

## FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

### QUARTERLY MEETING JANUARY 11, 2014

**Affiliate Representatives Present:** (BSTB) H.T. Sisco and Tom Wolfe , (BSCF) Ben Klugh, (BSSF) Michael Michalski and Patty Gonzalez Michalski, (CBS) Dr. Larry Giroux, (FECBS) Rick Ryals and Calandra Thurrott, (FWCBS) Linda Sheetz and Susan Sousa,(GBS) Robert McGraw and Woods NeSmith, (SBS) David Johnson and John Osteen, (SBTPS) Sudi Hipsley and Kay Klugh.

**Affiliate Representatives Absent:** (BSBC) Jose Donayre and Sara Donayre, (BSCF) Betsy McCory, and (CBS) Vicky Chirnside

**Other Officials Present:** Jay Thurrott (BSI)

**Guests:** Mrs. McGraw (GBS)

The meeting was called to order by Kay Klugh, FCBS Vice Chairman, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Larry Giroux in North Fort Myers. The meeting was hosted by the Caloosachatchee Bromeliad Society.

Kay thanked the hosts, and members and guests present introduced themselves.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian for 2014:** It was mentioned that the President appoints the parliamentarian and noted that Betsy McCory has served as a parliamentarian before. Larry Giroux recommended that Betsy be asked to see if she would serve as parliamentarian.

**Transfer to New Chairperson:** Chris George is no longer a representative from Gainesville, and their new representatives have not been members of the council long enough to serve as chairperson. After some discussion Rick Ryals motioned that Ashley Graham serve as Chairman which was seconded by Michael Michalski. The motion was approved.

Ben Klugh agreed to serve as note taker for the meeting.

**Orientation for New Members:** Karen Andreas was to do the orientation but she was not at the meeting. Dr. Larry Giroux suggested that a packet of materials be

created to give to new members. Mike Michalski mentioned that such an informational packet would be helpful for new officers. Some further discussion occurred without any action.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting had been e-mailed to all representatives and were approved with two minor corrections. Susan Sousa moved the minutes be accepted. Larry Giroux seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** Sudi Hipsley gave the financial report indicating that the treasury has a balance as of January 11, 2014, of \$26,340.62 (which includes \$5064.30 in the Weevil Fund). FCBS received \$1.94 interest income. \$24,777.06 of the treasury's funds is in a Money Market account. Rick Ryals motioned that the treasurer do a review of higher interest paying accounts and report at the next meeting. Mike Michalski seconded and motion carried. The report was received for audit.

**Webmaster:** Michael Andreas was not present. Dave Johnson gave a brief report for Michael. He has recently received over 2000 more photos from Brazil. He has just finished a billbergia cluster. Several members mentioned what a great job Michael is doing and that our website is very helpful to users.

**Newsletter:** Karen Andreas was not present. Karen was not home when Dave Johnson called. No report was presented.

**Weevil Research:** No one was present from the Weevil Research group. There was no report available. Jay Thurrott will try to find out why no one from the University is attending the meeting.

**Clone Preservation:** No report was given. It was questioned by Jay Thurrott that this topic should no longer be a standing committee report. This was agreed to at the last meeting and the corrected agenda reflected this.

### **Old Business:**

**Sending paper copy of FCBS Newsletter:** Tom Wolfe questioned the decision to have each club responsible to provide hard copies of the FCBS newsletter to

members who did not want an electronic version. Tom thought this should be a responsibility of FCBS. He motioned to rescind the earlier decision. There was a brief discussion and the motion was not seconded and died.

**The news letter will again be addressed later in these notes.**

**Maintenance of CBS Roster:** There was much discussion as to who should maintain the roster. The final conclusion is that the Chairman appoint someone each year to maintain the roster. That individual, like the parliamentarian, could serve multiple years in the same job. Susan Sousa volunteered to explore what is required to maintain the roster to see if she would be able to be a candidate.

**Extravaganza 2014:** No Society has volunteered to hold the 2014 Extravaganza.

Dr. Larry Giroux was asked to check with Caloosahatchee Society to see if the rare plant auction and dinner could be held in conjunction with their December Show and Sale.

