

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Davenport at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance: Bob Castonguay, Karen Davenport, Steve Burdette, Richard Davenport, Dick Phippen, Jim Rawson, Sue Roehl, Rae Jean Walker, Stu Rubin, David Orr, Lanelle Bishop, Carolyn Booker, Marie Harris.

General Discussion before Agenda Items: Discussed limiting the number of items on our monthly raffle table to save time.

1. Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023 reviewed and approved.
2. Officer Reports:
 - a. Treasurer David Orr:
 - Advised we have balances of \$19,053.98 in the checking account and \$35,515.50 in CD's.
 - There are 15 paid registrations for the Culture Class.
 - There are 113 paid memberships including Life Members, Family Members and Individual Members. David asked that an Eblast be sent reminding NOS members that they must renew their membership in order to enter orchids for judging at our monthly meetings or the Orchid Mardi Gras Show, to gain free access to the Botanical Garden for our Show and to receive a discount for Orchid Culture Class registration. He also reminded the Board that if someone renewed their membership in October of 2022, their membership included 2023.
 - Richard Davenport discussed changing the title "Family Membership" to "Joint Membership." He moved to change the title to Joint Membership, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion was passed.
 - David advised the Board that he has received Renewal Notices for our Liability Insurance Policy. He will check with Cynthia Bock, past Board Secretary, who previously handled this for NOS.
 - b. Membership:
 - There were discussions regarding this Board position. Current Chairperson Suzanne Fundingsland is on a two month vacation. Suzanne had previously asked if the Board could find someone to help with this position, especially with the Excel Program portion. Bob Castonguay mentioned that there are Membership Apps which may simplify this task. Karen Davenport will contact Suzanne regarding these discussions.
 - The Membership Badges need to be organized to only include Current Paid Members. As members renew their membership, their badges would become available once again.

- c. Education Chair: Steve Burdette discussed Orchid Doctor presentations and advised the Board of his outreach plans. He will provide Bob Castonguay, Newsletter Publisher, with monthly happenings.
3. Orchid Culture Class:
 - a. Dick Phippen advised the Board that there are currently 21 registrations and he expects at least 30 participants. There was a revision to the schedule of presenters. The first orchids will be handed out at the Culture Class on March 18 and will include Phalaenopsis, Dendrobiums and Oncidiums. Cattleyas and Vandas will be handed out at the April 1 Class.
 - b. Dick was interviewed by Robin Meade from Florida Weekly. His interview including photos will be published February 23.
4. New Business:
 - Stu Rubin proposed that we establish a committee to work with him in obtaining speakers for our monthly meetings. Marie Harris and Karen Davenport will assist. Possible future speakers were discussed.
 - Rae Jean Walker advised the Board that new Raffle Tickets needed to be purchased for our monthly meetings as well as for the Show. There was unanimous approval for her to purchase new tickets.
5. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on March 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M. at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
6. Stu Rubin moved to adjourn the meeting, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Jim Rawson called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

1. Lanelle Bishop
 - Advised that Box Lunches will be provided by Fogg Cafe for our Show Judges on Friday, February 24 on the Private Patio adjacent to the Cafe.
 - Advised that water will be available in Kapnick Hall and at the White Tent during the Show.
 - Advised that food for volunteers on Setup Day, February 22, will be provided in Kapnick Hall.
 - Advised that the Judges' breakfast on Friday, February 24, will be served on the Private Patio adjacent to Fogg Cafe.
 - Advised that she and Carolyn Booker would be shopping for food on Monday, February 20.
2. Marie Harris advised the Board that there are currently 87 volunteers for the Show.
3. Stu Rubin advised the Board that there is currently \$5,000.68 in donations for the Show. Lanelle Bishop will prepare placards for each donation for the Raffle Table.
4. Stu Rubin presented each Board Member a shirt with a new NOS Logo that was designed gratis for the Club. After discussion, Karen Davenport moved to adopt the new

Logo, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion was passed. This new logo will be presented to the Society Membership after our Show.

5. Jim Rawson:

- We currently have nine confirmed Show Judges. We need at least 12 and Jim is certain this will not be a problem.
 - Four out of six vendors have paid NOS their Show registration fee.
 - Vendor tents will be erected by Naples Botanical Garden on Wednesday, February 22.
 - Jim discussed our Show Awards. It was suggested that we needed to add a new Award: Other Genera - Best Plant in Categories 149 through 152. After discussion, Carolyn Booker moved to add this Award, Rae Jean Walker seconded and the motion was passed.
 - Jim will speak with Dorothy Bennett, Head AOS Judge, about monetary Show Awards.
6. Richard Davenport discussed the possibility of adding new Ribbon Categories at our Monthly Meetings such as Cultural or Flower Commendations.
7. Stu Rubin moved to adjourn the meeting, Carolyn Booker seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.