BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2024
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

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

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Marie Harris, Stu Rubin, David Orr, Jim Rawson, Sue Roehl, Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Chuck Ferber and Terre Moore.

1. The Minutes from April 8, 2024, were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve the Minutes, Jim Rawson seconded and the motion passed.
2. Treasurer Report: David Orr, Treasurer, reported there is $33,379.98 in the checking account and $36,731.40 in CD's. David reviewed an accounting report with the Board and explained the income and expense entries, mostly relating to Show and Culture Class income and expenditures. There are still outstanding bills against the checking account.
3. Membership Report: Marie Harris, Membership Chair, advised there are approximately 235 members. She discussed future membership application packages and suggested some changes.
4. Redlands Orchid Sale Bus Trip: Second Vice President, Terre Moore, advised there are 29 paid registrants for the trip on Saturday, March 17. She also advised that even with free admission and the mileage refund from Motes Orchids, there would be a shortfall of income versus the bus expense.
5. Board Policy Regarding Auctions and Sales of Private Orchid Collections: After discussion, it was determined that NOS would not become involved in private auctions and sales. However, NOS would help a current member by advertising their private sale in our Newsletter, which would include a disclaimer that NOS would not be responsible for condition of the plants. Also, NOS would advise contacting the Naples Botanical Garden for possible help with collections. Marie Harris will work on a Form Letter for inquiries.
6. 2025 Naples Botanical Garden: Stu Rubin, Show Chair, reported that our goal for 2025 is to increase our income and the number of attendees.
7. Additional Show Items: Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Carolyn Booker and Richard Davenport have been working on revisions to the current Show Regulations and Guidelines for Individual Plant Entries, Large and Small Table Top Entries, Large and Small Container Entries and Cut Flower Entries for the 2025 Show. A first draft is completed and will be reviewed by this committee before presentation to the Board. In addition, Karen advised that she has casually spoken with members of the GCOA Board who are also working on revisions to their Show Guidelines. A suggestion was made that NOS and GCOA could work together to establish Guidelines for entries and a Show Schedule that could work for both Clubs for future Shows. Marie Harris moved to work with GCOA to develop Show Guidelines and a Show Schedule, Stu Rubin seconded and the motion passed. There will be a meeting between members of both Boards in the near future.
8. July Meeting Program with Dr. Lawrence Zettler and the interns: Chuck Ferber advised the Board that he, Richard Davenport and Dr. Zettler held a Zoom call to discuss the July meeting program. Since NOS has been providing grants for the interns for the last ten years, The interns will be making a presentation to report the findings of the Ten Year Study; the extent and status of endemic orchids in the Panther National Wildlife Refuge, with an emphasis on the "Ghost Orchid." Nick Ewy from the Naples Botanical Garden will also be presenting at the meeting and will be bringing a Ghost Orchid for all to see.
9. Stu Rubin also advised that August will be our "Hand- On Potting" meeting. The September Speaker will be Fred Clarke from SVO discussing "How to Be An 80 Percentile Grower." The October Speaker will be Edgar Sheli from Windswept In Time Orchids. The November Speaker will be Mickey Carnel from Blue Pagoda and Evolution Orchids. And finally, December is our annual Holiday Party.
10. Richard Davenport discussed with the Board the need for a Publicity Chair and a Treasurer. David Orr will provide a job description for Treasurer and Jim Rawson will provide a job description for Publicity.
11. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Davenport home.
12. Rae Jean Walker moved to adjourn the meeting, Marie Harris seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ORCHID SHOW COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

1. Stu Rubin led discussions regarding the need for greater attendance at the 2025 NOS Show and that negotiations with the Garden should begin.
2. The Board reviewed suggestions for a Show Theme and voted for “Orchids In The Garden.”
3. Stu will reach out to our Graphic Designer, Brian Christopher, to let him know what the 2025 Show Theme will be.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary