

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

Date: December 10, 2020

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 5 board members present, a quorum was established.

President's Comments

We had 46 people attend our Holiday Party / December meeting, plus some spouses. This translated to needing to get 50 gift plants for our members. Huge thanks we given to Stewart for picking up all the plants, as well as to Kay and Sima for volunteering to be distribution centers, along with Debby.

There was some discussion and question about how many people don't have access to computers and, therefore, can't participate in the meetings. Debby will include something in the next newsletter's President's Message reminding people that they can join the monthly meetings by land line or cell phone and that individuals should call her if they need the meeting's phone number.

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.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November Board of Directors meeting and General Meeting were sent out before this meeting and were approved via email.

General Meeting

Ron Parsons will speak next month on “Oddities and Rarities – unusual species.” Starting in January, we will resume doing joint meetings with POS. The speaker for February hasn’t been decided yet, but Stewart is talking with a researcher in India who may be able to speak on Orchids of the Himalayas.

There was discussion about how to pay last month’s speaker, as getting money between countries and using limited technology can be either hard or expensive; Stewart will handle this.

Stewart will arrange the January culture class; we don’t yet have a committed speaker.

Discussion Items:

Recorded Meetings

Status update. Jack says we are slightly further along. He has found a free utility to cut mp4 files into smaller pieces which can defeat our file size issue. Additionally, he is working on a way to thwart illegal downloads. Jack explained the details at some length.

There followed some discussion about whether we should even do these recordings. Stewart suggested imposing a time limit / retention plan on these presentations; if we delete presentations after maybe 3 months, some people may be more inclined to allow us to record them and it would help keep us from filling up our storage limit.

2021 Show Schedule Estimates

Debby feels doubtful that we will be able to have our Spring Show and would like to plan to have our comeback show in July. Some of the Board feel the pandemic will be over by March, but even if it is, prepping the whole show in three months would be very difficult. Generally, people think that we will likely be good to go for summer.

Member Plant Sales Handled by Conservation Committee

So far, Conservation has netted more than \$2,000. There were more than 160 plants on their initial sale list and there is talk of adding more. This has been a successful sale for Conservation.

Discussion on the SDCOS Library

We have many books stored in Balboa Park and members should be able to access our library. We probably need to update our library and reevaluate what is in there and what proper checkout/in procedures are. Our Librarian is Ron Velarde, who hasn’t been very involved in the society recently. Stewart will contact Ron to see if he is still interested in being Librarian and, if not, we will need to find a new one.

Parliamentarian

The new President needs to re-appoint all the heads of the committees. Kay to send Debby the list of all the committees and their chairs so she can either re appoint the chairs or find new ones.

Other

Stewart wondered if there are things that we can do to reach an international audience. Do we want to try to expand our reach? As is, it is hard for North County people to participate in the society events since Balboa Park is so far away. Is there a way we can increase our profile and presence? Do we want to? There was resistance to this idea. We want to be the best we can for our Society and to service San Diego; the AOS exists for broader sights.

The next Board of Directors meeting is postponed one week; we will reconvene on January 14th.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion seconded, unanimous approval.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, January 14, 2020, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, Deborah Halliday, President, adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary