

# On The Dry Side

If you are like me, you have Summer/Open State Fever. We can eat out and travel finally. That's nice.

The club is also opening up. We had our first in-person event last month. Over 50 people attended and though I was not able to attend, I have heard that it was a great success. We will plan more of these events during the warm months.

The VFW Hall in Freedom is now going to be used for homeless services so we needed a new venue for meetings and we found a good one. Starting with the August meeting, we will be meeting at the Corralitos Grange in Corralitos. They are happy to have us.

We will meet on Zoom in June for a landscaping tour by Roger Lane.

I missed the gathering in May and am looking forward to seeing everyone in July.

Nancy Thomsen  
Newsletter Editor



# APPROVED MINUTES

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society  
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2021, 11:00 – 12:00

**Call to Order:** Mary Cross, Acting President, called the meeting to order at about 11:05am

Board members Present: Jorge Quinonez, Sara Martin Segal, Mary Cross, Tom Karwin, Nancy Thomsen, Roger Lane

**Communications:** Mary Cross reported that Santa Cruz County has given permission to the Portuguese Hall to open for rentals again. In line with what the Board previously decided, she told them we would not be taking advantage of the reserved June date for a spring show this year. They will keep the down payment money for the May 2022 date we have reserved for the 2022 Spring Show. We need to find out if they have wireless capability.

**Minutes of April 4, 2021:** The minutes from the April 4 meeting (based on notes from Jorge and edited by Mary) were approved as corrected (Roger Lane indicated the minutes in line 2 under "Program" should read "May", not "June" for the on-line sale/auction discussion). It was decided that draft minutes should be sent to the Board for corrections before the board meeting.

## Chairpersons' Reports

### Program Committee:

**April Program:** Gary Stubblefield was unable to do a presentation on his succulents but Jorge Quiñonez shared two videos about succulents with the members. (Thank you for taking care of the meeting Jorge.)

**May Program:** Neither Annie Wolf, Naomi Bloss nor Peter Biersdorfer were present, but the Board discussed the upcoming membership Meet & Greet/Picnic/Sale meeting at Naomi's house on May 16.

>People to do set-up and clean-up and monitor the parking will be asked to help that day.

>Peter Biersdorfer is in charge of inviting vendors and designating places for folks to sell their succulents at the location.

>Vendors are to bring one table, their own cash for change and collect money for their own sales. They will give 10% of their sales to the club as a donation on the honor system and will be responsible for clean-up at their location themselves.

>There will be a door prize drawing about every half hour for from one to three plants depending on the number of donated plants and attendees. Roger will bring door prize tickets to be given to each person who attends.

>Gary Stubblefield will be asked to bring signage indicating the location at the entrance to Naomi's property.

>The club will provide water (Roger will purchase two cases) and a porta-potty has been ordered by Naomi.

>Members are to bring their own food, blankets and/or chairs and shade covers for the picnic, cash to purchase plants and a box in which to put them. **Members can bring plants to donate to the door prize drawings.**

>Mary will edit the flyer to add more info in the newsletter.

**June Program:** Guillermo Rivera will be the speaker for the June Membership meeting on zoom, June 20, 2021. Roger will talk to Guillermo to get more information to put in the newsletter.

**Sunshine Committee:** No report. We still need a Chairperson to send cards to members who are sick.

**CSSA:** Jorge Quiñonez reported their ongoing every two-week webinars continue. The web site is:

<http://cactusandsucculentsociety.org> for more information.

## Old Business

**Need New Librarian (Co-Librarian)** we still need a Librarian or co-Librarian.

**Donations from Ann Shine Estate and Peggy Meneice:** Naomi Bloss and Stan Werkler were not able to be present so no update on these donations.

**Facebook site for members to buy/sell plants:** Sarah Martin Segal will continue to work on this possibly joining her efforts with Sharon Lucchesi's MBACSS Facebook account. It is more complicated than first thought.

## New Business

**Changes at VFW:** Mary Cross reported that she heard from Dave Ambriz, Commander of the VFW, in Freedom. The City of Watsonville has asked if the VFW would be available to be used as a 24/7 shelter for the homeless, so we would not be able to meet there for our monthly meetings. Tom Karwin will contact the Live Oak Grange Hall to see if they might be available for us to use again, possibly starting in July 2021.

## Adjournment



MAY 16 EVENT



## PRESENTATIONS

### **MEETING SUNDAY JUNE 20**

We have been anticipating our first guest speaker in over a year and we will have to wait a bit longer. Our guest speaker is unable to join us this Sunday. Roger Lane has graciously stepped in to give us an update on his landscaping project as it is now complete. We will also have time to fill in the members on the many things going on in the club including the new venue for monthly meetings and another new venue for the fall plant sale. Please join us Sunday at 11:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86528478564?pwd=aktaN3JYTGhtVWpGdG1GRUtVZjZsUT09>

### **New Meeting Venue**

Starting August 15, we will be meeting in person at a new location - the Corralitos Grange. It is in the middle of Corralitos east of Watsonville/Freedom. In future newsletters, there will be more information about the grange hall including directions. We do know there is a stage and a piano. We tried to get it for June, but it was already booked for our date. If you have ideas for a July gathering, tell a board member.

### **Portuguese Hall - Fall Plant Sale - September 18 & 19**

Our Fall Sale is only 3 months away. We will begin planning that soon. We will need volunteers to take shifts at the sale - cashiers, boxers, door greeters, set up, tear down and a few other jobs. Volunteering for this event is a great way to meet members, interact with the growers and it is fun. The July and August membership meetings will have more information about the upcoming sale. Start telling your friends and family about the sale and tell them to come early because it's going to be busy.

# MEMBER NEWS

## Board Updates

**Program:** The members who attended agreed that the May 16 mini-sale, bring-your-own-picnic and in-person meet and greet was a fun success. It was attended by about 55 members and guests. The location, the weather, the raffles with the many donated plants, the vendors, the signage, and all the people contributed. Thanks to all who came and all who helped make it such a fun time. Let's talk about doing similar events in the future.

**Sunshine Committee:** Cheryl Albert is the new Sunshine Committee volunteer for our club. If any member knows of another member who is sick, recovering from surgery or a loss, Cheryl can be notified, and she will send that member an appropriate card and note in the name of MBACSS. Please contact Mary Cross (mandhcross@sbcglobal.net or 831-724-8317) and she will send the info to Cheryl

**Membership:** Mary Cross reported that two people joined our club at the May 6 in-person event. A warm MBACSS Welcome to our club to: Lesley Shores and Jerry Slayter from Manteca.



# LEADERSHIP

## Officers and Chairpersons for 2020

### Chairpersons

Librarian - OPEN  
Mini-Show - Stan Verkler  
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Thomsen  
Photography - Paul Albert and Fred Valentine  
Programs - Annie Wolf  
Publicity - Sharon Lucchesi  
Raffles - Gary Stubblefield  
Sale Floor Manager/Liaison - Peter Beiersdorfer  
Show - Naomi Bloss & Janet Sparks  
Sunshine Committee: Cheryl Albert  
Webmaster - Anita Crawley

### Officers

Acting President - Mary Cross  
Vice President - Naomi Bloss  
Secretary - Sharon Lucchesi  
Treasurer - Roger Lane  
Membership - Mary Cross  
Affiliate Representative - Jorge Quiñónez  
Directors at Large  
    Gary Stubblefield  
    Sarah Martin-Segal  
    Nancy Thomsen  
Immediate Past President - Tom Karwin