

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

Date: March 04, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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 6 board members present, a quorum was established.

Stewart joined at 7:08.

Kay joined at 7:33

President's Comments

There were 76 plants presented for the Plant Forum and 51 people at the meeting. The speaker was good, though the presentation ran a bit long. People seem to be enjoying the plant forum, and it's great that we are something like an orchid club.

We now have a big orchid show coming up in April that we hadn't been planning on. A bit more than 20 people came to the culture class to learn about it. Discussion followed about the show and its logistics including potential sales zone logistics, table shape, volunteer safety, table cloths, and plexiglass shields. Any shields we purchase should be something we can reuse in Balboa Park since COVID19 will still be around in our summer and likely fall and winter shows.

We need to figure out how many weekends we think we'll have plants for sale. Presently we are booked for three weekends, but may choose to try for four. We are currently expecting member sales will be 10 AM to 5 PM, though this is up for debate; it should end by sunset. Debby will reach out to Jerry and Alex to find out how many weekends we would like to have sales.

Extensive discussion followed regarding logistics. Highlights and actions included:

- Possibly create a Facebook notification
- Get in touch with anyone who might want to sell at the show
- Make sure SDCOS members who want to sell get barcode orders to Myra soon
- Decide how many weekends we'll want to sell orchids and supplies
- Round up volunteers
- Agreed with Conservation that we won't have member sales on the day we have conservation sales; conservation sales will be on the 2nd weekend
- Debby will call a meeting in a couple weeks to review things before we start

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.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on February 23rd and discussed the club's current finances and investments. It was agreed that we will leave our investments as-is. Myra will present a budget report in June.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were delayed and will be approved along with the minutes of this meeting.

Speaker

Our next general meeting will be on schedule for April 6th. Glenn Decker, the former owner of Piping Rock Orchids from New York, will speak on "My Life with Slippers".

Our speaker for May is also confirmed to be Garry Young Gi, who will be speaking on epiphytic and lithophilic orchids of Queensland.

For April culture class we have a tentative commitment from Paul Tuskes to talk about Phalaenopsis. Debby still plans to do her photography talk and is tentatively scheduled for May.

Committee Chairs

- Show Chair: we still need someone to co-chair with Dave Hoffmaster.
- Volunteer Coordinator: we still need someone to fill this position.
- Refreshments: we are looking for a co-chair for Refreshments.
- Librarian: Stewart will check to see if he can get physical access to the building. Table this for now. No official librarian has been declared yet.
- Floral Association Representative: Laurie Lee could do this if she will become a member of our society.
- Orchid Digest Representative: we still need someone to fill this position; there is currently an email out to Ron Kauffman.
- Historian: The Board generally agrees we can and should leave this position unfilled.

- Show Oversight Coordinator: The Board generally agrees we can and should leave this position unfilled.

The Board needs to consider who can fill these spots.

Shows

A July show is still possible; David Brown will keep Debby updated on Room 101 availability.

There was discussion regarding our Spring Show venue. There are new people running the Scottish Rite Center now. They say that 2022 is too far away at the moment and they don't know what things will look like then. Additionally, the deal with Home Depot is under attack from the neighbors, so that may affect things. There followed discussion about potential new venues, including:

- Liberty Station: ~7700 sqft main hall / conference center with 6-8 breakout rooms at ~650 sqft each. This would be a >50% downsize. Debby has sent them an inquiry.
- Paradise Point: Might be worth considering; similar space constraints to Liberty Station.
- Morris Cerullo: A new, potentially appropriate venue; worth investigation.

We may have to reimagine what our Spring Show will look like; anyone who would like to be involved in finding a new place would be welcome. Jack and Myra volunteered.

Nominating Committee

No updates

Other

We usually have a May banquet to recognize participants of the Spring Show. We should make sure we keep this going in what way we can during COVID and despite the lack of a Spring Show. It was suggested that, for May, instead of a normal plant forum we use pictures from the SDBG Show from the preceding month.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 1st, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

NOTE: On March 31st, the Board decided to move the regularly scheduled Board Meeting from April 1st to April 8th at the same time.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary