BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MINUTES
June 30, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

In attendance were Val Rooney, Richard Davenport, Karen Davenport, B.C. Loki, Linda Van Blerkom, Marie Harris and Arlene Cluff.

1) The Minutes from the June 2, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve them, Val Rooney seconded and the motion passed.
2) Treasurer's Report: As Nancy Thorsen was not in attendance, Richard Davenport led discussions regarding grants and contributions.
3) Vice President Marie Harris discussed our current NOS website and reminded the Board that updating it would be beneficial to the club as well anyone searching for orchid information.
4) Membership Chair Arlene Cluff advised that there are currently 238 members, which includes five new members. There was general discussion among Board members that new membership rates and structuring of those rates need to be addressed.
   - There were discussions regarding "renewals versus new memberships." What are our sources for new memberships; the annual Orchid Show and Yard and Garden Show being the two largest sources?
5) Monthly meeting Raffle Ticket prices were discussed with thoughts of addressing price versus number of tickets. Marie reminded the Board that our Raffle Table now boasts many more orchids and orchid supplies than in the past, and those orchids are from leftover Culture Class orchids, leftover mounting/potting class orchids, Presenter/Vendor plants, and donations.
6) Monthly Programs:
   - Marie Harris advised the Board that monthly programs are finalized for the remainder of 2026.
   - Marie advised that she is in the process of selecting vendors/speakers for 2027. She asked for suggestions for vendors and the following will be considered: Bredren Orchids, Barefoot Orchids, Soroa Orchids, and Fl. Suncoast Orchids. Other vendors and speakers will be considered along with hands-on activities.
7) Speaker's Panel: Secretary Karen Davenport reported that she and Richard Davenport presented an "Orchid Culture 101" program to attendees at Moorings Park at Grande Lake on June 23, 2026. It was determined that in the future we need due process to ensure these presentations garner the desired results of more interest in our club and in the attendees desiring to know more about the cultivation of orchids. Marie Harris suggested we offer one program such as the "Orchid Culture 101" program for any future community requests. In this way, NOS can have one common program that any presenter from the panel could use. The Board agreed.
8) Nominating Committee: Richard Davenport reminded the Board that we have several openings on the Board, including the Director of Education position.
9) The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
10) Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Val Rooney seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

1) Show Chair Marie Harris advised that the Board has received the payment of $6,605.85 from Naples Botanical Garden.

2) Marie advised she has been in contact with NBG liaison regarding changes we have requested to the MOU for the 2027 Show. We have been advised that we could have up to two additional vendors in the Brazilian Garden. If additional vendors are approved for the Show, the following should be considered: Palmer Orchids, Fl. Suncoast Orchids, Ti & Henry, Just One More Orchid, Aaron Apsley Watercolor and others as suggestions are received.
3) Marie reviewed the current per person monetary allocation to NOS of $2.35 per paid person at the gate. There were discussions relating to an increase in this amount.
4) NOS would like GCOA members to be allowed free admission during our annual show.
5) NOS has been advised that the MOU assures NOS that the Garden will host our annual Show for 2027 and 2028, with 2029 mentioned, but not assured.
6) Marie reminded Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, and Twyla Leigh that there will be a meeting on Friday, July 3, 2026, at the Davenport residence to review the MOU, prior to the NBG meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.
7) Marie advised that she has the following positions filled for the 2027 Show:
   - Decorating Committee: Edvin Aguilar and Kathleen Hawryluk
   - Hospitality: Val Rooney
   - Volunteers: Arlene Cluff
8) Marie advised that NBG has agreed that NOS members or vendors may participate in the NBG educational lectures during our show.
9) Newsletter Publisher B.C. Loki asked to review the concept of the “Orchid Fiesta” name for our show and would like to see fiesta traditions from all Central and South American countries be considered for design purposes.
10) Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Arlene Cluff seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary