BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

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

In attendance were Rae Jean Walker, Sue Roehl, Kris Morton, Carolyn Booker, Stu Rubin, Richard Davenport, Stephen Plumer, Linda Van Blerkom, Jim Rawson, Marie Harris, Arlene Cluff, Debbie Goldman, Terre Moore, Karen Davenport and Guest Mary Lane.

1. The Minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Richad Davenport moved to approve the Minutes, Sue Roehl seconded, and the motion was passed.
2. Richard Davenport thanked the Board for such a well organized and fun Holiday Party. Many thanks to Lanelle Bishop, retired Board member, Carolyn Booker for organizing the food donations and Lanelle, Carolyn and Jim Rawson for manning the buffet table, Terre Moore for ordering the orchids for the plant give-a-way, Karen Davenport, Debbie Goldman and Pam Voss for creating the five orchid raffle baskets, Lanelle Bishop and Nancy Ferber for the piano entertainment, Marilyn Moser and Bob Castonguay for the photographing the party, and all of the members who helped with setup and takedown.
3. Treasurer Stephen Plumer reported NOS currently has $13,301.90 in the checking account and $37,318.94 in CD's. He discussed with the Board the many expenses such as Liability Insurance, cost to rent Moss Hall in the Moorings Presbyterian Church and holiday party expenses including free plants to members. The Board approved President Richard Davenport, First Vice President Marie Harris, Second Vice President Terre Morre, and Treasurer Stephen Plumer as signatories for the society's checking and certificate accounts.
4. Membership: Marie Harris, current Membership Chair, reported we currently have 157 renewals. She will be asking Newsletter Publisher Bob Castonguay to send an Eblast reminding members to renew before January 1, 2025, in order to remain in good standing with the Club.
5. To emphasize the value of our NOS membership, AOS Rep Kris Morton reviewed the Membership Rules from another orchid society.
6. Richard Davenport and Marie Harris, Program Vice President, discussed changes to the times for our monthly meetings. Marie suggested Bob Castonguay, Newsletter Publisher, send out several Eblasts reminding members of these changes in times.
7. Marie Harris discussed the January meeting "How To Prepare For the Show" with demonstrations by three NOS members.
8. Culture Class Update:
   - Jim Rawson discussed the increased costs for the Culture Class including cost of orchids, new venue rental cost, cost to print the new Handbook, and the cost of the Motes book.
   - There was discussion among the Board members on how to reduce our costs and finalize the cost of the Culture Class for members and nonmembers.
   - Guest Mary Lane suggested contacting a vocational school for printing.
   - The Board decided the four plants included in the Culture Class Program should include plants with name tags.
   - Jim will email the Board once he has the costs finalized.
9. The Dates of Board meetings for the next four months will be the second Tuesday of each month: January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 8, 2025.
10. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SHOW MINUTES

Jim Rawson called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

1. Jim reminded the Board that the Naples Botanical Garden has removed its big white tent where we have previously provided the food to vendors and volunteers. He will request a meeting with the Garden concerning this issue.
2. Membership Co-Chairs Debbie Goldman and Arlene Cluff will be organizing the Membership Tables at the Show.
3. Richard Davenport will pick up the Show trailer the night before setup and deliver it to the Garden.
4. Sponsor Chair Stu Rubin reviewed current sponsors. He handed out Sponsorship packages and asked that each Board member solicit at least one sponsor.
5. Jim advised the Board that the Garden will be providing signage.
6. Guest Mary Lane discussed the possibility of raising money to fund grants for research, education and conservation of native orchids.
7. Marie Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Debbie Goldman seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary