

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

Date: July 15, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

Attendees:

Deborah Halliday	President
David Vandebroek	Secretary
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Jack Schaefer	Director-at-Large
Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Kay Klausing	Past President

Excused:

No one was excused from this meeting.

Absent:

Stewart Walton	First Vice-President
Ashley Grable	Second Vice-President
Sima Perkins	Director-at-Large

With 6 board members present, a quorum was established.

Discussion of Liberty Station as a venue for the Spring Show

Debby, Jack, Dave Hoffmaster, Carol, and David Vandebroek toured Liberty Station venue on June 29th. They presented their thoughts and the board members present discussed the pros, cons, and thoughts related to using Liberty Station for our 2022 Spring Show. Debby moved that we book Liberty Station's Main Hall and one Breakout room for 2.5 days; we will not book the AV Package. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with 6 votes.

Following that decision, the board discussed some further logistics/details. These included:

- Liberty Station provides free internet, which will be important for our vendors who wish to use Square for their checkouts.
- We will have access to 40 6-foot-diameter round tables, on which we will need to make our displays (Scottish Rite had 34 8-foot-long rectangular display tables).
- Liberty Station will not provide tablecloths; this year we may choose to rent them and, if we like the venue, we may choose to buy our own for future years.
- Liberty Station does not require Fire Permits, however we may be required to get one regardless of their rules. If we do get a fire permit, walkway spaces must be at least 10 feet wide.
- We will need to identify a caterer and how much space that caterer will need.
- It may be possible to have Judging on Friday evening so that the judges will be done and out of the way by the main show days when we have more limited space.

- It would be possible to open the show with some sort of Friday Night Gala, e.g. from 5-8, with more expensive tickets which could grant access for the rest of the weekend, possibly.
- We need to verify the available dates. Whatever we make the dates, we can make this a recurring deal; Liberty Station is willing to sign multi-year contracts. We would like March 24-27. This is 2 weeks after Santa Barbra. We may have to do 1 week earlier based on Liberty Station's other clients.
- If the date we want is no longer available, we'll try for April 8-10 rather than pull into early March or February.
- It is worth reconsidering if we need to build the Best of Section displays. With less space and a less striking effect on entry than when we were in Scottish Rite, their purpose may be lost.
- Liberty Station is all indoor/outdoor carpeting. This means we will have to put down a moderate amount of plastic to protect it from water and bark, especially in the display areas.
- The theme will remain Orchid Magic

Debby brought discussion to a close noting that all these facts will need to be assimilated by and questions will need to be answered by the Show Committee as they plan the event.

In Person Meetings

The Prado will be open Monday, July 19. After discussion, the board decided that we will wait until September for our first in person meeting, rather than try to rush August. A motion that we do not meet in August and that we work to meet in person in September was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Myra and Jack will work to make sure we can get on the internet and run our hybrid meetings. Jack wonders if we could have a better than usual plant table at our first meeting. There was general agreement. Motion that we double the budget for the plant table for our first meeting was made, seconded, and passed with unanimous approval. Debby will buy plants from 2 vendors and advertise in the President's message that there will be better quality and more plants at our first meeting.

Jack will be gone from August from August 25 - September 9th and will thus miss the 1st meeting.

Myra notes that her HOA has a sign that says "if you are unvaccinated, please wear a mask; if you are vaccinated, you may wear a mask or not at your discretion." Debby will ask Carol to make a sign for us to this effect. SDCOS should provide paper masks in case people want them.

Species Group

David informed the Board that the Species Group will have their first in person meeting on Saturday, August 7th. As the board ordered last meeting, vaccinated people will not need to wear masks, but may; unvaccinated people must wear masks. We will not check vaccine cards. We will have and share food.

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.

Potting Workshop

Jack will assist Debby at her house on August 14th. Debby would like a signup sheet for use at the virtual meeting in August. This may be difficult to do virtually; people could put their name in chat, or we could do a Zoom poll like “Are you Attending the Potting Workshop at Debby’s on August 14th”? Jack will set this up.

Committee Chairs

We still need a volunteer coordinator to help; this may be easier to find once we’re in person.

Despite having just done this, Debby will need to reconfirm all the committee chairs for this year.

Restart the Show Committee

Debby with work on restarting the Show Committee

Meeting updates

The board briefly recapped the last meeting; generally, people felt that they went well.

Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:

Thursday, August 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek Secretary