

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

Date: August 05, 2021

Location: Zoom, a videoconferencing app

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Attendees:

Deborah Halliday	President
Stewart Walton	First Vice-President
Ashley Grable	Second Vice-President
David Vandebroek	Secretary
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Jack Schaefer	Director-at-Large
Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Sima Perkins	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, and the meeting began. Kay arrived at 7:11.

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**President's Comments**

This month was a really good meeting, with a very engaging speaker. We're still getting good participation, even 1.5 years into the pandemic. Debby presented culture class and we had ~14 people.

**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.

**General meeting**

Our next general meeting is September 7th. As a note, our next BoD meeting will fall before the general meeting this month. Since we will likely have preparations to make for our first in person meeting, we will have this meeting on schedule and not delay it a week.

This month will be our 1<sup>st</sup> in person meeting since we went remote for the pandemic. Stewart has called a number of people to be our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker. We have received a number of refusals so far; Stewart is working on this.

Stewart would like to form a speaker committee or something like that to focus on names of potential speakers and topics we'd like to hear on. Debby notes that constituting committees is a bit easier said than done... Debby will bring this up at Species Group on Saturday.

### **Potting Workshop**

Because this workshop requires a lot of close work with one another, members of the Board wondered if we could mandate that people be vaccinated to attend and, if so, do we want to? Would that open us up to liability for discriminating against people who can't be vaccinated? Ashley says she could film it and make it available on Zoom and that would exclude any claims of discrimination. It was decided that we would not require vaccines, but that the host, Debby, was justified in requiring masks inside her home; additionally, masks would be required for any unvaccinated people.

### **Check-in with New 2<sup>nd</sup> VP**

Ashley talked about how the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President was going so far. She presented a list of past and potential future speakers for culture classes. There followed many suggestions about how Ashley could find future speakers.

Ashley noted that a lot of the ppl that come to culture class are established members who don't have as much interest or need for beginner-level tips. Debby says the goal of culture class is to learn to be a better grower, and that this should serve some of our more experienced growers as well, so we can possibly add in some more advanced culture talks to the rotation. It was suggested that Bob send an email to the membership asking if ppl would be interested in speaking.

List of past and future speakers:

	A	B	C	D
	Year	Month	Speaker	Topic
8	2022	July		
9	2021	Jan	Alex Nadzan	Blue Nantha: A Free Internet Orchid Database
0	2021	Feb	Kay Klausung	Western Flower Thrips, A Challenging Orchid Pest
1	2021	Mar	Debby Halliday	San Diego Botanic Garden Show -Prepping For
2	2021	Apr	Paul Tuskes	Phalaenopsis Culture & How to Rebloom Them
3	2021	May	Debby Halliday & Jack Schaefer	Photographing Your Orchids
4	2021	June	Kay Klausung	Water: What it is and how we use it
5	2021	July	Ashley Grable	Self-Watering and Alternative Potting
6	2021	Aug	Debby Halliday	Tips & Tricks for Easier Orchid Growing
7	2021	Sept	Ashley Grable	American Orchid Society Resources for Growers
8	2021	Oct		
9	2021	Nov		Preparing Your Orchids for Winter Domancy
0	2020	Jan	Stewart Walton	Pest Control
1	2020	Feb	Pam Peters & Debby Halliday	Preparing Your Orchids for the Spring Show
2	2020	Mar	Nico Goossens	Mounting Phalaenopsis
3	2020	Apr-Aug	None (Covid-19)	
4	2020	Sep	Phyllis Prestia	Repotting and Growing Neo's
5	2020	Oct	Peter Tobias	Mounting Orchids
6	2020	Nov	John Oswalt	Water Purity & Reverse Osmosis
7	2019	Jan	David Brown	All About Pots & Potting Mix

### Resumption of In-Person Meetings

Myra discussed what she had done with her HOA. With speakers walking around, there was trouble seeing the speaker. Myra will talk to David Brown to talk about trying to get into the building to test it out.

Note: Reminder that Jack will not be present for the September meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed to maintain our existing stated policy on masks and vaccines. Myra says she recommends we add language to our sign stating that the CDC says we should all wear masks inside, regardless of vaccination status.

Myra moved that we accept the signage below provided by the County of San Diego. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

# ANYONE ENTERING THIS FACILITY:

Per Centers for Disease Control  
guidelines and Cal/OSHA  
regulations:

Not fully vaccinated?

**Mask required**

Fully vaccinated?

