BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President, Richard Davenport, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Sue Roehl, Marie Harris, Rae Jean Walker, Karen Davenport, Jim Rawson, Terre Morre, and David Orr.

1. The Minutes from the July 9, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Rae Jean Walker moved to approve the Minutes, Sue Roehl seconded, and the Motion was passed.
2. Treasurer, David Orr, reported we have $19,269.35 in the NOS checking account and $37,018.51 in CD's.
3. Membership:
   a. Marie Harris reported we have 244 active members.
   b. Marie discussed needed changes to the current Membership Application, both online and in print. The biggest change would be to include "A Getting To Know You" section for all new members. This data could be used by the Board to identify potential new officers, directors and volunteers. There were discussions concerning how payments should be made when applying online. Bold Solutions, our IT Host for our website, will need to be involved with any changes regarding mandatory payment when applying online for Membership. Rae Jean Walker and Marie will work together on this project.
   c. Marie Harris discussed the upcoming annual Lawn and Garden Show presented by the Master Gardener Association and held at UF/IFAS Collier Agricultural Offices on Immokolee Road. Setup is Friday, October 25, from 8:00 to 2:30. The Show dates and times are Saturday, October 26 from 9:00-4:00 and Sunday, October 27, from 9:00-3:00. Marie will have sign-up sheets at the next monthly meeting and also ask Bob Castonguay, our Newsletter Publisher, to send out an Eblast with Show information and volunteer requests before the Show.
4. Terre Morre, Vice President-Activities, discussed a number of possible Shows and orchid vendors the Society could visit by bus. The Tamiami Show in Miami is at the top of the list with Board suggestions for various other possible destinations. Terre will do a little more research as to size of bus and interest from members for any more fieldtrips.
5. Education: Richard Davenport reported that member Mary Lane has offered to head up a group of members to obtain contributions restricted to NOS use for grants, scholarships and educational purposes.
6. Poential Orchid Research Project: Richard Davenport discussed opportunities for orchid research at the Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest in Felda, Florida.
7. New Business:
   a. Treasurer David Orr advised the Board that NOS received a supplemental check from the Garden the 2024 Show.
   b. Membership: Marie Harris discussed the Membership position on the Board and advised that she would be leaving this position after the first of the year. She mentioned that members Deborah Goldman and Arlene Clough have expressed interest in sharing this position since Deb is a part time resident. The question posed to the Board, was would we allow a part time resident to hold a Board position? The Board agreed unanimously, with restrictions, to allow part-time residents to hold Board positions.
   c. Marie Harris also discussed Social Media concerns. She advised that member Robin DeMattia would be interested in helping a small group to understand using Social Media such as Facebook and TikTok. Marie will head this committee.
   d. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the Forst Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
   e. The October 22, 2024, Board Meeting details will be determined at a later date.

f. Marie Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Show Chair Jim Rawson at 8:00 p.m.

1. Jim discussed the goals of the 2025 Show, including reaching out to more businesses for more sponsors.
2. Jim revealed the new Show Design Rack Card that our graphic designer had just sent to us. The Board agreed that the Botanical Garden address needs to include Naples, Florida 34112 and also needs to be a little more visible. The designer has already made those changes and we will be ordering cards with "Save The Date" printed on the back.
3. Jim advised that the Show Committee members will include Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Marie Harris, Karen Davenport, David Orr, Kris Morton and Jim Longwell.
4. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary