

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA) • Associated Plant Society of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI)

Minutes of the General Meeting, March 13, 2022

Board Members:

Maria Capaldo, President
 M.A. Bjarkman, Vice-president, CSSA Liaison & Program Chair
 Bernard Johnson, Treasurer
 Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary
 Terri Straub, At-large Board Member
 Gary Duke, At-large Board Member
 Sally Fasteau, Membership Committee Chair
 Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liaison

Jim Hanna, Finance Committee Chair & Plant Man
 Mike Short, Communications Committee Chair & Webmaster

Committee Members (Tasked):

Ann Nye, Monthly Publicist
 Jim Tanner, Mini-show Coordinator
 Laurel Woodley, Facebook
 Caitlin Rubia, Instagram
 Clif Wong, Newsletter Editor

There were 41 people in attendance. President, Maria Capaldo, called the meeting to order at 1:44pm in the Peninsula Center Library's Community Meeting Room. She welcomed attendees to the first in-person meeting in two years.

Program:

Maria introduced our speaker, Woody Minnich, who spoke on "The Cacti and Succulents of New Mexico," his home state. His photographs featured plants in nature and, as a serious conservationist, he has a deep appreciation for the historic locations in which some exist. A brief Q&A session followed his presentation and ended at 2:45pm.

Announcements before the break:

Maria Capaldo: Maria reminded that our Show and Sale is April 23-24, with setup on April 22, which will be a volunteer and vendor only day. There is no pre-sale, as usual. Members and vendors are invited to bring their prize or favorite succulent and cactus plants to show off at the Society display table. There will be mini-show points awarded up to five points for showing a plant, however, there will be no voting or prizes this year due to space constraints.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided, as well as lunch for volunteers who work the entire day. Proof of Covid vaccination is not required and mask wearing will be optional.

Members were asked to bring in labeled, potted up plants to sell at our Society's sale table. The proceeds help finance our speaker programs, community support and donations to programs for conservation and education.

Terri Straub: Terri described the need for many volunteers in most positions for the weekend Show and Sale, as well as Friday's setup. Several people have already committed and members were encouraged to review the openings and sign-up.

Ann Nye: Ann expressed that efforts to secure publicity for our Show and Sale are ongoing.

Break-Reconvene:

Maria recessed the meeting at 3:04pm and it was reconvened at 3:17pm.

Introduce members of the Board: Maria explained that election of the current Board members is needed since we have not had in-person meetings. She introduced the Board members and a vote to elect them carried by acclamation. The elected Board members are: Maria Capaldo, President; M.A.Bjarkman, Vice-President; Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary; and Bernard Johnson, Treasurer. At-Large members presently include: Gary Duke and Terri Straub. Clif Wong is stepping down as Member at-large, and that position is open.

This year's Plant-of-the-Year is *Fockea edulis* and was seed grown by Laurel Woodley, who was thanked for her efforts. All paid-up members received a plant. Members are asked to bring their plant to the end of the year party and to compare growth and appearance.

Mini Show: Woody Minnich and Rosemarie Murphy, assisted by Jim Tanner, judged the plants brought by members.

March brag and garden plants: There were no brag plants.

March Plant-of-the-Month: Cactus: Thelocactus; Succulent: Aeonium and Greenovia. Winners in first, second and third place were awarded in novice, intermediate and open categories. They will be listed in our newsletter, along with photographs.

A plant was awarded to those who submitted photos of plants during the Zoom meetings. In addition, a free plant went to the judges and to the person helping with names.

Birth month plants: Members whose birthdays are in March were offered to select a free plant by Maria.

New members and guests: Sally Fasteau introduced new members, Delia Crochetiere, John Donlou, Braulio Mena, America Miranda-Verduzio, and Elizabeth Scheid who were then offered a free plant by Maria.

Door prize plants: Roberta Hanna drew the tickets and everyone was able to select a plant.

Minutes: The February Minutes were posted. There were no corrections and the Minutes were accepted as published.

Announcements:

May Meeting: Maria reminded that our May meeting will be at the Peninsula Center Library's Community Meeting Room. Starting in June on the second Sunday, we will meet in the South Coast Botanic Garden auditorium until further notice. We will provide SCBG with a list of our members and guests prior to each meeting to allow for free admission.

Jackie Johnson was applauded for facilitating the resumption of our meetings at SCBG through her efforts in organizing clubs and involving Janice Hahn.

A few local plant sales and events were announced. Maria mentioned that a list of events is on our website's calendar page.

May mini-show categories: Cactus and succulent dish gardens.

The May speaker will be announced at a later time.

Reports:

Treasury Report: Bernard Johnson provided the Treasury Report.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm.

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary