

San Diego County Orchid Society
Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board

Date: June 24, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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

Excused:

No one was excused from this meeting.

Absent:

No one was absent from this meeting.

With 7 board members present, a quorum was established.

July Show in the Park

David Brown met with the San Diego Botanic Garden Foundation; they say that city is in charge of the decision about when to reopen Balboa Park and, specifically, the Prado. Currently things are on hold from the city, which doesn't sound promising with respect to us being able to have our July Show.

Kay joined at 7:11

The Board of Directors spent much time discussing this. Topics included the uncertainty around when the Prado would actually reopen, the fact that we only have ~4 weeks until the July Show would occur anyway, and that three of the Board members are spending time away over the 4th of July holiday, which will impact resources. Additionally, with such short notice there were concerns both about getting vendors and volunteers to come.

There was a motion that the Board of Directors cancel or decline to have our July Show. The motion was seconded and passed with seven votes.

Meeting in Person for the General Meeting

Based on his current experience with another group dealing with reopening, Jack thinks we will be able to do a hybrid Zoom/In Person meeting. Jack thinks it's feasible to do this in August.

Myra's husband Jack has volunteered to be our AV coordinator. He has worked in tech for several years. The board generally created this new volunteer with enthusiasm and gratitude. There followed some discussion about the roles of the AV Coordinator and some of the problems that person may face.

Meeting in Person for the Species Group Meetings

David Vandebroek, the Species Group co-moderator asked the board what their official position was for the Species group, an official part of the Society, meeting in person. He and Dave Hoffmaster, the other co-moderator, along with much of the rest of Species Group, are ready to meet in person and sought guidance from the Board.

There followed discussion on what the Board members felt was appropriate.

There was a motion that the policy of the SDCOS concerning Species Group be that we align our policies with the policies of the state of CA. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

It is understood that, right now, the policy of the state of CA is that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people may gather in groups and that unvaccinated people should wear masks in all situations. It is also understood that the Species Group may self-impose additional restrictions; what is laid out above is the minimum the Board requires. David will take this to Dave and the rest of the Species Group; he expects they will have their first in person meeting in August.

Other

Debby is willing to host a potting workshop on the 14th of August; it will start about noon.

For the Meetings in July, Jack will also host culture class since many of the Board members will not be attending; Ashley will be presenting.

Jack, the Parliamentarian, did some research and noted that what have been recorded in past minutes as "Off-Cycle Board Meetings" should be called a "Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board. We shall endeavor to name these correctly going forward.

Spring Show Venue Update

Debby emailed back and forth with Paradise Point; they eventually said they had no room for us. We strongly suspect that they don't want our type of business. We should cross them off of our list of potential Spring Show Venues. This matched the experience Kay had with them in the past.

Deby pursued the Jacob's Center. They were difficult to reach, but Debby did get to a human. They are not allowing any ballroom reservations through the start of next year "they are

reevaluating how our space will be used in the future”. As such, they will likely not be good candidates for us.

Liberty Station has gotten back to us, which is promising. Debby will try to make an appointment with them for next week to check out their location. Jack and David requested to join, if able.

Finance Committee

We need to make a budget for next year; Myra doesn't know how we're going to estimate that. Since four people from the finance committee are in this meeting, she asked for advice. She proposed making a budget based on our monthly expenses and we can amend it as real expenses come in. The prepared budget will assume that we will have an October, January, and Spring show and that the Spring Show will gain us ~\$2,000. She will draft something for us soon.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom; this is 2 weeks later than usual on account of the upcoming holiday. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek
Secretary