

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

Date: May 14, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees:

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

Excused:

No one was excused from this meeting.

Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With eight board members present, a quorum was established.

President's Comments

It was a very interesting month. With the SDBG show, it felt like we were having an in-person meeting every week. We had our usual good 50-60 people coming, which was good. Very good for the society.

Kay joined at 7:14

Nominating committee report

Debby welcomed Tom Biggart and Pam Peters and thanked Tom for heading up this committee. Tom noted that the current responsibilities of the 2nd VP were making it difficult to fill that position. The nominating committee suggested that the Board make finding Culture Class speakers easier on the 2nd VP by establishing a committee to help with this process; the 2nd VP would be a part of that committee. Additionally, they suggested that the 2nd VP NOT be responsible for the audio-visual (AV) components of the meeting, as they have in the past. The 2nd VP would continue to be responsible for getting a newsletter article about the Culture class to

the Newsletter Editor by the deadline (presently the 2nd Friday of the month) and making sure the presentation of the plant forum happens. There was agreement that this could consist of having the 1st VP ask the speaker to present the plants, as we have done in the past.

The board considered these proposals and extensive discussion followed. One point was that we cannot officially change the bylaws, which contain the official responsibilities of each Board position, without a membership vote; it was, however, agreed that we can satisfy the bylaws with the proposed responsibilities. It was also noted that the President can establish Standing Rules without a membership vote, which can influence the expectations of the 2nd VP role.

Key discussion points included:

The Board will need to find a person to take on the AV responsibilities, including setting up and taking down all the tech stuff; it is possible that we hire someone to do this.

The 2nd VP should be on the committee that finds speakers.

The 2nd VP is involved in the plant forum only if the main speaker is unwilling to present plants.

As a motion to include all these changes proved cumbersome and would potentially miss key points, Jack, Debby, and David will work to craft a motion to vote on this via email after the meeting.

A separate motion was made: that the President establish a committee to find an AV coordinator, including the possibility of hiring an outside professional, to be responsible for organizing and maintaining the AV component of our monthly meetings. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Tom noted he had candidates for all but the 2nd VP position.

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.
- Myra presented the sales report from the SDBG show. Discussion followed. The SDBG show was good for the society finances and for the member sales.

Meeting Minutes

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

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be Tom Miranda will speak on Hawaiian orchids. Stewart is speaking to a couple other speakers to line up the next few months of speakers.

The Palomar Orchid Society is starting to meet again on June 1st, so soon we will be stopping our joint meetings. For now, the board agrees we will stop billing POS for the monthly speaker.

Culture Class

We do not yet have a culture class lined up yet. Debby notes she might be able to get Bill Loy to talk here. Debby has some prepared talks including “Looking at Your Plants” and “Tips and Tricks” which she could give. Kay would also be willing to speak on orchid viruses. Debby, Kay, and Stewart will work to find an official speaker from these options.

Pam notes that someone should check with Arthur to see if anyone in the Society has been awarded.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee will have a slate of officers to present to the society at the General Meeting in June. Jack, Bob, and Kay will be on the polling committee to count votes in the general meeting election. Bob thinks that we need 55 members (35% of the membership) to make quorum. We may invoke *force majeure* and say we're in Covid mode to override quorum requirements as we are not allowed to meet in person.

Upgrading the Society Logo

Debby presented the designs for the new society logo. The board evaluated them as candidates to replace our existing logo. Myra moved the SDCOS adopt the attached logos as our new, official logos. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Committee Chairs

Jane Wesley Brooks will be volunteer coordinator for at least two shows; we will need to find a volunteer for the remaining 2 shows.

Carrol Kerr said she would Co-chair refreshments.

July Show

David Brown called Debby with the latest updates. The Prado is finished with renovations; the Park will have a meeting in early June to discuss when they will be reopening. It is looking like we may be able to have our usual Summer Show. We will need to discuss this further. The last weekend in July would be the 24th / 25th; Debby will confirm with David Brown that we still have the space for those days if the Prado is reopened.

Other

Should we release the reservation on room 104 for our BoD meetings? Generally, we agree we should, however we will wait to do this until after we start meeting in person, just to be safe.

The 1st meeting in August will be the earliest our first in-person meeting could be, pending the Park reopening.

