BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

In attendance were Rae Jean Walker, Twyla Leigh, Terre Moore, Linda Van Blerkom, Marie Harris, Richard Davenport, Nancy Thorsen, Arlene Cluff, Sue Roehl, Val Rooney, and Karen Davenport.

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

The Minutes from the September 1, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Director Rae Jean Walker moved to approve the Minutes, Education Director Linda Van Blerkom seconded, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer Nancy Thorsen distributed copies of the Executive Income Summary, a Balance Sheet as of September 29, 2026, and a Profit and Loss document. Nancy advised that there are three upcoming CD's that will be maturing in the next few months. Because of the higher interest rate in the Money Market account, Nancy will be converting the CDs as they mature to this account. There were general discussions regarding upcoming expenses relating to the Show and what our income and expenses were with last year's Orchid Rodeo.
- Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff discussed the new Membership Form**,** with the new fees of $50.00 for an individual membership and $80.00 for joint membership, and the Welcome to The Naples Orchid Society letter that is generated once a new member joins. She walked the Board through the membership process, including the role of Bold Solutions, the firm who hosts out website. Jess Lawson of Bold Solutions is awaiting our final revisions to the Membership Form so that online registration can begin. Arlene also reviewed our current process where members who join during the last quarter of the year will have their membership run through the end of the following year. The Board agreed to continue this process. Arlene also discussed the upcoming UF/IFAS Yard and Garden Sale and our participation in this event. She passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for the two-day event.

New Business:

- December Holiday Party: Director Val Rooney will Chair this event and will be asking for volunteers to help with shopping for party decorations and food items, pickup of prepared meats on the day of the party, buffet table setup, drinks table setup, signage, electrical cords and other miscellaneous jobs necessary to ensure a successful and fun party. Nancy Thorsen, Arlene Cluff, Rae Jean Walker and Twyla Leigh will be part of the Holiday Party Committee chaired by Val. Second Vice President Terre Moore will order 150 plants for the holiday plant giveaway to member attendees.
- Second Vice President Terre Moore asked if the Board thought NOS should host a bus trip to orchid growers in the Redlands in 2027. After discussion, the Board thought the best month for this trip would be in April. Terre will contact orchid nurseries to see which ones would be able to host a group from our club.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on November 3, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center, 6:00 p.m.
- Director Rae Jean Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Val Rooney seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

First Vice President and Show Chair Marie Harris called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Marie reviewed the list of Chairpersons for many of the Show jobs with a brief description of their duties. They currently are as follows:

Setup and Takedown: B.C. Loki
Registration Chair: Terre Moore
Computer Input of all Show registrations: Nancy Thorsen
Hospitality: Val Rooney. Val will need volunteers for the Hospitality Committee. The Committee will ensure that food will be provided for judges and volunteers throughout the five-day Show.
Show Decorations: Kathleen Hawryluk and Edvin Aguilar. There were discussions with various ideas of theme decorations and what NOS would provide for the volunteers so that they can easily be recognized during the Show.
Cash Awards: Jim Rawson and Karen Davenport in coordination with Richard Davenport
Registration Schedule: Richard Davenport
Fundraising and Sponsorship: Nancy Thorsen and Marie Harris
Volunteer Chair: Arlene Cluff
Judges Gift Bags: Karen Davenport
Show Publicity: Twyla Leigh
Raffle Baskets: Karen Davenport will oversee the purchase of plants and plant materials and will supply baskets to volunteers who will create orchid baskets for the Raffle Table during the Show.
Show Plant Donation Promotions: Rae Jean Walker. Rae Jean will remind members at every meeting, up until the Show, that orchids are a huge part of the Silent Auction table. Any orchid divisions and plants are great assets and money-makers for the Club.

Marie discussed many other Show areas that we will need help with, such as signage, maps of vendor locations, cleanup and sorting of tablecloths with a list of how many new tablecloths need to be ordered, and the need for four Squares to be used throughout our Show venue.. Marie also discussed the need to completely re-organize the storage unit on Goodlette-Frank and the trailer which is onsite at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Marie reviewed with the Board who the 2027 Orchid Fiesta Show vendors will be.

Existing Vendors:
Krull-Smith Orchids
Odoms Orchids
Mac's Orchids
Bredren Orchids
Springwater Orchids
Accent Orchids
OFE

New Vendors:
Florida Orchid House
Florida Suncoast Orchids
Miranda Orchids
Just One More Orchid
Hang-a-Pot
Vina Planters
Aaron Ansley Watercolor Artist

Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Marie Harris seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary