

Minutes of the Meeting
Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017, 6:30 PM
Conference room of AvAirPros, Suite 300, Toni Stabile Building, 5551
Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300, Naples FL 34108

6:30 PM –Call BOD Meeting to Order, Show Committee Meeting to follow BOD Meeting—Dick Phippen

In attendance: Bill Overton, Sue Roehl, Veronica Catrombon, Dick Phippen, David Orr, Kris Morton, Nanett Boerner, Sheila Demkovich, Carolyn Booker, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Marilyn Moser, Lanelle Bishop, Jim Rawson

Guest: Norm Dolder

Absent: Cynthia Bock, Mary Jo Shively

Secretary's Report —reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting; motion to accept by Jim Rawson, seconded by Sheila Demkovich; passed unanimously; In Cynthia Bock's absence, Veronica Catrombon will take minutes for this meeting.

President's Comments—Dick Phippen

2018 calendar distributed. Due to a Church conflict with our 2018 Holiday Party date of 6 December. The Gymnasium is available for that date.

Culture Class is scheduled to start on Jan 13th, limited to 50 people due to size of room. \$90 for non-members and \$60 for members. Three people have signed up for Culture Class. Dick proposed buying 2 boxes of Dr. Motes books for the Culture Class. Bill Overton made the motion, Nanett Boerner seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report—Nanett Boerner

No printed report. Discussion regarding a CD that is coming due. Nanett suggested that money be added to the CD to make it an even \$10,000, and reinvest. Sue Roehl made the motion, Bill Overton seconded, passed unanimously.

1st V.P.—David Orr

Norm Dolder and David Orr have visited the Orchid House. Water has receded. There are about 35-40 plants remaining. Some discussion about continuing usage of the Orchid House. No additional information available, since there was no further discussion with new owner. Also, there was no further guidance regarding the granting of an NOS membership to the new owner.

Holiday Party Orchids were discussed. The Hawaii grower has weekly specials, which allow purchase for about \$10.00 per plant. Their selection of dendrobiums is average, the cattleya selection is poor. 120 plants are needed for the party goers and for the one raffle basket. Suggestion was made to use SunBulb for these plants.

Where will plants for Culture Class be staged? Order plants from Hawaii for Culture Class.

Send letter to new owner regarding use of Orchid House. Cynthia Bock has tax consideration letter template.

November meeting program, due to family illness of originally-scheduled speaker, will be member talks about their own plants selected from the plant table. February speaker—Roy Kruger; October speaker—Alan Koch. Awaiting date from Mac Orchids, and perhaps Quest.

2nd V.P.—Lanelle Bishop

Caroline Booker is second in command for Holiday Party organization.

Check for Holiday Party requested. Broward Orchid Supply item list will be distributed with November Newsletter. Norm Dolder will have Order Form at the November Meeting.

Collier Harvest pick up details for 2016 were misinterpreted. Pick up must be earlier. Veronica Catrombon will send to the Board the new plant table voting form with revision to Phalaenopsis category (Large Phalaenopsis, Small Phalaenopsis). Usage begins in January 2018.

Membership Officer Report — Veronica Catrombon

Membership stands at 217, with two applicants (awaiting payment.) All new membership applications received will now be associated with 2018. Veronica asked Kris Morton to add a blurb in the November Newsletter noting that the acceptance of 2018 dues will begin at November's meeting.

Facebook followers stand at 236.

Veronica is preparing the updated New Member Packet for 2018, and will have the Board review it at the January Board Meeting. She is also compiling an instruction manual for posting/updating our Website and Database.

Orchid Doctor paraphernalia was passed on to Marilyn Moser.

Newsletter Officer Report — Kris Morton

November's Newsletter will be distributed this week, delayed due to speaker changes. Marilyn Moser reports that the US Mailed version of the newsletter costs \$2.00 each, and 11 are mailed each month, extending to \$264.00. Veronica Catrombon will contact the 11 members who currently receive the newsletter via US Mail to ensure that this method is required. It will be suggested that a hard copy newsletter may be picked up at the Welcome Table at each meeting (for those few members) or that electronic access—email or on our website—may suffice.

Publicity Officer Report— Jim Rawson

No Report. (See Show Meeting Minutes)

Directors' Reports

3 Year Director—Mary Jo Shively (absent) No Report

2 Year Director—Sheila Demkovich

Slate of Officers will be presented at our Annual Business Meeting, 2 November 2017, for voting.

1 Year Director—Carolyn Booker – no report

AOS Representative—Bill Overton

AOS is hosting two webinars accessible by the public:

8 November 2017 -- AOS President reporting from Ecuador

14 December 2017 -- Greenhouse Chat

Bill will be donating a few plants for the Raffle Table at our November meeting.

Webmaster Report—Sue Roehl

Sue will add the 2018 show information, and make a post for the home page.

The Orchid Doctor at the Naples Botanical Garden dates will be posted in Events.

Orchid Show names list will be available on the website.

Old business:

Fundraising – Kit Kitchen-Maran

New hats have arrived! They will be available for sale at our November meeting at the Welcome Table. Cash--\$15.00; Credit Card--\$15.00 + tax (\$15.90). Veronica Catrombon requested photos for the Meeting Blast and other advertising.

New business: No new Business.

Next Meeting- 25 January, 2018

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Veronica Catrombon