

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

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Bock

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Dick Pippen. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers and Mary Jo Shively for coordinating. And there were 3 cakes!!! Yum.

The Show was a big success. Weather was perfect. Lots of attendees, only 26 members displayed plants, but with many multiple entries. Very good turn out. 186 individual plants were entered. 16 AOS judges gave 9 AOS awards. Dick mentioned each of the awards, the grower and the plant that won. The award for best exhibit following the show theme went to Elaine Gates for her Fortune Teller display.

Dick thanked all the volunteers, especially David Orr for coordinating set up, take down and raffles. He thanked the counters and the plant holders. And finally Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker for the good food, especially Lanelle's pulled pork.

Made over \$3,000 on raffles. Thanks to the raffle ticket hawkers! Thanks to Jim Rawson for publicity. Thanks to Diane Glover for getting sponsorships. And thanks to Naples Botanical Gardens for hosting us. About 4,800 people entered the gardens on the days of the show and we had 4,100 come to our show. (500 more than last year).

Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance show is this weekend at North Collier Regional Park. NOS members get in free. Rae Jean will be at the show and help anyone without a card to get in.

April meeting is on Thursday, April 11 not April 4. Nick Ewy from Naples Botanical Gardens will be the speaker and will speak on native orchids.

Veronica Catrombon, membership chair, celebrated 414 followers on Facebook. Since January 2019, 22 new members have joined. Now have 167 members.

Treasurer, no report. \$13,767 in checking. \$23,509 in money market

Lanelle Bishop reported there is a bus trip to Redland International Orchid Festival on Saturday May 18. Please sign up with Lanelle.

Diane Glover reported the results of silent auction for the Clyde Butcher and the paphiopedulum print. Auction will close at raffle drawing tonight.

The speaker tonight was Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids who spoke about Orchids of the Amazon.

The Plant Table winners were announced, and Raffle winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned.