

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, August 14, 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
Terri Straub, Mini-Show Coordinator
Laurel Woodley, Facebook
Caitlin Rubia, Instagram
Clif Wong, Newsletter Editor

There were 59 members as well as some guests in attendance. President, Maria Capaldo, called the meeting to order at 1:29pm in the South Coast Botanic Garden Auditorium. She welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Program:

Maria introduced our speaker Ernesto Sandoval whose talk was titled “Feeding Succulents: How Fertilizer, Water pH and Soil Can and Should Be Adjusted!”. He extolled the importance of providing oxygen to plant roots and gave valuable information about factors that affect it. This and other presentations are available on YouTube by searching his name. This one is referred to as “Ernesto Sandoval water pH presentation.” Questions were answered during his presentation as well as after it ended. Plants for purchase were brought from UC Davis Botanical Conservatory where he is manager. His talk was concluded at 2:42pm.

Announcements before the break:

Maria Capaldo: Maria asked Sally Fasteau to pick two names from the can, one to help judge and the other to assist with selecting names for the door prize plants.

Break-Reconvene:

Maria recessed the meeting at 2:45pm and it was reconvened at 3:09pm.

Bylaws Approval: Maria advised that the Society’s Bylaws were revised to align with the change from our Society’s fiscal and membership year to a calendar year. This also changes terms of officers and timing of elections. Another change is in the dissolution plans of the Society. If we dissolve, any monies go to Cactus and Succulent Society of America instead of the South Coast Botanic Garden. The proposed Bylaws have been published in the Newsletter and on the website for all to review. A motion to approve the Bylaws as published was made by Nancy Sams, seconded by Mimi Gutierrez and carried without opposition.

August Mini-Show categories: Cactus: *Epithelantha*, *Frailea*, *Aztekium* and Succulent: *Dyckia*, *Puya* and *Hechtia*.

The plants were judged by Ernesto and assisted by Linda Ohara, with Mini-Show coordinator Terri Straub overseeing the process. 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. Linda was offered a free plant selection for helping.

August brag and garden plants: Gary Duke showed his *Matucana poltzii* that had a spectacular first bloom after ten years of ownership. It can be seen on his Instagram page (garyduke53). Debra Galliani showed her *Pfeiffera monocanta* that was grown from a cutting two years ago and produced an abundance of orange flowers, followed by pink seeds that were offered to members.

New members and guests: Sally introduced new members: Gina Bush and Patrice Soloman. In addition, Cecile MacQuarrie joined in April and attended her first meeting. They were offered to select a free plant by Maria.

Sally asked members to let her know if they wish to purchase an engraved Society badge for \$16.00 each, if the minimum order of 25-30 is met. Badges would have a magnet backing and be available around October.

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

Door prize plants: Charles Spencer drew tickets for members to select a free plant. Charlie had been offered a free plant for assisting.

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

Announcements:

September Meeting: Maria reminded attendees that our next meeting will be at South Coast Botanic Garden on September 11. Our speaker will be Steven Frieze who will present "Adventures in Namaqualand: The Beauty and Exotic Quality of South African Succulents."

Any members who will be bringing guests to this meeting and wish free Garden admittance must provide Maria with their names by the Thursday before the meeting. Otherwise, they will be subject to the cost of Garden admission.

Also, our original agreement with the Garden did not include the set-up and take-down of tables and chairs. Members were asked to help perform these tasks. Set-up starts at noon before meetings, and take-down begins immediately following the meetings.

September Mini-Show Categories: Variegated Cactus and Succulents.

Announcements: Maria described the Huntington Botanical Gardens' 37th Succulent Plants Symposium that will take place on Saturday, September 3. This day of lectures that includes continental breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, a reception and plant sales for the cost of \$100. The list of interesting speakers and the link to the registration is on our website.

Reports:

Treasury Report: Bernard Johnson provided the Treasury Report.

Board Report: The Board is working on a revision of the Operational Procedures. In addition, an auditor volunteer, Debra Galliani, has been appointed by the Board to review the financials with Bernard Johnson. She will provide a report after completion.

Maria closed the meeting by thanking those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. She asked for help from anyone able to bring the tables and chairs to the carriers before leaving, which most members did.

Submitted,

Debra Bushweit Galliani, Secretary