***Mask recommended***



To find a vaccination location, visit:  
[coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine](https://coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine)



## Spring Show

Debby sent the below summary to the Board beforehand:

<b>Liberty Station Conference Center Contract</b>	
Event Dates:	April 15 – 17, 2022
Set-up:	Thurs April 14, 4 hours complementary Additional hours at \$200 per hour
Hours:	Friday – Sun 7am – 10pm
Facilities:	Main Hall, Hallways and Lobbies, Single Breakout room ½ day Friday, Full Sat/Sun. Largest single Breakout room available.
Cost:	\$12,500 (price includes a refundable \$1000 security deposit)
Deposit:	\$ 6,250 due at signing, Balance due 30 days before event
SDCOS Insurance:	Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 No Worker's Comp if we submit letter certifying no employees
Signs outside:	Checking with Liberty Station community to see if there are any rules.
To Do Now:	Sign the contract. Send a check for the deposit. Send a letter ref Workers' Comp insurance.
Catering is separate. We may choose from their approved vendors.	

The only acceptable dates for our Show are April 15-17, so we booked them. While these wouldn't be our preferred dates, they were what aligned with Liberty Station's calendar. If we have a good experience this year, we may choose to book a long term contract with them for future years, and select more ideal dates.

Debby walked through the above summary. Extensive discussion followed.

Myra suggests we send out an email to the members noting that we have picked a venue and a date; bob should send out a notice to members indicating the price, and Myra will draft a budget; the membership will need to vote to approve the budget, but must be given ample warning before doing so.

Jack moved that the board allocate the amount required funds (\$12,500) to secure the liberty station venue and write a check for the required deposit. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Debby will draft an email for Bob to send to the membership.

Jack visited Liberty station this week and plans to with Pam again next week. He took measurements and hopes to draft a plan soon. Nicola Kayton, the Events Manager at Liberty Station, noted that they do not require fire permits. Jack recommends we do not attempt to get them this time.

It was noted that this will actually fall on Easter this year, and that the venue is near The Rock church; the Board should consider placing an ad in the Rock's bulletin for that week

Further discussion on the venue and Spring Show followed, with the board deciding that much of this should be worked out with the Show Committee.

### **Volunteer Rewards Program**

The Board discussed the Volunteer Rewards Program we had been considering last summer. We would like to have sign up sheets for volunteers at both the next September and October meeting, so we should vote on this program and start advertising it immediately.

Myra moves we accept the reward program presented by Jack. The motion was seconded and passed with unanimous approval.

Kay will look for an appropriate raffle ticket for this purpose; he will email the link to Myra, who will purchase them.

The Policy adopted by the Board of directors will be attached to the end of these minutes.

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

We still need a co-coordinator. Jayne Wesley Brooks said she will help, so Debby will put her in contact with Jack to learn how; Jack notes he will be out from 8.25-9.7

Debby will reaffirm all the committee chairs in the coming weeks, as we are in a new fiscal year and this needs to be done again.

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### **Scheduled Date for the next Board Meeting:**

Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM Via Zoom. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

David Vandebroek  
Secretary

San Diego County Orchid Society  
Volunteer Reward Coupon Program  
Adopted by the Board of Directors August 5, 2021.

I. Definition

A Volunteer Reward Coupon is a printed coupon with duplicate serial numbers, one on the main portion of the coupon and the other on a detachable portion. The coupon has no monetary value.

II. Eligibility

All volunteers who participate at any San Diego County Orchid Society show are eligible to receive 1 Volunteer Reward Coupon per day that they volunteer. Volunteers do not have to have previously signed up to be eligible.

III. Award Rate

One Volunteer Reward Coupon per day will be issued to a volunteer when they begin their first volunteer duty at a show.

IV. Volunteer Reward Coupon Redemption Plan

- a. The SDCOS Treasurer will authorize the purchase of 5 orchid plants to be added to the normal group of plants for the plant raffle.
- b. Persons holding Volunteer Reward Coupons may deposit the detachable portion of their coupon(s) into a designated container for the Volunteer Reward Coupon raffle at any General Meeting.
- c. The first drawing of each meeting will be 5 coupons from the special Volunteer Reward Coupon container.
- d. Reward Coupons in the raffle container that are not drawn during the raffle are discarded.

V. Effectivity

- a. This plan shall commence with the 1st Society activity which requires volunteers following the 1st of September, 2021.
- b. The plan will continue in operation until the Board of Directors decides to terminate the plan.