BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

In attendance: Richard Davenport, Sue Roehl, Karen Davenport, Marie Harris, Stu Rubin, Carolyn Booker, Marilyn Moser, Jim Rawson, David Orr, Rae Jean Walker and Chuck Ferber.

1. Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2023 were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve, Carolyn Booker seconded and the Minutes were approved.
2. Richard Davenport discussed the invitation to NOS to join the Everglades Coalition as a member and to also sponsor a table at their 2024 Conference in Bonita Springs on January 25, 26 and 27. After research by Chuck Ferber, an email was sent to all Board members asking for approval to become a member. The vote was unanimous. Richard filled out the Membership Application on behalf of NOS and also drafted a Board Resolution reflecting the Board's approval of membership and sponsorship, including an estimated cost of $1,000.00. He also explained that it was now up to the Coalition to make the final acceptance decision.
3. David Orr, Treasurer, reported there is $25,963.86 in our Regions checking account and $35,998.15 in CD's.
4. David also discussed the pro's and cons of using a "Square" in addition to accepting cash and checks for Membership renewals, new applications and any for other purchases such as T-shirts and hats at our meetings and other outside venues/events. The Board agreed we need to be able to use this valuable tool. David and Marie Harris will continue to research setting up the "Square."
5. Marie Harris, Membership Chairperson, reported NOS has 203 members. Marie discussed the following:
   - To change Annual Membership Fees as follows: Leave Individual fee at $40.00 but increase the Joint (formerly known as Family) fee to $60.00. After discussion, Karen Davenport moved to approve the new membership fees, Stu Rubin seconded and the motion was passed.
   - NOS Magnetic Name Badges: Marie reported that there is seldom a request for these badges. Since we have Membership Badges for everyone which are handed out at every meeting, she moved that we no longer offer these badges for sale. Stu Rubin seconded and the motion was passed.
   - Marie also addressed the need to use a "Square" or similar technology for monetary transactions which David Orr had earlier discussed. Marie moved to implement the use of a "Square," Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion passed.
6. Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative, reminded the Board that she has resigned effective 12/31/23. She proposed Kris Morton become AOS Representative and Bob Castonguay replace Kris as Newsletter Editor, both voting positions on the Board. Marilyn moved to make these changes to the Slate Of Officers which will be presented to the membership

at our October 5, 2023 meeting. Rae Jean Walker seconded and the motion was approved.

7. Stu Rubin, First Vice President:
   - Reviewed upcoming Speakers for our club meetings. He reported he has a list of possible speakers for next year that he will share and invited the Board to make other suggestions.
   - Reported that the Show Committee comprised of Stu, Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, David Orr and Kris Morton, met with staff from the Botanical Garden regarding our February 2024 Show. There were discussions pertaining to signage, education, Botanical Garden presentations, artwork for Kapnick Hall, etc.
   - Advised that the T-Shirt printing company placed our new logo on the wrong side of the shirts we had recently purchased. The company offered to reprint the shirts with correct placement of the logo or give us a 50% discount on our recent purchase. The Board agreed to the 50% discount.
8. Orchid Doctor: Rae Jean Walker agreed to be Orchid Doctor for the next two club meetings in October and November. She will advise Bob Castonguay, Newsletter Publisher, that she will do a "Q & A" at our October meeting and ask him to reflect this information in the Meeting announcement of the October Newsletter. Rae Jean has offered to be Orchid Doctor whenever there is not an alternative. Since she usually sells raffle tickets, Stu Rubin will do so at our next meeting.
9. By-Laws: Chuck Ferber, Director, is chairing the By-Law Committee and advises that Rae Jean Walker, Stu Rubin, David Orr, Carolyn Booker and Karen Davenport have agreed to be on this Committee. He has asked that the Board review the current By-Laws, noting any changes or additions they would like to address. The first meeting will be sometime in October.
10. Proposed Slate Of Officers for 2024. Karen Davenport will type and send to all Board members.
11. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the Forest Glen Golf and Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
12. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary