

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

Date: October 6, 2022

Location: Zoom, a virtual meeting application

Attendees:

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

Absent:

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| Myra DeTate | Treasurer – Excused Absent |
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Guest(s):

Deryl Addison  
Betty Kelepecz

Treasurer Myra DeTate was excused absent.

Kay joined at 7:15PM

With 7 members present, a quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Conservation Committee Vice-Chair Betty Kelepecz presented this year's Conservation Committee grant proposals. Of the 6 proposals received, the Committee has chosen to award 5 grants. The grants to receive funding are:

1) *Conservation Threats and host tree assessment of critically endangered Gastrochilus calceolaris at Orong, Samdrupjogkhar, (Bhutan).*

Grant amount recommended: \$7,090.00

2) *Molecular DNA analysis of cultivatable endophytic fungal isolates from the roots of orchids ~~and other epiphytes~~ in the region of Soconusco, Chiapas, Mexico for use in orchid restoration and pest control.*

**The original grant proposal included non-orchid species. The Conservation Committee reported they had asked the author for elimination of the non-orchid species and hence reduce the requested grant amount. The author has agreed.**

Grant amount recommended after negotiation with the author: \$5,325.00.

3) *The full genome sequencing and genetic analyses of Cypripedium reginae. Submitted by Peter Faletra, The New Hampshire Academy of Science.*

Grant amount recommended: \$3,350.00.

4) *Genetic Diversity, Population Density and Reproductive Success of Tridactyle cruciformis, an Endangered Epiphytic Orchid in the Mau Forest, Kenya.*

Grant amount recommended: \$3500.

5) *Developing an Eco-friendly Orchid Trail for Conservation of Wild Orchids in Makawanpur District, Nepal.*

Grant amount recommended: \$3470

Jack moved to approve proposals with firm budget amounts and provisionally approve the proposal pending receipt of a firm budget. Seconded & passed. **The budget issue for grant #2 has been resolved as noted above per Ron Kaufmann Cons. Comm. Chair.**

The September Meeting Minutes were not accepted via email due to several problems. A motion was made & seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

President Debby Halliday noted that the October meeting was conducted on Zoom & in person. 14 people attended on zoom.

Debby presented Myra's treasurer report.  
Jack moved to accept the Treasurer's report.  
Seconded & passed.

October Meeting Issues:

Audio system problems –

The audio amplifier in the AV closet failed before the meeting started. Myra and Jack DeTate were able to pull out our boom-box system and provide audio for the meeting but it was not optimal. We think David Brown has the audio amplifier and is getting it fixed.

Zoom problems –

Zoom is using a verification of login when the login happens from a 'different' location than usual. The

verification process is to send an email to our [sdcos.zoom@sdorchids.com](mailto:sdcos.zoom@sdorchids.com) email location with a confirmation code that we can use to verify that the login is correct.

The October meeting encountered this problem and the confirmation emails were not being received. At some point, our 1<sup>st</sup> VP David, was able to log in and start the meeting.

The day after the meeting our webmaster Jack S. started looking at the problem. He was able to establish a chat session on the Zoom site with a technician. There was a backlog of undeliverable emails that were sent to our email address. This backlog was then cleared by the Zoom technician and we were able to use the Zoom account for the October 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting with no problems.

Jack will document the process he used to connect with a Zoom technician. Ashley Grable's email address has been added to the [sdcos.zoom@sdorchids.com](mailto:sdcos.zoom@sdorchids.com) email forwarding system.

It should be noted that we have an AV person, Jack DeTate, and he should be the only person starting the General Meeting Zoom session.

Opportunity Table Issues –

The board discussed the problems with the opportunity table. We were not able to sell enough tickets at the meeting to pay the cost of the plants on the table.

It was noted that we have a limited number of sources for

orchid plants.

The range of possible vendors was discussed and it was noted that our standard cost per plant no longer covers the cost of quality orchids. We discussed focusing our purchases on Sunset Valley Orchids with Andy's purchases spaced out a couple of months. We also discuss non-commercial plant table providers such as Alex Nadzan and other local growers.

The board also discussed the fact that pre-pandemic, our speakers were in the habit of providing the plant opportunity table. With Zoom meetings, that is no longer customary.

It was decided that we should invite more in-person speakers such as Tim Culbertson and Peter Lin who do provide the plant table.

1<sup>st</sup> VP David moved to increase the amount we spend per plant by 50% to \$15/plant and purchase the same number of plants. The motion was seconded & passed.

Culture Class -

The board also discussed the monthly Culture Class presentations. Other societies have culture class presentation several times a year in lieu of a feature Speaker.

It was commented that the culture class makes the meetings really long.

Overall, the consensus was that we would continue having Culture Class.

2023 Spring Show: Show Chair Debby Halliday reported on the Spring Show planning activities:

A meeting is planned for this month with Carol & Jennifer to discuss poster designs.

The Spring Show Budget should be published via email and discussed & voted upon at the November meeting.

Debby stated that the EarthFair celebration has been cancelled because of financial problems. The multitude of activities will not occur and although the park will have plenty of visitors, the impact on our show is expected to be much less.

Debby has requested reservation of Rooms 101 & 104, Patio A & Patio B for the Monday after the show so that we can do tear down on Monday rather than Sunday evening.

We expect to provide box lunches for all meals. Debby to ask the Coronado Flower Show who provides their box lunches.

We plan to do a walk-around of the park at our Fall Show to assess signage possibilities for the Spring Show.

It was noted that Ecuagenera has established a greenhouse location in San Diego County. They have expressed interest in participating in the Spring Show.

The next Spring Show planning meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at Debby's home.

San Diego Floral Association Festival in the Park

Scheduled for Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Myra and Bob Clark will support this effort. We will have tables & literature available.

### San Diego Botanic Garden Show for 2023

After some discussion between the Society and SDBG, dates have been set for March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Society has agreed to participate.

### Plans for future 'Spring Show'.

The board discussed alternatives for our big show. The big show has traditionally involved being open to the public over 3 days rather than 2, a larger judging area, floor and table displays, and a larger vendor area. Traditionally this show has been held in the Spring and has not been held in Balboa Park.

The board expressed its desire to continue to have a big show and to do it in Balboa Park. Show Chair Debby Halliday suggested we consider moving the date of the big show away from the spring timeframe since the only open spring date lands on the Earth Day weekend.

It was suggested that we investigate making the Summer Show the big show in 2024 and keep the spring show as a 2 day Park Show. The current SDBGF Calendar has openings for a 4 day Park Show so that is a possibility.

The Society received a request to support an 'Orchids for Chinese New Year' activity from Gil Ho. It was noted that this would conflict with our January Park Show and we decided to decline the invitation.

Debby asked if anyone had made contact with Gil Valarde concerning the key to the library. Carey noted that she has a key.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Schaefer, Secretary