

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

Date: January 02, 2020

Location: Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Attendees:

Kay Klausing	President
Deborah Halliday	First Vice-President
Stewart Walton	Second Vice-President
David Vandebroek	Secretary
Sima Perkins	Director-at-Large
Pedro Sanchez	Director-at-Large
Jack Schaefer	Director-at-Large
Deryl Adderson	SDCOS Member
Dave Hoffmaster	Show Chair

Excused:

Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Myra DeTate	Treasurer

Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With 7 board members present, a quorum was established.

At 7:06 pm the meeting was called to order.

Dave Hoffmaster came and presented ideas for reducing the labor required for setting up the shows in the park. He presented a diagram of the current room 101 setup and suggested possible alterations to the plan to allow us to leave the stage in place. The board discussed several options for arranging things in the room. It was noted that Angelique Nguyen will not be coming to this show, so we have more room to work with. Ultimately, there was agreement to allow Dave to assemble the room roughly following the original plan, without the tables where the stage is. In the following shows, we may also revisit how we choose to set up the Best of Section area.

Dave Hoffmaster left at 7:30 pm after the discussion of the upcoming show was concluded.

The board verified there was a plan for the upcoming General Meeting. Debby and Pam will be speaking during the Culture Class time slot in February, discussing Spring Show displays and judging. The main speaker in February will be Ron Kauffman giving his presentation, "Life on the Rocks: The World of Rupicolous Orchids."

The board then discussed potential upcoming speakers. Stewart noted that he may try to get Tom Biggart to do an upcoming culture class, and Jack noted Carlos Lopez from SVO is becoming a speaker; he suggested Debby look into seeing if he can give a talk for us sometime. Kay suggested we look at Scott McGregor as a potential speaker on terrestrials.

Jack presented the research he had done since the last board meeting on HTTPS. He made a motion that “The board authorize purchase, by the webmaster, of a yearly HTTPS certificate not to exceed \$200, and to have that certificate installed by our current website host ISP.” The motion passed.

There followed discussion on storage. Paul provided the board with research on local storage facilities beforehand, which the board members had been able to look at. Kay had visited “Morena Storage” since the last meeting; he gave his reconnaissance report, including noting that there is a UHaul place onsite. Unfortunately, they don’t presently have available any room the size of our current storage facility, 10’x15’.

Many options were discussed, and there was general agreement that we could live with a couple months of overlap. It was believed that our current lease ran out in March, near the Spring Show, so we have some time to find a new one. Pedro agreed to drive through “Home Storage” and assess whether it met our needs.

Following storage, the website was discussed. Jack has been working on updating security in our current website. He’s been testing admin logins and permissions and has recruited Debby to help test Board of Director permissions as well as browser compatibility. He also plans to have the reskin of the current site online in the next couple of months.

Kay played some more in the sandbox environment that Helge Weissig gave him and made something using Wordpress to see what was possible. He presented some experiments he’s been working on; he shared several slides of experiment results and lessons he had learned, which included the need to make the site mobile-friendly. After having worked with Themes, he now plans to try working with Templates.

Jack noted that Google maps no longer works on our website; this is because Google decided to monetize their maps. Jack will investigate how much it would cost to purchase the rights to use google maps on our site.

There was some discussion about why we are a .com rather than a .org site; Jack will see if SDOrchids.org is an available domain name.

Kay requested an orchid-related bio and a face picture for the website from every Board member. He plans to have the BoD section of our website updated to include more information.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 06, 2020, at 7:00 PM in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104. There being no further business, Kay Klausing, President, adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary