

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

Date: August 06, 2020

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Attendees:

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

Deryl Adderson	SDCOS Member
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Excused:

Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
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Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With 6 board members present, a quorum was established. Kay joined at 7:15.

President's Comments

- We are cautiously optimistic that we will weather this pandemic. Some societies are not fairing as well; we should consider inviting their members to join our Zoom meetings.
- Since South Bay Orchid Society is officially closing down, we will invite them to our Zoom meetings.

Treasurer's Report

- Myra presented the treasurer's report. The usual discussion followed.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded; unanimous approval

General Meeting

- Sept 01 via Zoom. Speaker will be Arnie Gum talking on *Cattleya skinneri*
- We will continue to do a joint meeting with the Palomar Orchid Society. To ensure this feels like a joint meeting, we need to be sure we include POS members as much as possible. We have been working on this starting last meeting, but will continue to make efforts here. Before the meeting, we will check with Alex to see if there is anything additional to put in the Agenda.
- The following general meeting's speaker will be a conservation committee awardee from Ecuador. The following speaker has yet to be determined; Stewart is working on this.

- Speaker suggestions were given, including some researchers in northern South America recommended to Stewart by Peter, Andy, who recently gave our society a talk on plant genetics, and trying to get someone to give a talk on how to have plants in bloom year-around.
- Several more potential speakers were discussed. It was noted it will be important to make sure we get the date/time right for people in different time zones, especially as you cross over the date line.
- Discussion of last meeting's Plant forum followed. It was felt that it was barely too long, but that we would not reduce the number of plants solicited from members yet. Instead we would make an effort to start the meeting promptly and Debby would summarize plant descriptions as needed, rather than reading everything verbatim.
- A plant giveaway was discussed. We can't sell plants or raffle tickets right now, but the Society could purchase some plants to do a giveaway drawing. Any people present at a given time, e.g. 7:45, would be in the drawing; drawing would be after the main speaker finishes. The Secretary or another board member could set up a random number generator that picked people from the list of attendees. There was discussion about how plants would be distributed to winners – do we pay for shipping or make members collect from the orchid nurseries. This was tabled. It was generally agreed we could spend ~\$100/mo to get 10 \$10 plants. Debby will write this proposal up and send it to the Board for discussion. Because Jack and David both might miss the September meeting, we plan to go live with this on the October meeting.
- There followed discussion on whether we should have Jack write up a tutorial on how to use Zoom. Generally, the board agreed that this was unnecessary, as everyone has figured this out. Jack suggested instead he make 1 ppt slide that covers basics like chat, raise hand, and general etiquette such as staying muted when not speaking.

Culture Class

- Agreed Debby's presentation went well.
- Phyllis is considering doing one for us on repotting Neofinetias; we will need to try to get her to confirm this.
- Further discussion on potential future speakers. Nico or Peter T might be able to talk to us about CA Native Orchids. Nico could do something on building greenhouses. Other potential speakers were discussed.
- It was asked again if we could record these presentations and post them. This was met with heavy resistance due to potential legal and copyright issues.
- Debby and Stewart will continue to work towards getting culture class speakers every month.

Scottish Rite Center Update

- Debby spoke to Scottish Rite and they said that we are in their records and that they're holding a spot for us in 2021; when the office reopens post-pandemic they will draw up a contract.

Updating website with current Zoom meeting plans

- It was noted that our site still says we're meeting in Balboa. This needs to be updated to say we're meeting via Zoom. Jack will update the site where appropriate: the Meetings page and the Calendar of Events page). Stewart felt we should put something on our site that tells

people what we are doing about Covid19; we agreed that our current website updates would meet this need.

Orchid Collection Offers

- Stewart received two offers of plants, 20 plants and eight large cymbidiums, and wondered if the Society wanted them and, if so, what he should do with them. It was agreed he should talk with Ron or Betty to get them donated to conservation.

Our Current Re-Opening Position and Plan

- After a brief discussion on this topic, it was agreed that we're too far from reopening to worry about this right now.

Newsletter Articles

- Debby's brother Tom has a nice new LEA system and possibly temperature monitoring; she wondered if a newsletter article by him would be welcome – David said, "Yes please."

Other New Business

- Jack asked about our Volunteer Reward Coupon program. Jack wants us to discuss this, so requests we put this on the next agenda and discuss it. The most recent document has all the current edits.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, Debby Halliday, President, adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary