

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

Date: August 4, 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

Guest(s):

Deryl Addison
Ron Kaufmann
Peter Tobias

With 6 members present, a quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.

Carey McCoy, Stewart Walton, Kay Klausing, Ron Kaufmann, and Peter Tobias joined after the meeting had been called to order.

The minutes of the July Board of Directors meeting were approved via email.

President Debby Halliday noted that the July meeting was conducted on Zoom & in person. It had good attendance with 15 attendees on Zoom. The main speaker for the evening, Carlos Lopez, gave a good presentation on Cattleyas.

Ron Kaufmann had asked to be able to make a presentation to the Board concerning the status of the Dracula Reserve Fundraising efforts. These efforts are separate from the SDCOS Conservation group.

Ron pointed out that land conservation for orchids is a key focus for preservation of orchid species in the wild. He pointed out our Society, via our Conservation Group, does not purchase land directly. He noted that the Orchid Conservation Alliance has developed partnership with organizations in South American countries to fund land purchase in Ecuador to support the Dracula Reserve.

Ron asked the Board to authorize the use of the SDCOS membership email system to send out an appeal for support to the OCA. Funds would not be channeled through SDCOS but through the OCA. Peter Tobias made comments supporting the email request.

David V moved that the SDCOS board approve sending an appeal drafted by the OCA to support the OCA's fund raising efforts for the Dracula Reserve. The motion was seconded and passed. Ron and Peter then left the meeting.

The board then discussed the possibility of using Society funds to make a direct contribution to the Dracula Reserve

Project. Debby moved to allocate \$5000.00 from the general fund, subject to membership approval, to donate to the OCA for the Dracula Reserve Project. The motion was seconded and passed. The membership will be asked to approve this expenditure at the September General Meeting.

First VP David reported that he had not yet secured a speaker for the September meeting.

Second VP discussed plans for the September Culture Class. It was suggested that having an AOS member discuss the AOS Judging process would be a good topic for the Culture Class. It was also suggested that having one or more Board members discuss the elected and appointed positions within our Society. The board liked that idea.

It was reported that Peter Tobias is willing to host a repotting/mounting event at his home in Encinitas in September.

Park Show Report –

Myra reported the sales were very good at the July show.

Jack discussed issues with volunteers and food.

Debby discussed the Peoples Choice results.

Debby moved to purchase a new sandwich board for Park Shows. The motion was seconded and passed. During discussion it was noted that we should ask Carol Kerr about purchasing a second new sandwich board, or perhaps more of the feather signs.

Myra discussed the state of our Square checkout systems. It was noted that we would require more equipment for

expansion onto Patio B for the 2023 Spring Show. Myra was asked to create a shopping list to satisfy these needs.

There was a discussion about the use of the boom box for presentations on Patio A. The microphone that we currently have for the boom box is of no use when the speaker is demonstrating repotting techniques and needs both hands free. The existing lapel microphone is designed for use with a laptop and does not work with the boom box. Stewart and Kay were asked to look into the purchase of audio equipment that would work with the boom box. And it was noted that the existing microphone for use in Room 101 does not connect to the system very well and should be replaced.

Spring Show 2023 Planning

Debby reported that the initial planning meeting had been held.

Phyllis Prestia has asked to discuss the AOS's request to hold their quarterly meeting at San Diego during the Spring Show with the Planning Committee.

The Show Theme will be 'Orchids of the Earth'.

Letters to the 2022 vendors will be sent soon.

Several Society members have expressed concerns about the mechanics of setup and teardown.

The next Planning meeting will be August 14th at Debby Halliday's home.

General Discussion

It was reported that Arthur Pinkers is now stocking Virus Test Kits directly from the manufacturer.

It was noted that Alex Nadzan suggested Rene Van Rems

as a main speaker. Rene has a presentation discussing “Creating A Show or Presentation”.

Debby reported that she had taken no action on the offer of an extra large Grammatophylum plant.

The San Diego Floral Association October Festival in the Park has accepted our application for a booth. We are awaiting more details.

Treasurer’s Report(s) -

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 1st at 7 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Secretary

Addendum:

On August 6th, 2022, via email, Myra DeTate proposed purchase of 2 sets of the following items as upgrades to our Square systems:

Cash Drawer	\$39.95
Printer	\$206.00
Square Stand	\$128.99
Total	\$404.00

After some discussion via email, on August 9th, Jack moved to purchase 2 sets of these items for a total expenditure of \$808.00 + tax, etc. subject to membership approval at the September General Meeting.
The motion was second & passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Schaefer, Secretary