

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

Date: February 4, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at [7:00 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 8 board members present, a quorum was established.

President's Comments

We had two interesting meetings this week. The general meeting had 58 people, which seems to be where we are at: ~50-60 people. More than 30 people came to Kay's talk on Thrips, which had a lot of good questions asked. Kay will provide a cheat sheet from his presentation for the society to put on our culture part of our website. We do not yet have word from Balboa Park about when the sewer repairs will be complete; Debby will check on that.

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.

Meeting Minutes

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

Monthly Meetings

General meeting. We don't yet have a speaker, but Stewart has three potentials lined up and is confident he can get one of them for this coming month.

Culture class. We have no speaker for the next meeting and no prospects yet. Debby volunteered to use one of her old ones. The Board gratefully accepted. Debby will decide which speech to go with. There was some discussion about and interest in notes on how she photographs orchids.

Discussion Items:

Newsletter

Articles aren't getting to David on time. The deadline for the NL is the 2nd Friday of the month. David noted that he works on the newsletter usually at ~5:30 AM on Saturday mornings. If articles come in after that, the next time that the newsletter will be worked will be the following Saturday. We need to get things to the editor sooner. Thanks were given to Debby and Stewart for sending articles and to Carey for such prompt, thorough editing.

Committee Chairs

- **Show Chair:** Dave Hoffmaster wants a co-chair to help out with shows.
- **AOS Representative:** Debby is willing to continue.
- **Floral Association Representative:** we don't have anyone right now. Carol Kerr might be willing to do this, or David Brown. The Floral Association currently lists Kay as our representative; we will need to get that changed.
- **Historian:** It is unclear what this is. The Board discussed whether we need one.
- **Show Oversight Coordinator:** Scott invented this position and Jack took this role – there was lots of responsibility and no authority. The Board discussed whether we need this position.
- **Hospitality:** Currently Bruce Berg holds this, but they will only be living here half time. Debby to look into this.
- **Membership:** Bob Clark is willing to continue.
- **Newsletter Editor:** David Vandenbroek is willing to continue.
- **San Diego Botanic Garden Representative:** David Brown will take this on.
- **Social Media Coordinator:** Mary Ann Chanthala seems to have lost her access; she would like to remain involved. Jack to investigate her access issues.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Debby asked Carol Berg if she would, but she will also only be here half the year. We will need to decide about the other half.
- **Webmaster:** Jack is willing to continue.
- **Finance Committee:** Kay agreed to be the head as the immediate past president, along with Myra as Treasurer, David V as Secretary, and Bruce and Carol Berg and Debby as Members at Large.

- **Librarian:** Stewart was talking to the current librarian, Ron. He would like to be released, so we will need to fill that. Stewart will be involved in this as Acting Librarian; we will need to find a full time one.
- **Orchid Digest Liaison:** Phyllis declined and suggested Nancy Benay. Ron Kauffmann is on their Board, so he may also be a good choice.
- **Conservation:** Ron Kauffmann is willing to continue.
- **Plant Opportunity Table:** Debby talked to Joy; will have an answer soon.
- **Refreshments:** Carey is willing to advise whoever takes over, but we will need a new lead.
- **Species Group:** Dave H and David V are willing to continue to co-moderate

Shows

The July show is still possible; hold for further discussion.

The board discussed when we would like to close the October Show. In the recent past, we tried to keep it open till 6, mirroring the July show. Discussion followed and there was general agreement that we could close that show at 5.

A motion was made to keep only the July show open till 6 and have all other shows close at 5. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Updated Roster:

Bob is preparing an updated roster and will send it at least to Debby and Myra. Once we have this, we will discuss how to make this available to the membership. There was discussion about whether Bob would include the bylaws in the roster as he has in the past. It was decided that this could be tabled until we are going to print the list. For now, Debby will ask Bob to send a current list of members to the Board.

Ad in the California Garden Magazine

Debby proposes that we continue to have an ad in this magazine, though we will need to update the contact info from Kay to Debby. Myra moved we continue the ad; the motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Bruce and Carol Moving

Bruce and Carol Berg are looking to buy a house in Washington where they will spend half their time. Bruce will be joining the Spokane County Orchid Society. Bruce suggested we open our meetings directly to them. It was noted that any guest is welcome to come, but it may be unfair and is also a bit weird to invite them altogether into our meetings. They are also in a totally different growing area, so growing advice and techniques will be different. There was general agreement that the AOS is the national society and that we should let the AOS be that and we will be our regional society. There was much discussion here.

Membership for Speakers

Stewart wants to give one year's membership to our speakers. The board discussed this at length. It was decided that the gift would be to non-member speakers.

Stewart moved that we grant a year's membership to all our non-member General Meeting speakers; the year would start when they commit to speak, generally a month before their talk; the motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Order from Last Month's Speaker

There was much discussion about whether we wanted to work to consolidate an order from last month's speaker. Ultimately, this order did not materialize.

Spring Show Venue

Debby informed the Scottish Rite Center that we will not be using their venue for 2021 and asked if we will still not be able to meet there for 2022. We likely need to start looking for a new venue. There followed discussion on potential solutions.

Jack noted we may be able to use Del Mar Fairground. An issue with this is the paid parking. If we are able to get several local organizations together to put on a joint show, we might be able to get over this. It is possible we could investigate if there's a place in Balboa Park we can take over – it would be reduced, but we might make more money. We would likely lose a number of vendors if we did this. Few places are set up for a Thursday-Sunday show with no tear-down, parking, and which are still affordable.

We will need a search committee for this. Debby will put out an initial call in the next newsletter.

Nominating Committee

No progress since last meeting.

Reworking the Logo

Continue to table for now. Carey noted that her daughter may be able to help here.

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: [8:44 PM]

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary