Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
1 Apr 2021
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Bock

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Richard Davenport. This was our first in person meeting since the beginning of the Covid crisis (14 months!). We are glad to be here. Attendance was limited to 50 people, masks and social distancing required. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers, even though there are no home-made goodies; it was all prepackaged snacks. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 6th. Changes since we last met: new slate of officers serving now. See newsletter for updates. We had no show, but we had a sale with vendors at Naples Botanical Garden. It went for three days. Sales were good. We made about $3500. The Gardens reported about 3700 visitors on those days, the best attendance since the lockdown. We are currently negotiating our deal for next year.

Dick Pippen is home and feeling better. We hope to see him next month.

Treasurer Sheila Demkovich reported that the checking account balance is $19,877.68. All bills are paid. Sheila briefly described the costs the society incurs.

Diana Genotti, Membership Chair, reported that we have 142 members, with 35 new members.

Jim Rawson introduced tonight's speaker, Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchid, who spoke about raising orchids outside. (Coincidentally, Mac was the speaker at our last in person meeting held in March 2020!) No judging tonight. There were many orchids brought in just for show.

There was no raffle. We hope to resume next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.