

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
9 January 2020

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Catrombon

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 **MaryJoShively** for coordinating. He also thanked **Lanelle Bishop** and her elves for the wonderful Holiday Party in December. **Dick** thanked **Diane Glover** for submitting the winning theme for our 2020 Orchid Show—“**Wild About Orchids**” and presented a check for \$50 to her.

Culture Class is beginning on Saturday 11 January and will run until Saturday 15 February. Orchid Fest at Naples Botanical Garden will be a week before and a week after our show. Members of NOS will enjoy free access to the Garden for each day of our Orchid Show. The Garden and our Show will open at 8:00am for NOS and Garden Members.

Make sure to sign up to volunteer at our orchid show—**Kris Morton** has sign up sheets at the meeting tonight.

The points leaders for our 2019 Plant Tables were announced. Many thanks to all who exhibited plants. **Karen Davenport**, First Place, \$300; **Eunice Walker**, Second Place, \$200; and **Barbara Crist**, Third Place \$100. An **Honorable Mention** was awarded to **Cheryle Daniel** for her excellent showing in the three years that she has been an NOS member.

Sheila Demkovich, Treasurer, reported our balance in checking is \$17,302 as of 31 December 2019. 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 88 paid members with 1158 followers on Facebook. Many thanks to **Christine O'Donnell** for inviting her Facebook Friends to follow NOS. Because of this, our followers jumped from 515 followers in November 2019 to 1158. Please share the posts that you will see in the weeks ahead advertising our Show. 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.

Kris Morton, Show Volunteer Coordinator, advised Set up and Take down volunteers are needed. Also, volunteers for Registration Day, Hosts and Hostesses on Show Days, and for Orchid Holding Areas on Show Days. Orchid Doctor is in need of some volunteers, too. **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 set up 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!

Rae Jean Walker would like to hear from you if you are interested in NOS Golf Shirts. Contact **RaeJean** at raejean@tiretracksusa.com.

Dick Phippen 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.

Dick Phippen introduced our speakers **Dick Phippen** and **Kit Kitchen-Maran**, each presenting on preparing exhibits for our Orchid Show: How to Fill Out Green Tags and Who Me? I Can't—YES YOU CAN! Respectively.

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

The meeting was adjourned.