

Minutes of the Meeting

Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 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, Cynthia Bock, Sue Roehl, Veronica Catrombon, Dick Phippen, David Orr, Kris Morton, Nanett Boerner, Sheila Demkovich, Carolyn Booker, Kit Kitchen Maran, Mary Jo Shivley

Absent: Marilyn Moser, Lanelle Bishop, Jim Rawson

Secretary's Report —Cynthia Bock —reading and approval of the minutes from previous meeting; corrected some name spellings; motion to accept by Caroline, seconded by Sue; passed unanimously; Cynthia will be absent at the next board meeting, Veronica will take minutes

President's Comments—Dick Phippen

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

We made a contribution to the National Cancer Institute in the name of Jerry McLaughlin. We received a thank you.

AOS is soliciting contributions for the Mary Storm Schomburgkia Fund. Discussion ensued; Dick recommended not contributing.

Treasurer's Report—Nanett Boerner

Financial reports were distributed. We are running a surplus of \$7100. Rent payment coming up of about \$2k. Total assets of \$46,270.41.

1st V.P.—David Orr— Orchid house is still standing, flooded but still there. New owner is fine with us still using the shade house. There is some minor damage that David will repair. We only have about 50 plants in the shade house. We are in need of more plants for raffle plants. Jade Orchids lost some of their orchid houses and will be closed for a few weeks.

2nd V.P.—Lanelle Bishop - absent

Membership Officer Report — Veronica Catrombon— She just got internet back. Only one new member this month. 217 members. Facebook has 231 followers. Thrive will go out next week.

Newsletter Officer Report — Kris Morton— no October newsletter because there was no September meeting and Kris didn't have electricity.

Publicity Officer Report— Jim Rawson— absent

Directors' Reports

3 Year Director—Mary Jo Shively— Nominating committee, Sheila will report. Mary Jo will continue to coordinate refreshments for the meetings.

2 Year Director—Sheila Demkovich— **Nominating Committee Report** – Slate changes as follows: Caroline will work with Lanelle as Co-2nd VPs, but will become 3 Year director. Mary Jo will become 2 Year Director. Sheila will be Treasurer. Marilyn will become AOS rep. We have 1 blank spot for 1 Year Director. Motion to approve slate by Bill Overton, seconded by Veronica, passed unanimously.

1 Year Director—Carolyn Booker – no report

AOS Representative—Bill Overton— Bill is moving to Michigan and will be distributing his orchids to board members and members – Bill turned over his badge and service awards to Dick. He will still do Orchid Doctor until he leaves.

Webmaster Report—Sue Roehl - no report

Old business: Fundraising: We had discussion about hats, shirts and bags. Kit would like to buy hats and take orders for shirts. Hats, order 48 for 7.90 each; if order 24, 8.40 each. Canvas tote bags, 25 minimum, \$20 each. Marine tote w zipper, 50 pieces, for \$12.98 each. We should plan to have these for the show. Motion by Caroline, seconded by Bill: buy 96 hats (kaki with pink flower) and sell them for \$15; (will there be sales tax?), passed unanimously. We asked for more info on the Canvas totes. Shirts are also on hold.

Kit attended a nonprofit seminar re fundraising. Community Foundation has a program for creating an endowment in the name of the Naples Orchid Society. Minimum deposit of \$5,000. Another recommendation was to offer lifetime memberships for \$1,000. Dick recommended that we pursue this after the start of the new year.

New business: Kris reported that the Orchid Doctor at Botanical Gardens should start soon. Kris suggests we do it Dec through March, first and third Saturday. There will be no yard and garden show.

Next Meeting- October 26, 2017

Adjourn