

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

Date: November 05, 2020

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Attendees:

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

Excused:

No one was excused from this meeting.

Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With six board members present, a quorum was established.

President's Comments

At our last general meeting, we had 33 people attend, which was a good turnout considering it was election night. Culture class had 15 people, which is fewer than we would like, but the talk was good. It was suggested that we hold a very basic culture class geared toward a person who just bought their first Phal. This might help people get into our society.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were sent out just before this meeting and will be approved via email.

General Meeting

December 1st will be our annual holiday party. Since this is our usual holiday party, this will be a closed meeting, open to our members and invited guests only. The Board spent extensive time planning how this special meeting will work. The meeting will open at 7:30 with Arthur

Pinkers' presentation of orchid awards from 2020. After this, Jim Cootes, a specialist in Philippine orchids, will present the main talk for the night. We will end the night with our annual plant giveaway. We will not do a plant forum in December and we will not have a culture class in December.

There followed further discussion on how we plan to handle the plant giveaway. Debby talked with Fred who said he is happy to have people come to pick up plants from him, or to ship to a central location. She will need to speak with the other vendors. It was decided that we will ask all members who are present at the end of the zoom call for their name, contact email, desired vendor, and pickup location. Kay, Sima, and Debby volunteered to be pickup locations. We still need to set a deadline for plant pickups. There followed discussion on how much money we would spend on plants. In the past, we've spent ~\$1,100. It was agreed that we would set the price per plant to be roughly \$1,100 divided by the number of people who attend, though not to fall below \$10/plant.

Stewart has been talking with Ron Parsons and thinks he'll be able to do January, however we're still negotiating on price and are still unclear on the topic. It may be a discussion on Dendrobiums, though Stewart has asked if he might present on orchid photography. Stewart will continue pursuing the upcoming speakers.

Orchid Forums and Recorded Meetings

The recordings we have so far are 700-800 mb, which might be too big. We don't have the ability to view these recordings yet, but Jack is looking into this and has already contacted EarthLink to figure out why these uploads haven't worked. It is possible that we could use something like OneDrive; Jack will investigate this. A concern, however, is security: once we post talks to the internet in any form they can be downloaded and reposted by anyone.

Volunteer Rewards Program

The Board reviewed the Volunteer Rewards Program that the Board discussed in July. There was general agreement that the plan was good; no feedback was presented. Since the next time we plan to have volunteers is March at the earliest, there was agreement that we can leave the specific implementation for a few months. The current plan will be to go live with the plan as written, however. We will need to design and print the coupons before that time.

Casa del Prado

Debby reached out to David Brown about reserving the Casa Del Prado rooms for our general and board meetings and found that he had already dealt with our reservations through 2025.

Ways to Sell Member Plants

The board discussed ways for members or conservation to sell plants. There was agreement that there is a market for this. There was concern about opening this to the general public, so this might be a members-only event. An idea was to have a purchasing weekend, where members would purchase plants online, and then the following weekend have a pickup weekend where

people are available to pick up their plants. There is high demand for this, so the board should make this a priority. This could be treated as member sale or as a donation to Conservation. We will need to do more planning after the holiday party.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

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

Meeting Adjournment: 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary