

San Diego County Orchid Society
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 3, 2018

Summary

Attendees:

Kay Klausing, John Oswalt, Tom Ketelaar, Myra DeTate, Carol Kerr, Bob Clark, Pedro Sanchez, Scott LaBouff. Debby Halliday was excused absent.

The meeting was held at Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado Building, Room 104. The call to order came at 7:09 P.M. by Kay Klausing, President.

Secretary's Report: - Tom Ketelaar

April 2018 Board meeting minutes had been approved via email.

Treasurer's Report: - Myra DeTate

1. Myra presented the SDCOS July 2017 through April 2018 Profit & Loss Statement. She presented two versions of the profit and loss report to include one with the data for Conservation and the other without data for Conservation. Also presented were the SDCOS Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2018 and the SDCOS 2018 Spring Show Profit & Loss Detail data for the period July 1, 2017 through May 3, 2018.

2. There was discussion relating to the Conservation booth and participation at the Spring Shows as to that Committee's expenses, revenue, physical set-up, etc. at future spring shows. The Board will be exploring this more with the Conservation Committee in the near future. Now that the Society has also recently begun selling orchids to members and the public, the direction of future donated plants will be reviewed.

Discussion took place relating to the grants given through the Conservation Committee; the Board will be seeking the status of available outcomes, reports, and the results of projects funded with the conservation monies granted. Jack Schaefer and Ron Kaufmann were to make the reports available to SDCOS members via the Society's website. Kay will be approaching both Ron and Jack to learn of the status and progress of those reports and will inform the Board at the 2018 June meeting. Discussion took place to schedule Ron or other members of the Conservation Committee to make a presentation to the membership relating to the activities of the Conservation Committee; there was the idea of making the book produced by one of the grantees available to the membership and presented at a General Meeting, giving members more information about the committee and its activities to let members know how they may participate in the committee and its activities. There seems to be the sense that only select persons are allowed to participate in the committee, but participation is open to all members.

3. Myra made the motion to account for the monies won by the San Diego County Orchid Society exhibit and the Kids' Corner at the 2018 Spring Show and disbursed to three participants be defined as

'Awards' to those participants. The three participants are Nancy Walters, Carey McCoy, and Rafael Acosta-Jaramillo. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

4. After all the discussion, Bob Clark made the motion to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.

President's items:

1. Kay stressed the need to find a newsletter editor to take over once David Eveleth has terminated his activity as the current editor. The electronic newsletter is critical to activate since the costs for producing hard copy newsletters to a few members is not making economic sense. There will be a few newsletter copies in paper format produced for distribution to prospective members and those existing members not having a computer; but the cost of printing, mailing, time involved, etc. is no longer making budget sense and will be changed.

2. The time for electing a new SDCOS Board for the new 2018 fiscal year beginning 07/01/18 is quickly approaching and Kay will be forming a Nomination Committee to organize a roster of future Board participants to be voted upon at the June 5th General meeting. There will be more on this through an email communication and at the June General Meeting.

3. The survey is still under construction, but Kay feels a 'test' run for the Board's review will be available soon.

4. The Summer SDCOS Show and Sale in the Park at the end of July will be extended into the courtyard and the closing time will be extended one hour on Saturday to take advantage of the daylight hours. The Board and planning members will tiptoe gently into the waters of the courtyard with tents, for now, borrowed from members willing to supply a tent, awning, or other such protection for humans and plants exposed to the courtyard sun and visitors. The Board and planning members will be making an inspection of the courtyard for possible layout designs, power supply, logistics, traffic flow, security, etc. at the same time the lockers are to be cleaned out, reorganized, and vacuumed in both Rooms 101 and 104. That day and time has yet to be determined since coordination with other groups scheduled to use those rooms needs to be considered. The extension into the courtyard for the July show will open more room for additional vendors. David Brown may be able to assist with arranging this so we do not bump into any other groups scheduled for those areas.

First Vice-President Items: - Debby Halliday

Debby was not present at this Board meeting - she has not yet figured out how to be in two places at once - but she will have the information for the main speaker and raffle table provider in the June newsletter.

Second Vice-President Items: - John Oswald

1. John is exploring several possibilities for the June Culture Class and will provide that information in the June newsletter.

2. The provision of orchid supplies to be made available at both the General Meetings and next year's spring show is developing and several items and considerations were presented. Kay will be pursuing with Debby, John, and other Board members a decision as to how, who, when, how much, and what those available supplies will be and with 2019 Spring Show directors how the supplies will be made available for purchase there. Storage of bulk and pre-packaged supplies will be in the Room 104 lockers and the storage unit.

3. If supplies for sale will be purchased, stored, and available, it is necessary to seek a larger and more centrally to Balboa Park located storage facility. If Society members have ideas, suggestion, or would like to pursue looking for other storage facilities, please contact any Board member for rent paid, minimum size of the storage unit, access for the Spring Show hired truck, etc. required. With the possibility of 350+ sets of eyeballs looking for possible sites, something should be found for storage purposes. Don't be a Disney character 'Bashful' to make suggestions.

Directors at Large Items: - Bob Clark, Carol Kerr, and Pedro Sanchez

1. Carol Kerr will be developing a plan for assisting those Society members who may no longer be able to get to meetings or care for their orchid collections in the manner they had been accustomed to doing. She plans to accommodate those members by learning what needs they have, where the collections are located, the types of orchids in the collections, the size of the collections the members are easily able to maintain, assistance with cleaning, splitting, repotting, etc. of the member's collection. Carol will be seeking the assistance of other members willing to help with the projects and opening of communication channels where all participants will be able to learn something new and share knowledge through the activities. She will be presenting the program as it takes shape and information is gathered.

2. Pedro Sanchez will be approaching additional vendors who may be willing to provide orchids for sale at the July show in the park. He will be expressing the potential of additional sale opportunities and obtaining a commitment of their participation so space planning may ensue.

3. Bob Clark will be finalizing the new roster once the new Board members have been elected. The roster will be in electronic format with a small number of paper copies created. The paper copies may require a printing fee be paid by those wishing the paper format.

Past-President Items: - Scott LaBouff

Scott will be coordinating the activities for "Fiesta Botanica" taking place in Balboa Park along The Prado on Saturday, May 26th, 2018 between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. There will be other Botanical members participating with booth displays, activities, a parade along The Prado and much more. For more information check out: <https://balboaparkconservancy.org/project/fiesta-botanica> Scott will be seeking volunteers willing to assist for a few hours for this event and members wishing to provide display orchids for the visitors. There usually are many visitors to the orchid booth with questions, seeking suggestions, wanting to learn how they 'killed' their orchid and not to destroy the next one, wishing to learn about the Society and its activities, and who knows, maybe the 'smelling' game will be available again this year. More information will be provided prior to the day's activities through an email to SDCOS members.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 7 2018, at 7:00 P.M. – Balboa Park - Casa Del Prado building, Room 104. There being no further business, Kay Klausing, president, adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar
Secretary