use for our Board meetings for six Saturdays, at no charge to NOS.
6. Show Update: Jim Rawson reported that there will be issues using NBG in the future as they will be undergoing major construction. Jim revealed that NOS received $8,400.00 from NBG for the 2025 Show. Richard and Jim have had discussions with the Italian American Club for possible use when the Garden is not available. Rae Jean Walker mentioned checking out the Great Wolf Lodge. At this meeting, it was determined that NOS should consider using NBG for the 2026 Show.
7. Jim Rawson advised we need to find a new Show Chair soon.
8. Richard discussed having a Budget for NOS. He and Steve Plumer have been working on that.

9. Richard also discussed the state of disrepair the NOS trailer is in. This item was tabled for another meeting as a little research will be required to see how much work is needed versus purchasing a used trailer.
10. Richard Davenport suggested we need to work on our Social Media presentation. We need a couple of people to take us into the 22nd century!
11. The next Board Meeting will be May 20, 2025, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club.
12. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob Castonguay seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary