

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

Date: December 1, 2022

Location: Zoom, a virtual meeting application

Attendees:

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

Absent: Sima Perkins, Stewart Walton

Guest(s):

With 6 members present, a quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

Kay joined at 7:18PM

The November Meeting Minutes were approved via email.

President's Comments -

President Debby Halliday thanked David & Ashley for handling the November Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Myra presented the Treasurer's report. She stated that she has not received the contact information for the recipients of the Conservation Committee disbursement so the Conservation fund remains the same.

Jack moved to accept the Treasurer's report.
The motion was seconded & passed.

Debby asked about the income from the November plant table. Myra replied that the plant table income was \$220.00 which did not cover the cost of the plants.

The January General Meeting is on January 3rd, 2023.

The Main Speaker for the January General Meeting, (1/3/2023), will be Carol Klonowski. She will be in San Diego to give a presentation on Tolumnias. Ashley will introduce Carol because David will be out of town. Debby Halliday will be providing accommodations for Carol and will host her at dinner at the Prado Restaurant.

Lisa H. will provide the opportunity table. Ashley volunteered to get the plants to the meeting.

The Culture Class will feature Juan Bonilla from Jardin Tropical. His presentation will be on planting a terrarium.

Plans for the Holiday Party:

David reported that a reservation for Honey baked ham and Roast Turkey Breast has been made & he will bring the ham and turkey to the party.

There was a discussion of the plans for the gift plants. Plants will be purchased from Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids, and Casa de las Orquideas. Myra volunteered to pick up the plants from Sunset Valley Orchids. Ashley volunteered to get plants from Andy's Orchids and Casa de las Orquideas.

Appetizers will be served at 6PM with the main course to follow. A business meeting will be held at about 7PM.

Kay Klausing agreed to ask Irma if she wanted to attend so we could honor her Life Time Membership Award.

Arthur Pinkers will present his review of AOS awards via zoom at 7:15pm. This will be followed by dessert, the plant exchange & the gift plants.

Meeting Issues –

David Brown removed the amplifier when it failed in October but we don't know if the amp can be fixed. Debby Halliday will coordinate with David Brown on the amplifier issue.

Kay discussed the connections on the amplifier, specifically the old 3 pin cable connectors which are now virtually obsolete.

We need a simple amplifier with basic capabilities. Simple on/off, volume & plug ins.

Jack moved to revise the Volunteer Reward Coupon to allow holders of VRC to exchange their coupon for SDCOS branded merchandise at an SDCOS Orchid Show.

Motion seconded and passed. We will announce this at the Holiday Party.

Myra reported to the board on the need to purchase a new laptop. The current laptop is 11 years old. The discussion compared the relative capabilities of Hewlett Packard (HP) and Dell laptops. Myra stated that she tends to favor the Dell Latitude model because of the number of USB ports available. She will continue researching the various laptops before selecting a model to purchase.

1st VP David moved to approve purchase of a new laptop, not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was passed. Because this exceeds the limit specified in the ByLaws, this motion will be presented for membership approval at the business meeting portion of the December Holiday Party.

2023 Spring Show

Debby reported on the breakout meeting with Pam on changes to the Spring Show judging schedule.

The changes remove the distinction between Amateur and Open classes in judging plants. The distinction will remain for displays. New awards have been added in several categories, particularly species plants.

Debby also noted that 2 more breakout meetings will be held in the coming weeks. They will address the layout of the Patio B Sales Area and of the Room 101 Display Area. These need to be completed so that we can present a show budget for

approval.

Debby also stated that our next Spring Show Committee meeting will be in January.

The Show Committee has agreed that there should be a July 2024 target date for the 2024 International Show rather than a spring date. David Brown is working on securing dates. For 2024, the April show would be a regular Show in the Park scheduled for the Earth Day weekend.

October Show & Sale Issues:

Nancy Walters wants to continue with the Kids Corner and in the future will come in Saturday morning and do setup while plant judging is underway.

David Hoffmaster wants to step back from being Show in the Park Chairperson. He stated that he does want to help but does not want to be chairperson.

Discussion of the Membership Roster. Debby will ask Bob to publish an up-to-date roster including the History and By-Laws sections in pdf format.

David Brown has requested copies of the Library & Kitchen keys. Carey & Myra have copies and will provide them to David Brown.

1st VP David pointed out that the Finance Committee has not met for 3 years. There was a general discussion with the conclusion that the current financial plan appears to be

working ok. David suggested a meeting in February would be appropriate. The Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for February 23rd at 7PM via Zoom.

Adjournment

1st VP David moved to adjourn. The motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 5th at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Secretary