BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2024
Davenport Residence

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

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Sue Roehl, Debbie Goldman, Carolyn Booker, Arlene Cluff, Linda Van Blerkom, Terre Morre, David Orr, Steve Plumer, Kris Morton, Bob Castonguay, Jim Rawson and Karen Davenport.

1. The Minutes of the September 18, 2024, Board Meeting were reviewed. Terre Morre moved to approve the Minutes, Carolyn Booker seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Current Treasurer, David Orr, introduced our new Treasurer, Steve Plumer. Karen Davenport moved to accept Steve Plumer as our new Treasurer, Carolyn Booker seconded, and the motion passed. Steve's name will be added to the 2025 Slate of Officers that will be presented at our November meeting. After a brief bio of his accounting background, Steve presented a "Chart of Accounts" for our review. He announced we have $13,931.50 in our checking account and $37,209.90 in CD's.
    a. There was discussion relating to the new signatures required on NOS banking accounts. It was agreed that the following members would be signatories: Richard Davenport, Marie Harris, and Terre Morre. We authorized the bank to remove Stu Rubin and David Orr. Both changes were approved by acclamation.
3. Current Membership Chair, Marie Harris, was unable to attend the meeting. Debbie Goldman and Arlene Cluff were present. They will be nominated in the 2025 Slate of Officers as Membership Co-Chairs at the November meeting.
    a. There were discussions relating to NOS responsibilities at the Yard and Garden Show this coming weekend. The use of The Square for membership payments was discussed and the following members will be authorized by David to use the Square in the future: Richard Davenport, Steve Plumer, Terre Moore, Marie Harris, Debbie Goldman, and Arlene Cluff.
    b. Marie emailed Richard and Karen Davenport a plan for starting monthly meetings earlier than current start times. This item was tabled until the November meeting, but consensus was that it was a good plan and would be approved at the November meeting. Monthly meetings would start 30 minutes earlier, beginning with the January meeting. Members would be notified at the November meeting and in the December Newsletter, with a reminder the week before the January meeting.
4. Election Procedures: Richard Davenport, President, reviewed the upcoming election procedures.
    a. Heather Remillard will be added to the proposed 2025 Slate of Officers as Historian.
    b. Publicity, a voting position on the Board, remains open.
    c. A new Social Media position, which is a non-voting position, remains open.
5. Terre Morre, Vice President of Activities, discussed the pros and cons of NOS organizing a bus trip to the Tamiami Orchid Show in Miami. After discussion and because of the cost to NOS, Karen Davenport moved not to organize the bus trip, Jim Rawson seconded, and the motion was passed. However, members will receive information relating to the Show and will be encouraged to carpool to Miami. This information will be in the December Newsletter and will be discussed at the December and January monthly meetings by Terre Morre.
6. Holiday Party: Carolyn Booker discussed the party plans that she and Lanelle Bishop have been working on. They will reach out to other Board members as planning goes forward. The budget was discussed. Carolyn Booker moved to approve a budget of $900.00 for meats, rolls, condiments, and tabletop decorations. Terre More seconded the motion and it was passed.

a. Jim Rawson will be ordering the Holiday gift orchids for all members in good standing who attend the Xmas party. Terre Moore will coordinate with Jim on this.
b. Carolyn advised that there will be signup sheets for donated food from members and that she and Lanelle will explain the necessary side dishes, salads and desserts required to complete the buffet offerings.

7. AOS Awards: AOS Representative Kris Morton advised the Board that she is working with the AOS to present Dick Pippen with a special AOS Award. There were discussions regarding renaming our annual Culture Class Orchid University 101 to "Dr. Richard Pippen Orchid Culture Series." Terre Moore moved to rename the Culture Class, Karen Davenport seconded, and the motion passed.
8. Richard Davenport reported to the Board that NOS member Mary Lane will form a small group to raise money restricted for NOS use in funding education and conservation.
9. Richard Davenport discussed progress on the Okaloacoochee Slough Project.
10. Karen Davenport reported to the Board that the club was almost out of the current plant registration Green Tags and new tags needed to be ordered. Richard Davenport and Karen worked with graphic designer Brian Christopher to revise the current tag to make it easier to write on and to incorporate our logo. The new tags were presented to the Board and will be made available to members at the November meeting. We will begin using these tags to register plants at our January meeting.
11. The Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center starting at 6:00 p.m.
12. Jim Rawson moved to adjourn the meeting, Kris Morton seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Show Chair, Jim Rawson, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
2. Communications Director Bob Castonguay discussed the new sponsor solicitation letter for the 2025 Show. He is in the process of sending the letter to the over 900 businesses on the Collier County Chamber of Commerce membership list. NOS member Stu Rubin is working with Bob and is the listed NOS contact on the letter.
3. Jim Rawson reported that he, Richard Davenport, Marie Harris, David Orr, Terre Moore and Kris Morton attended a meeting with the new Botanical Garden Team to review the 2025 Show logistics, NBG support, revenue sharing, and signage.
4. Jim reported that the Show Vendor Entry Letters will be sent out the following week. Supply vendor, Bactra, has asked to be given a better and larger location at the 2025 Show. If we are able to accommodate the request, Bactra will pay the same vendor fee as the plant vendors.
5. Jim discussed food options for the Show. The Board was in agreement that the food plan needs to be simplified. NOS member Terry McQuillan has agreed to be in charge of food for the 2025 Show.
6. Jim advised that member Arlene Cluff will be in charge of volunteers for the Show.
7. Bob Castonguay moved to adjourn the meeting, Terre Morre seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.