

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

Date: April 7, 2022

Location: Zoom, a virtual meeting application

Attendees:

Deborah Halliday	President
David Vandebroek	First Vice-President
Ashley Grable	Second Vice-President
Jack Schaefer	Secretary
Myra DeTate	Treasurer
Carey McCoy	Director-at-Large
Stewart Walton	Director-at-Large
Sima Perkins	Director-at-Large

Kay Klausing	Past President
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Guests:

Deryl Adderson
Bob Clark, Membership Chair

With 8 members present, a quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

President's Remarks & Welcome.

Debby noted that the April meeting had 12 participants on Zoom and 48 in person in Room 101.

The minutes of the March BoD meeting were approved via email.

Treasurer's Report -

The Treasurer's report was presented by Myra. Jack moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob Clark, Membership Chair, reported that 23 new members joined our Society at the Spring Show.

May General Meeting –

The next General Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022. We expect the May 3rd meeting to be an in person/Zoom hybrid meeting.

The May meeting is usually the Awards Banquet and potluck. However, due to absence of board members on May 3rd it was suggested that we delay the Awards Banquet to the June General Meeting on June 7th.

It was moved & seconded to reschedule the Awards Banquet from May 3rd to June 7th for this year.

The motion passed.

It was noted that the June meeting will also have the presentation by the Nominating Committee(see below) of the nominations & the election of Board Officers for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

It was noted that the installation of Officers for the 2022/2023 fiscal year would happen at the July General Meeting.

First VP David Vandebroek initiated a discussion of finding a main speaker from outside of California and associated costs. The board had a discussion of speaker fees which include travel & gas expenses. We agree that next fiscal budget needs to increase the amount for travel due to inflation. This fiscal year the Society has not used any of the travel budget because our speakers have been on Zoom.

May Main Speaker:

First VP Dave Vandebroek discussed a couple possibilities. James Rose is a possibility

Culture Class: Ashley is researching a speaker.

April Meeting review:

President Debby Halliday used our new gavel to bring the meeting to order.

It was noted that during the main speaker's presentation the volume was too loud on remote speaker. We continue to look for a workable solution. It was noted that Ashley was able to manage the waiting room & let people into the meeting relieving Jack DeTate of that responsibility.

Note: At the March Board meeting the topic of eliminating the Zoom waiting room altogether. Jack Schaefer took the job of researching this issue. He reported that Zoom requires the use of either a waiting room or a password for all meetings. Since imposing a password would be tedious, the board agreed to keep the waiting room as is.

Spring Show Report

Our Spring Show was a very successful show.

Notes from Myra's financial summary –

The Spring Show made a profit this year. The estimated attendance was above 2000 visitors. The presence of foliage vendors helped boost attendance. Ashley noted that people who attended our show posted on social media which prompted more visitors on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Myra asked the board's opinion about inviting the foliage vendors to our Park Shows. Generally, the opinion was that our local orchid growers have 1st priority at the Park Shows.

The board also discussed the availability the Scottish Rite Event Center for a Spring Show in 2023. Debby stated that she would discuss this with Julie Croft at SREC.

San Diego Botanic Garden Show May 7th to June 12th –

Debby & Ashley will coordinate member loans of orchids for the SDBG Show. Since Debby will be out of town during the first weekend of the show, Ashley will be coordinating plant registration.

Myra proposed the following schedule for sales:

May 7th & 8th for member sales (Mothers day weekend)

May 13th, 14th, & 15th for member sales

May 20th, 21st, & 22nd for Conservation

May 27th, 28th, & 29th for member sales

Officer Elections

The nominating committee for officers for the 2022/2023 fiscal year is headed by Pam Peters with Tom Biggart, Betty Kelepecz, Dave Hoffmaster and John Oswalt members. The slate of nominated officers will be presented at the June General Meeting.

Plant Donations:

It was reported that a large cymbidium donation was tested after we had picked up the plants. A spot check of the plants was performed and the plants tested positive. The donation had to be discarded.

The board discussed imposing a virus check policy on all donations. The Society has purchased virus test kits and has some available for testing purposes.

Furthermore, we discussed publishing articles in the newsletter about safe practices and virus testing. An article on how to safely curate a collection of orchids was suggested.

General Discussion Item –

A general discussion of possible uses of the profits from the Spring Show for the benefit of our membership was conducted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM
It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for
May 5th at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Schaefer, Secretary