

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

Date: October 08, 2020

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:10 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
Ron Kauffman	Conservation Committee Chair

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.

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**Conservation Committee Report**

Ron Kauffman presented the Conservation Committee's recommendations for grant distributions. This year there were seven applications, two of which the committee recommended approving, one without reservation, one conditionally. The first recommendation was to approve Sebastian's proposal to work towards local conservation in India by developing something like a certification program to note some local resorts as "conservation friendly." The second was to fund Matt Peter's proposal, from the Ridges Sanctuary in Wisconsin, which requested more data loggers and sensors for their ongoing work. The Conservation Committee raised concerns that the report from them following their last grant distribution was greatly lacking, so advised that we get conditional approval to fund this grant request, pending receiving a better, more full report. If we approve this, Ron will request the more detailed report from them. A motion was made to accept the Conservation Committee's recommendation, the motion was seconded, the floor was opened for discussion, and all voted in favor. Ron left meeting at 7:20.

## **Session Recordings**

The Board discussed the recordings we make of our presenters and what we should and could do with them. There was discussion about the legal implications of posting presentations as legal / copyright stuff can be difficult. As for the already recorded presentations, Jack recorded Lou's presentation and Peter's presentation this week. Jack sent Debby the MP4 files; Peter's file was 800 mb. Jack asked Debby and Stewart to make sure that we got permission from the presenters to post these online. Jack also requested Phyllis's presentation, which we will need to ask Alex for. Jack will upload these and play with things and see how things look / work.

## **President's Comments**

Debby noted we are getting good participation; 40 attendees for culture class, 61 photos for plant forum; this time she opted to split the presentation in half – she gave each person 3 photos at the beginning, then added the rest of extra photos to the end of the meeting. Debby thinks 50 photos is the ideal length. Stewart thinks that the information in the plant forum might be useful in telling what our members are actually growing and in what areas. Debby will keep posting the plant forum to Dropbox. So far people are enjoying the plant forum.

## **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.

## **Minutes approved**

The minutes from last month's meeting were unanimously approved.

## **General Meeting**

Next month our speaker will be Ken Jacobsen talking on the *Oncidium crispum* Group. We will need a December speaker. Usually in December we have Arthur Pinkers do a short presentation of awards. We should invite him to do so this year. Additionally, Stewart will try to get a main speaker for December; the board liked the idea of trying to get someone from Australia to discuss Australian dendrobiums. We currently have no speaker for January. Stewart will work on this; David Brown has been talking with him on this and has some ideas.

For November's Culture Class, we expect John Oswalt to speak on RO water systems. There was general agreement that we will have no culture class this December as it is our holiday party week.

## **December Meeting Plans**

The Board continued discussions on what the December meeting, our usual holiday party, will look like. The focus this meeting was on our holiday gift plants. Many ideas were discussed; it was noted that we spend ~\$1,100 on plants every year. The Board revisited and liked the plan where we allow people to pick a plant from the provided three vendors. The vendors would then choose some plants to meet our order and the Society would pay for them. It was wondered if

we should allow some people to pick up their plants instead of having them shipped. This was met with resistance as it would be much more inconvenient for the vendors; Stewart will talk w vendors to see what their preference is and if they're willing to participate.

### **Casa del Prado status**

Kay got an email from Casa; we will need to make sure our room reservation stands, as we may not get it auto-renewed and we need to keep the T/Th room reservations. David Brown always used to handle this; Kay will follow up with David Brown and Debby on this. Additionally, the Prado is working on plumbing issues. The estimated time for project completion is 7 months, well into 2021, so we might not be able to meet in person for that long anyway. We will need to investigate further.

Note: around this time Debby began to have a lot of connectivity issues. The meeting carried on with her dipping in and out,

### **Finance Committee**

We need to schedule next meeting. January is ok in theory. We will work with the committee offline about scheduling this. Since we missed the August meeting due to Covid, it was agreed we should try to make this one happen.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Plant raffle idea**

Do we want to pursue this giveaway/raffle idea? It was agreed we table this point until the January meeting.

#### **Brazil orchid show – Review & Status**

Myra said Debby said we got a lot of pictures; we got a link and contributed more photos than any other group. Debby will share this with the society through the newsletter.

#### **Volunteer Rewards**

Jack has a document from 7/2020 which should have all the changes in it. Everyone to look over the most recent version and be prepared to discuss that at the next meeting.

#### **New Spring Show Venue**

We still have a venue 2021 IF we can have a show in 2021, we will think about 2022 next year.

#### **Reworking the Logo**

We have a request from Ron Kauffman to get an HD version of our logo. This is because, in addition to it being a good thing to have, some of our conservation grant recipients want to put our logo on their posters and need a large, high quality version. Carol asked us to table that for now – it is very expensive, and we might want to pause this for now. We will revisit in January.

#### **Additional items**

Stewart suggests we offer a one year membership to any of our speakers who are not members (and haven't been members) of our society. This was a popular idea that we agreed we should discuss at a future meeting.

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**Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:**

Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, Debby Halliday, President, adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek  
Secretary