

January 12, 2025 OSGKC Meeting

Minutes



2:15 The first meeting of the year was called to order by the president, Ahn Rongish. 40 people attended in person, and 10 on zoom.

Thanks to Jeanne Smith for organizing hospitality and thank you to everyone who brought food.

The minutes of the December meeting were posted on the website. Kristy Charland made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Nancy Kasperek. The minutes were approved unanimously by all attending.

Old Business:

Anh has emailed a survey regarding feedback, new thoughts, and ideas for the society. The survey is anonymous, and she reminded members to complete the survey and return it to her.

Special recognition was given to Roy and Diane Thomas and Louise Hicks. Diane and Roy for their work on hospitality over the years, and Louise for her work as by-laws committee chair as well as her work on the yearbook for several years. Thank you for the contribution you have made to our society.

Katrina Jenkins spoke to us about our society's dues. Dues paid at the meeting today received 10 free raffle tickets. Dues paid next month will receive 5 free raffle tickets.

New Business:

Crystal Remington gave us an update on plans for the upcoming orchid shows. She brought a new backdrop for us to see and use in our show displays. The first show of the year will be at the Saint Louis Botanical Gardens. Set up will be January 31st and the show will be February 1 and 2. In February and March we have upcoming shows in: Fayetteville, Arkansas (February 28-March 2).

Springfield, Missouri (March 15-16).

Omaha, Nebraska (March 22-23.)

Tulsa, Oklahoma (March 28-30).

Set up will be the night before the shows, and Crystal will be giving us more details as we get closer to the show dates.

Cindy's Hobbs presented us with the Proposed budget for the new year. Mark Prout made a motion to approve the budget, and Rae Ann Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the members.

Scott Howell gave us the treasurer's report and currently we have \$30,686.34. He will have more details for us next month.

New Lifetime members were honored for their contribution to the society. Susie Hanna and Al Clinton were recognized as new lifetime members.

A new judging category has been added, The People's Choice, which allows us to vote for our favorite plant and awards a special ribbon to the grower.

3:05 Program. **Nicholas Rust, Rusty Exotics "Setting up a Grow Area with Lights."** Nicholas Rust, our speaker, explained types of grow lights and ways to use them. He discussed the pros and cons of different types of lights and the different options we have as orchid growers. He described types of shelf set up and the advantages of dimmable LED lights. He made the point that grow lights allow us to take advantage of the space we have and allow us to create different growing environments in our plant rooms. He believes that grow lights allow us to create a professional set up without the expense of a greenhouse. He concluded by asking if it is possible to grow exclusively under grow lights, and his answer was emphatically "YES!"

Our next meeting will be on the third Sunday in February. 2-16-2025

