

***Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
7 February 2019***

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Catrombon

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by **1st Vice President David Orr** in President Dick Pippen's absence. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers and Mary Jo Shively for coordinating.

Our Orchid Show will be followed by Naples Botanical Garden's Orchid Fest, a week-long event. NOS has been asked to leave a few exhibits from our Show in Kapnick Hall for the event. David asked for exhibitors to consider this and let him know. There were also sign up sheets for all exhibitors to indicate their chosen show categories so the set up committee can plan for the required space.

David reminded us that there is \$4000 in awards committed for our show this year. In years past, not all categories had entries and therefore prize money was not awarded into those categories. He encouraged all levels of hobbyists to enter a plant or exhibit in this year's show.

There were anecdotes from the members relating stories of reluctant exhibitors who won awards at past shows. 'Don't be shy' was the clarion call!

Sheila Demkovich, Treasurer, reported our balance in checking is \$15,062 and in money market \$23,509. Also, the Liability Insurance has been paid. Sheila also reviewed the Show budgeting. Our Show costs the Society \$10,000 to present. The Garden provides a portion of the admission proceeds to us, which has been about \$10,000.

Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, reported that membership is now 131 with 396 followers on Facebook. Share the posts that you will see in the weeks ahead advertising our Show. Again this year, your paid membership and 2019 Membership Card will grant you free access to Naples Botanical Garden during our Show weekend. And NOS members will be allowed into the Garden at 8:00AM each day, an hour before the usual opening time of 9:00AM. The Orchid Show will be open early, too!

Please check your listing on the roster on our website. You can send Veronica an email to update your information right from the roster—just click her email address **skychik8@hotmail.com** or **naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com**

Diane Glover, Sponsorship Chair, reported on the Silent Auction in progress for the Clyde Butcher Photographic Print valued at \$260. Another artwork was donated for Silent Auction, a handmade paper batik print of Paphiopedilum, values at \$50. Add your name and bids to the clipboards near the easels. These items will be on display at our meetings only, not at the Show. Both Silent Auction items will be awarded at our March Meeting.

Kris Morton, Show Volunteer Coordinator, advised that Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker need volunteers for the breakfast and luncheon, as well as other areas. If you can help with this, please contact **Lanelle Bishop lbishop52@gmail.com 239-352-1860** or **Carolyn Booker Cbrnwcc@gmail.com 239-777-4814**. Kris reminded us that this is OUR Orchid Society and that many hands are necessary to make OUR Show a big success. Whether you are an exhibitor, a show hostess, or on the setup and take-down crew, every volunteer hour helps us reach that goal. Consider volunteering--even if you are not sure what job you can do, the Show Committee will ensure that you'll have a job that matters. Contact **Kris Morton kwmehm@comcast.net** and lend a hand!

David Orr, Show Co-Chair, remarked that the revised Show Rules and Awards Documents have been distributed to the membership and posted on our website on the **ORCHID SHOW** page, accessed by clicking a button on the home page of our website. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in many categories.

Last year, only 22 members exhibited at our show, and some categories did not have any entries. Consider bringing in an exhibit or plant.

David introduced our speakers **Elaine Gates** and **Kit Kitchen-Maran**, each presenting on preparing exhibits for our Orchid Show.

The Plant Table winners were announced, and Raffle winners were announced. The meeting was adjourned.