**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**Meeting Minutes**
**March 7, 2024**
**Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Clubhouse**

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

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin, Rae Jean Walker, Jim Rawson, Carolyn Booker, Karen Davenport, Marie Harris, David Orr, Sue Roehl, Terre Morre, Chuck Ferber and guests Mary Lane and Lanelle Bishop.

1. Minutes from the February 5, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Carolyn Booker moved to approve, Marie Harris seconded and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer's Report: David Orr advised the Board that there is $26,503.67 in the checking account and the CD's total $36,635.00.
3. Membership Update: Marie Harris advised there are 233 members. She reviewed numbers of individual, joint and lifetime numbers.
4. Culture Class: Jim Rawson relayed that the first Culture Class, Orchid University 101, was held on Saturday, March 2. There were discussions about what it costs NOS per person for the class. The cost is about $78.00 per person, including the Handbook, Motes book and four orchids, but that number does not include renting Kapnick Hall since it has been included in our Operating Agreement with NBG. Discussions about future locations and costs were discussed.
5. Bylaws: After some discussion led by Chuck Ferber, Director of Education, and a motion from Karen Davenport was made to approve the Bylaws, Carolyn Booker seconded, and the motion passed. It is to be noted that there will be future discussions regarding check signatories, which was not addressed in the current Bylaws.
6. Chuck Ferber also addressed the Conflict Of Interest Form that every Board Director must sign. The forms were passed around, signed and returned to Karen Davenport, Secretary. Missing Board members will be emailed the form for their signature. Rae Jean Walker moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Resolution, Stu Rubin seconded and the motion was passed. Page 2 was emailed by Richard Davenport to the Board for their signature and should be returned at the next Board meeting.
7. Scholarships:
   a. Chuck Ferber led the discussion relating to the Ghost Orchid Research led by Dr. Zettler. There will be a new intern, Toby McTamney, who will be working alongside Adam Herdman and Tony Ruiz. The amount NOS will pay to the interns will be determined later.
   b. We also reviewed the Scholarship Application from Michaela Reidy. After some discussion, Karen Davenport moved to approve $500.00 for Michaela, Jim Rawson seconded and the motion passed.
   c. There was a consensus that there needs to be updates/revisions to the current Scholarship information on the NOS website and a yearly budget for scholarships should be determined as part of the overall annual NOS budget.
8. Stu Rubin discussed the status of inventory of hats and shirts.
9. Everglades Coalition: Richard Davenport discussed whether NOS should consider joining the Everglades Coalition. After some discussion, Jim Rawson moved that NOS should not join the Coalition, David Orr seconded, and the motion passed.
10. Terre Moore, Second Vice President, discussed planning a bus trip to the Redland Orchid Show the weekend of May 17. She will make a presentation at the monthly club meeting to see if there

will be enough interest to pursue reserving a bus. GCOA and the Southwest Florida Orchid Society will be invited to participate in the trip.

11. Date and Location of next Board meeting: The next Board meeting will be April 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.

**SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1. Orchid Show Results:
   a. Attendance: NBG entrants totaled approximately 5,400 attendees for the three days.
   b. Volunteers: Marie Harris advised that 90 people volunteered over the three-day Show.
   c. Funds Received:
      - Vendors: $6,200.00
      - Sponsors: $4,800 (not including approximately $2500.00 in Marketing provided gratis by Artichoked Creative)
      - Silent Auction: $725.00
      - Raffle: $2855.00
   d. Awards: $5,100.00
2. Suggestions for Improvements for 2025:
   a. Karen Davenport and guest Mary Lane suggested changes to definitions of some exhibits. The Show Committee will review these suggestions.
   b. Lanelle Bishop discussed food for the 2025 Show.
   c. NOS needs better marketing, starting earlier.
3. Jim Rawson reminded the Board that the deadline for a commitment to NBG for the 2025 Show is May 24, 2024.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary