

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

Date: January 14, 2021
Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app
Meeting called to order at 7:04 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 Kaufmann	Conservation Committee Chair

Absent:

Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
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With 6 board members present, a quorum was established. Daryl and Sima joined at 8 PM.

President's Comments

Ron gave a brilliant presentation at our general meeting. 54 people came and there were 64 entries for plant forum, which is great because it means we have people participating.

Conservation Grant Report

Ron Kaufmann came to talk to the Board about the Conservation Committee's recommendation. He reexplained that the committee had asked Ridges Sanctuary to provide a more robust report detailing how they had used the money from SDCOS's previous grant(s). He explained that the report that was provided was suboptimal and that the committee's recommendation was that we do not fund them this year.

A motion was made to accept the Conservation Committee's recommendation to not fund the Ridge's Sanctuary this year. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Ron will go back to the Ridges Sanctuary applicants and inform them that SDCOS will not be funding them this year but will entertain applications in the future.

Debby offered the Board's official thanks to Ron for putting on the highly successful conservation sale; Ron noted that without Betty K, the conservation sales wouldn't have happened, and the Board thanked her *in absentia* as well for her efforts. Ron left the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Myra presented the treasurer's report. The usual discussion followed.
- There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved by email, as usual.

Monthly Meetings

The next General Meeting will take place on schedule, on Feb 02 via Zoom. We don't know much about our next speaker. We had a speaker lined up, but he is unable to make our scheduled meeting time. Stewart is working with him on this, but in the interim is contacting other people to try to find out February speaker. Any help would be welcomed by Stewart.

Stewart is interested in making a 1-year schedule, mirroring St Augustine, booking speakers much further in advance than what we have been doing. This would help us avoid our now-common last-minute scramble. Stewart also wondered what kinds of topics we should target for speakers; there was minimal discussion on this point.

Culture Class went well last month, members who attended agreed. We do not yet have a speaker for February lined up. After some discussion, Kay volunteered to talk about thrips.

David noted that he has no newsletter articles at all yet, despite the January deadline having already passed (months where the 1st is a Friday can be hard). Stewart said he would work on that.

Stewart reiterated his desire to gift memberships to any of our main speakers. There followed some discussion about how Bob manages this list. Stewart will draft a motion to work out the details of this plan, including who qualifies and how often they can receive this benefit.

2nd Vice President Requirement

We are inconvenienced by not having a 2nd VP: a lot of work is falling on our 1st VP, Stewart. Should we post something to the Society noting that we are still looking for a 2nd VP? General agreement that we should, and to note their responsibilities (gathering speakers).

Nominating Committee

The Board wondered if we should start looking for a committee again. There was discussion about what positions are expiring. We believe Carey will be termed out this year and will need to be either reelected or replaced. As usual, we will also need to reelect President, 1st and 2nd VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Extensive discussion followed. Debby will start looking for a Nominating committee chair.

Recording Speakers

If we record speakers, we will want official, written permission. Jack described all the things he's worked to try, including using OneDrive and chopping the videos into smaller pieces to dodge our storage requirements. Unfortunately, any video uploaded to OneDrive can be easily

downloaded, thus allowing all our speakers' videos to be taken. Jack would like to put this on hold for the foreseeable future. There was no objection.

Shows

The board generally felt like we should cancel the Spring Show. We need to call Scottish Rite to verify we don't have that venue for 2022. We are hopeful we can still have the July Show.

Debby moved we officially cancel the March Spring Show. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

By-Laws and Roster Copy

We need a new copy of the By-laws and roster, including updated BoD members. In the past, we had printed out several copies and allowed anyone that wanted to pick them up from the check-in table. Since we can't do that during the pandemic and it is not ideal to mail them to every active member, further thought needs to be given to this. Debby will speak with Bob to see what he recommends.

Librarian

Stewart left a message for Ron and has yet to hear back. Will try again this month to contact him.

Other Business

Kay will send Debby a current list of the committee chairs so she can work to reconfirm them.

We submitted our Orchid Digest renewal.

Do we have a schedule for AOS judging? Perhaps one should be included in the newsletter. This information can be looked up on the AOS site.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary