

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

Date: February 2, 2023

Location: Zoom, a virtual meeting application

Attendees:

Deborah Halliday	President
David Vandebroek	First Vice-President
Jack Schaefer	Secretary
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Sima Perkins	Director-at-Large
Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Stewart Walton	Director-at-Large

Excused Absent: Ashley Grable , Kay Klausing

Guest(s): Deryl Addison

With 7 members present, a quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

The minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved by email.

Treasurer's Report – Myra

Myra presented the Treasurer's report.

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

President's Comments

Debby discussed the results of the 2023 Winter Show in the Park. Financially the best show ever.

February Meeting

1st VP David reported that Tim Culbertson will be our main speaker. He will discuss Laelia anceps history & developments. Tim will be bringing the plant table.

2nd VP Ashley was not present so there was no report on the February Culture Class

Discussion Items:

Park Meeting Issues:

- a. Myra DeTate report that she was looking at buying a new Dell Inspiron computer. That model has a touch screen and other new features that we anticipate will fix some of our computer issues.
- b. We have no update from David Brown on the amplifier status.
- c. Continuing boom box speaker system issues.
 - a. We are not able to setup a wireless system that works. It was noted again that the boom box is not a computer driven system.
- d. Stewart has taken on the job of creating a comprehensive inventory of the material items owned

by the Society.

Winter Show in the Park Recap

- a. Kay reiterated Myra's comments that from the Square reports, this was the best show in terms of sales that we have had.
- b. We need to have a working lapel microphone for presentations.
Debby has volunteered to purchase a voice amplifier for use in demonstrations.
- c. David Hoffmaster has asked to be relieved of many of the Show Chairman duties. Debby asked for a status of what had been done to relieve Dave of these duties.
- d. The volunteer situation is not really bad, but we always could use more volunteers.
- e. The board discussed cash registers for the coming shows. Jack moved that we purchase 2 more cash register systems, one in March and one in April.

Spring Show Report

- a. Budget – The budget should have been sent to Bob Clark to be send in an email blast to the membership.
Check with Bob to see that the blast had been sent.
- b. The budget must be included in the Newsletter
- c. We expect to vote on the budget at the February meeting.
- d. Updates to the website with new Spring Show information need to be made. To do this we will need updated small graphics from Carol Kerr. Jack to coordinate this.

- e. Vendor confirmation letters to be sent within the week.
- f. We have layouts for Room 101 and Patios A & B.
- g. Renting tents: Debby has decided that renting sides for the tents is too expensive. We will use lath for exterior sides
- h. AOS Lunch
 1. The tables will be setup in the Sculpture Garden on Patio A.
 2. We've informed AOS that the price would be \$20 per person
 3. We have started discussions with the Zoo about a tour of the Zoo's Orchid Greenhouse for the AOS members.
- i. Debby volunteered to give the March Culture Class with Pam on the Spring Show.

2023 Board Elections

- a. Our current president has reached the 3 consecutive term limits.
- b. Debby reported on a discussion she has had with 1st VP David and 2nd VP Ashley.
- c. If David is willing to be nominated for President and Ashley is willing to be nominated for 1st VP, we will need a new 2nd VP nominee.
- d. Other offices to be filled:
 1. Myra is expected to continue as Treasurer
 2. Jack is expected to continue as Secretary
 3. Stewart and Carey are in the middle of their 3 year terms.

4. Sima Perkins is willing to continue as Director at Large.

e. Debby will ask Pam Peters to head the nominating committee.

General Meeting Program

It has been suggested that we reschedule culture classes. Suggestions such as dropping most of the culture classes or have a culture class as the primary speaker several times during the year have been made. Sima noted that for many members the culture class is their favorite part of the meeting. She felt it should be retained.

In summary, no decision on the culture class has been made at this time.

At the end of the discussion, Jack Schaefer, webmaster, has noted that our website continues to grow. Our web host, Earthlink, has made a point of stating that we are using just a bit more than 80% of our allocation on their disk systems.

Jack asked the board to allow him to remove files on Earthlink dating prior to January 1st, 2011.

The board agreed that material prior to that date was no longer useful and could be removed from the Earthlink system.

Jack pointed out that he would retain those files on his local backups. Myra suggested that we use the Society's

“One Drive” cloud space to store the entire website. Jack agreed and asked Myra to provide access to that cloud space.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Jack Schaefer moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Secretary