Spring Show Venue

Liberty station asked if we are still interested; Debby and Pam will tour the place. Debby will investigate further.

Kay talked with some of the Paradise Point people last year and noted they were hard to contact and somewhat price-gougey; we can still consider reaching out to them.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

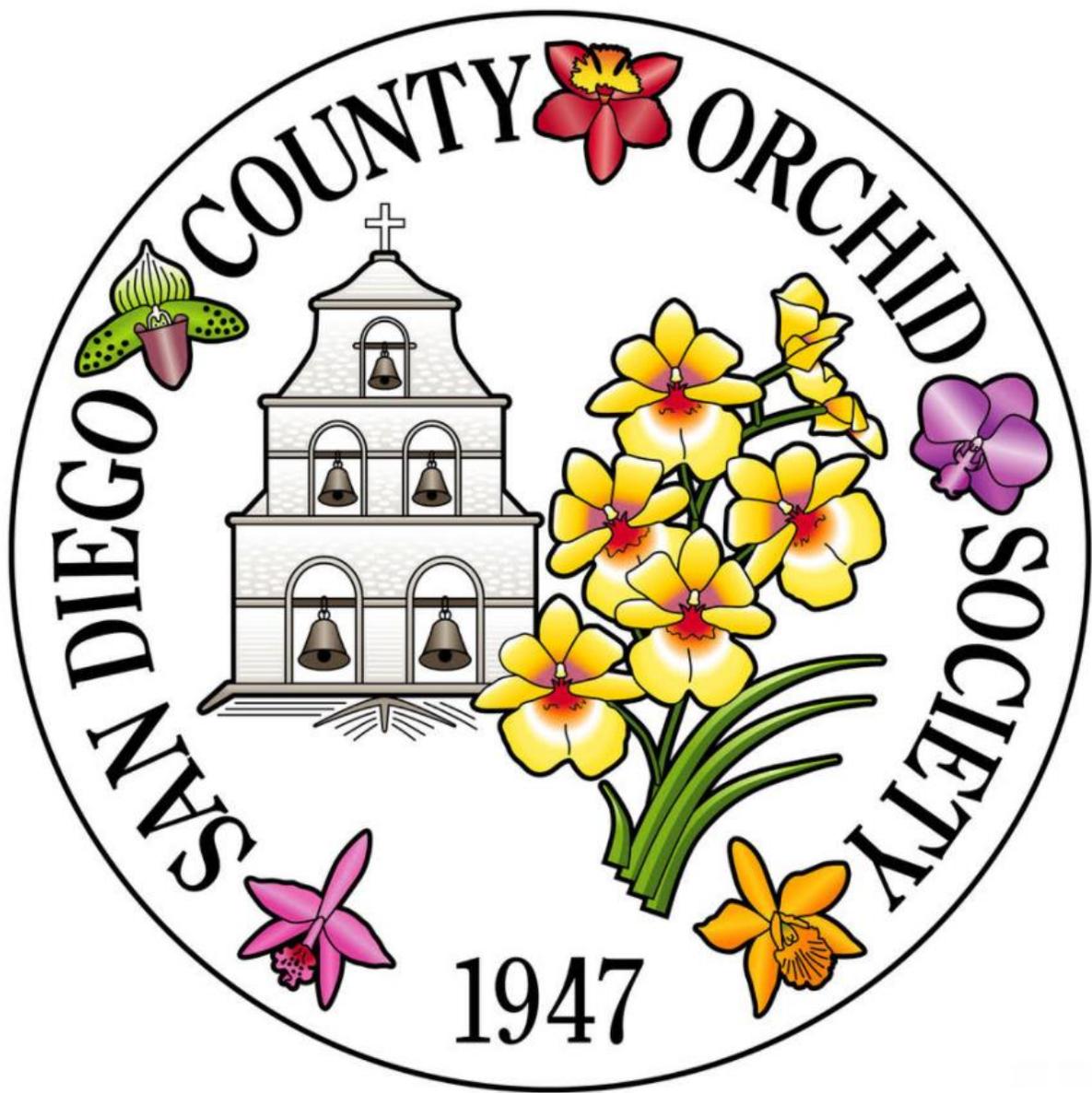
Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary

New SDCOS Logos



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