

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

Date: November 11, 2021

Location: Zoom, a virtual meeting application

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Attendees:

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| Deborah Halliday | President |
| David Vandebroek | First Vice-President |
| Ashley Grable | Second Vice-President |
| Jack Schaefer | Secretary |
| Myra DeTate | Treasurer |
| Carey McCoy | Director-at-Large |
| Sima Perkins | Director-at-Large |
| Kay Klausing | Past President |

Guests:

Deryl Addison
David Hoffmaster
Stewart Walton

With 7 members present, a quorum was established.

Kay Klausing joined the meeting just after the meeting was opened.

President's Remarks -

The Fall 2021 Show & Sale was a good show although it had some problems. See below under 'Old Business - Fall Show'.

The November General Meeting was discussed. See below under 'Old Business – Nov. General Meeting'.

Old Business

The minutes of the October BoD meeting were approved via email.

October 2021 Show & Sale –

There was confusion over renting the Penske truck and getting Room 101 setup.

David Hoffmaster, Show Chair, reported on the setup issues.

Kay Klausing reported on the Show financials which were good.

Myra DeTate and Kay commented on barcode issues.

Overall there is room for improvement.

Of note, we can no longer expect fresh pancet from Fely & Ernie Acantilado or from Jerry & Anita Spencer. The pizza was lacking in variety.

The fact that we could not locate the Siv Garrod Most Unusual Orchid in the Show Trophy was discussed.

Debby presented statistics derived from the People's Choice ballots. The clear message is that most people attending the show did so because of the signage provided by Carol Kerr. Debby noted that there were vastly more ballots at this show compared to previous shows.

Jack reported on the Volunteer Reward Coupons. The new coupon format was well received. The distribution of coupons left a bit to be desired but most volunteers had received coupons and some were used at the November General Meeting. The initial supply of 50 VRC was not sufficient. Jack will contact Carol Kerr about having more VRC coupons printed.

November General Meeting –

Our November General meeting was lacking in attendees.

A new supply of Plant Forum Tags has been found. David V. reported that he had ordered 50 sets of 50 tags each.

The presentation by Betty Kelepecz was hard to hear on Zoom. The use of blue-tooth technology lapel microphones was discussed. More research will be conducted to find a good solution so that everyone in Room 101 and everyone on Zoom will be able to hear the presenter.

Treasurer's Report -

The Treasurer's report was presented by Myra DeTate. A motion was made & seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

Myra also presented the Society's working budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The budget was discussed.

A motion to accept the budget was made & seconded. The motion passed.

Holiday Party –

The board considered the December Holiday Party meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th. David V. proposed having a general meeting format with Arthur Pinkers presenting the year's AOS awards. The meeting would start at 7PM. Instead of a pot-luck it was suggested that we have Holiday oriented general refreshments.

The board discussed having gift plants using a system similar to what was implemented in 2020. It was decided to ask Bob Clark to send an email-blast to all current members. The email would ask if the member would attend in person.

For those attending in person, gift plants would be made available in Room 101. For those not attending in person, the gift plants would be made available at one of 3 locations in the county. The email blast would request the member's zip code to determine each member's pickup point.

Also, every member would be able to indicate the vendor they would prefer, either Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids, or Casa de las Orquideas.

It was decided to ask David Brown to conduct a Plant Exchange as we have usually done at the Holiday Party.

Spring Show Report –

Debby presented a report on our plans for the Spring Show. Mundiflora has decided they would be able to attend. This means that our floor plan must be updated. Andy's has not committed to participating but Debby has hopes he will participate.

Volunteer Coordinator -

It was noted that we still need a Co-Volunteer Coordinator

New Business

Debby asked Stewart Walton if he would be interested in serving in the now vacant Director-at-Large position vacated by Jack Schaefer. He stated that he would do so. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Stewart to the vacant Director-at-Large position. The motion passed. Jack noted that Stewart's appointment is for the remainder of the vacant position and he would be up for re-election in June.

The board discussed ordering a new supply of virus test kits and finding out who would be interested in participating.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for
December 2nd at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Secretary