BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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 Sue Roehl, Arlene Cluff, Debbie Goldman, Marie Harris, Jim Rawson, Karen Davenport, Richard Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Linda Van Blerkom, Terre Morre, Steve Plumer and guest Valerie Rooney.

1. Minutes from the February 11, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer reported there is $37,182.00 in the NOS checking account and $15,000.00 in our CD's. Steve reminded the Board that NOS needs a new contract with Naples Botanical Garden or another venue within a few weeks. There were discussions regarding pros and cons of remaining at the Garden, and also things that could be improved upon at the next Show. A list will be compiled by Richard Davenport with all suggestions and will then be emailed to the Board for their review. Jim Rawson advised there is a meeting with the Garden and the Show Committee on March 31 at which time NOS will be advised of its share of the proceeds from the Show.
3. Membership Co-Chairs Arlene Cluff and Debbie Goldman reported 293 members, with around 80 new members signing up at the Show.
4. Vice President of Programs, Marie Harris, discussed the upcoming April meeting which will be a hands-on mounting program led by Jim Longwell and John Ervin. There were discussions regarding the type of plants that will be ordered for this meeting. Terre Moore, Vice President of Activities, will order plants from 808 Orchids in Hawaii.
5. Terre Moore led discussions relating to future field trips for members. After discussion, it was decided not to organize a bus trip to the Redland Orchid Show as there are too many variables and the bus prices are high. Terre advised the Board that Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids in Homestead, Fl., and one of our Show vendors, has offered to host a field trip to his nursery and provide lunch for a limited number of people. Terre will coordinate with Jose and advise NOS members of this opportunity. This will be a caravan fieldtrip and the date is TBA.
6. Culture Class:
   a. Jim Rawson discussed the Handbook printing costs. He has coordinated with a printing company to print 45 handbooks and Richard Davenport has purchased the 3 ring binders that will be used. The Handbooks will be given to Culture Class attendees once the Handbooks are printed.
   b. Terre Moore will order the four free Culture Class orchids per student from 808 Orchids in Hawaii.
7. Show Committee Report: Marie Harris advised the Board that the total amount of money spent on food for all five days of the Show, excluding the judges' box lunches, totaled $1,527.76, well under the $2000 allocated. The Board, with Marie Harris abstaining, approved a gratuity of $350.00 for Bob Topping, who prepared all the hot food for the Show.
8. Jim Rawson announced that he will be stepping down from the Show Chair position. He advised he will be happy to mentor his replacement.
9. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center. The May Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.
10. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Marie Harris seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary