

**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Date: April 08, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees:

Deborah Halliday	President
Stewart Walton	First Vice-President
David Vandebroek	Secretary
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Sima Perkins	Director-at-Large
Jack Schaefer	Director-at-Large
Kay Klausing	Past President
Deryl Adderson	SDCOS Member

Excused:

No one was excused from this meeting.

Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With 7 board members present, a quorum was established.

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**President's Comments**

The flowers at the San Diego Botanic Gardens show are looking beautiful. We are continuing to support this show and feeling encouraged about how things are going so far. We had more than 50 people attend the general meeting and several people attend culture class.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Myra presented the treasurer's report. The usual discussion followed.
- There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.
- Myra presented SDBG show sales info so far and compared it against gross sales from our last January Show in the Park; we seem to be performing comparably so far from a sales perspective.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved by email, as usual.

## **General Meetings**

The next general meeting will be May 4th; Gary Yong Gee will be speaking from Australia on the orchids of Queensland.

The next Culture class will be given by Debby, who will be speaking on orchid photography; she asked for help from Jack and Stewart, who agreed to contribute.

The Board agreed to postpone the next Board of Directors meeting until Friday, May 14th.

## **SDBG Show and Sale**

The Board discussed the SDBG show so far, the sales from the first week, and what the future of the show might look like. Conservation is setting up for their weekend now; things are going well, but there are a lot of plants to deal with. The board considered whether we would like to do member sales on the 5<sup>th</sup> and final weekend of the show. We agree that we will do this.

## **Returning to Balboa Park**

Balboa Park is saying they won't open Casa del Prado until San Diego is in the yellow tier of Covid restrictions. CA state says they plan to eliminate the tiers system in mid-June, so that might be when we can start again, if we feel ready. We will wait and follow state and county guidelines, then make our own decision as a Board.

The Board discussed keeping Board Meetings virtual even after we resume in-person General Meetings. There was general agreement that we would like to do this. The Parliamentarian, Jack, noted that we need to be sure to notify membership that this will be the plan going forward, as any member should be able to attend the meeting as a guest.

Stewart wants us to continue making Zoom attendance an option for people even after we return to in person meetings. A concern is that people who live nearby may choose to call in via Zoom because it is more convenient, and the society will slowly lose participating members. We will need to think about this further, but for now will investigate making Zoom/in person hybrid meetings a reality.

If we do add Zoom to our in-person meetings, we will need better wifi; we should ask David Brown to talk to their infrastructure team so we can explore this. SDCOS would be willing to donate a better router if that is what is keeping us from using internet in that room. We will possibly need a mobile hotspot and a tripod. Jack and Myra will take the lead of figuring out what our "hybrid meetings" might look like and require. This topic was discussed extensively.

## **Committee Chairs**

We are still missing several Committee Chair positions:

Show Chair: Dave Hoffmaster needs a co-chair; Kay volunteered to take on this role.

Orchid Digest Representative: Ron Kauffman agreed to do this.

Refreshments Co-Chair: We could ask Carol Kerr to look for one for us.

Volunteer Coordinator: We could ask Rachael or Ashley if they will do this.

Librarian: Stewart is willing to work on this.

## **Spring Show Venue**

The Board discussed possible venues for our Spring Show going forward. Some members investigated options since our last meeting. Some notes included:

- Liberty Station – The breakout rooms are fully set up with chairs and podiums that they don't want to move, so those rooms won't work for our vendors. This may make the venue too small for us.
- Paradise Point – Has a big ballroom (10,000 sqft) which may be big enough to suit a smaller show. Debby will investigate this further.
- Morris Cerullo – Carey investigated this since the last meeting. There is not enough open space on the inside for us to use.
- Marina – If we downsized, we might be able to use only 1 building.
- San Diego Botanic Gardens – This venue is not ideal; it is too small for us and doesn't have enough vendor space. If they chose to put on a show like the one this month every year around Mother's Day, the Board thinks we would love to participate.

We may need to consider putting plants and vendors all in one big room in the venue we eventually choose. There was much discussion on each topic.

## **Nominating Committee**

Debby asked Tom Biggart if he would be willing to lead this. She will ask people who have served on this committee before to see if they are willing to serve here again.

## **Shows**

July show is still possible, but we will definitely need a co-chair to lead this. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

## **Other**

Carey received written communication from the Scottish Rite Center saying the Home Depot project had been approved 7:0, so that is a done deal. We should not count on having that center for our next show.

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## **Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:**

Friday, May 14th, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom; this is different than our regular meeting to accommodate schedules. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek  
Secretary