**Extravaganza Committee Report:** Rick Ryals presented 6 options regarding future Extravaganzas. These options are:

1. Maintain the current status of yearly Extravaganza with a club volunteering to host.
2. Adjust the schedule to hold a biennial Extravaganza with a club volunteering to host.
3. Adjust the schedule to hold a biennial Extravaganza with a scheduled club hosting, as we currently do with the rotation of council officers and quarterly meeting locations.
4. Adjust the schedule to hold a biennial Extravaganza with the Council serving as sponsor and host.
5. Hold a yearly Extravaganza with the Council serving as sponsor and host.
6. If options 2,3 or 4 are adopted perhaps the council should consider holding in the off year:

- Symposium (scientific or hobbyist)
- Tie in with an existing club event (ie; South Florida Bromeliad Show & Sale)
- Council sponsored event/speaker
- Other bromeliad related event

The members voted and selected options 2 and 6 as viable options for future extravaganzas or FCBS sponsored meetings.

**Extravaganza 2015:** Michael Michalski reported that the Bromeliad Society of South Florida will host the 2015 Extravaganza. No plans were reported yet.

**Recognition Program Report:** Tabled for next meeting. General comments: Linda Sheetz: Florida West Coast gives an award to members that they feel have made a significant contribution. They have no criteria but members recognized thus far were exceptional. Goal is to make program with a list of criteria. Jay mentioned that nominations for the Wally Berg award are now being collected by BSI.

**Other Old Business: Review of Seven Newsletter Steps adopted at the last meeting and other issues:**

The following list are the newsletter steps adopted at the last meeting with the acceptance of electronic publication.

Steps moving forward reviewed and approved include:

1. The Council Newsletter Editor will electronically deliver to the Council Chairman an electronic newsletter in PDF format by the 1st of each month of quarterly publication (currently February, May, August & November). The Newsletter will be posted on the FCBS.org website.
2. The Chairman will send out the newsletter in PDF format to Council Representatives. An email distribution of Council Representatives will be maintained by Council Secretary.

3. An Editorial Board will be established to be decision makers regarding content of the newsletter.
4. The Council President will communicate in the November 2013 Newsletter to the full membership the change in publication format .
5. The first electronic newsletter will be delivered to the Chair in February 2014. The first electronic newsletter will be posted on the fcbs.org website in February 2014.
6. All Council Newsletters (within the last 5 years) will be placed on the Council Website for both reference and archival purposes.
7. Any and all fees or expenses exceeding \$100 in the creation or the implementation of this new format will be authorized by the Council Representatives at their next scheduled quarterly meeting.

Both Tom Wolfe and Dave Johnson mentioned that our current newsletter editor had severe issues with the editorial board in step 3. Rick Ryals read the original intent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> step to the membership. The third step was to create a group consisting of an editor and coeditors for the newsletter. From the subsequent discussion it was realized that no one intended for a review committee overseeing the newsletter but a peer committee to coordinate the production of the newsletter since there could be a substantial increase in content. Tom Wolfe made a motion that step 3 be changed to read that the committee consist of a newsletter editor and coeditors. Dr. Larry Giroux seconded the motion which passed.

Tom Wolfe motioned that the FCBS Chairman send a letter to Karen Andreas and thank her for her many years of valued service and mention the change in the review committee in the letter. If Karen does not indicate that she wishes to continue as newsletter editor by the end of January then Robert Meyer will be asked to become the editor for our next issue. Dr. Larry Giroux seconded the motion which passed after some discussion.

It was voted to give both Karen and Michael \$100 gift cards at the last meeting to show our appreciation for their valuable service to the FCBS. Sudi reported that such recognition would not be necessary. It was decided to not give the cards.

### **New Business:**

**Appointment of Auditor:** Rick Ryals agreed to serve as auditor.

**Appointment of Standing Rules and Bylaws Review Committee:** There were no volunteers to serve on a committee.

**BSI Scholars Program:** Last year we decided that in January we would determine any amount that would be donated to the BSI Scholars Program. Mike Michalski motioned that we give the program \$500 to be paid immediately. This was seconded by John O'Steen. Motion carried.

**Determination of Annual Membership Dues:** Since we do not know what our expenses will be when producing an electronic newsletter, it was recommended to continue membership dues at \$3 per person. Susan Sousa made the motion that was seconded by Mike Michalski. Motion carried.

**Counts of Number of Unique Addresses for Membership :** Sudi needs a count from each society on the number of unique addresses for members by January 25, 2014, so that she can prepare the February bill for each society. One thing that was mentioned is that if a person is in more than one society then only one society should include them in their membership count. It is suggested that you ask your members if they belong to more than one society and which society they consider their home society.

**Society News and Previous Speakers at monthly meetings:** Time was running short so, Ben Klugh, who was taking notes, asked all the society representatives to send him an email of their report. He will forward it for newsletter publication and will also provided a concatenated letter back to each representative. Affiliate Representatives are to report society news, speakers and show plans. See FCBS newsletter for details.

**Show Dates for all Societies:**

Each Representative provided dates for sales and shows for the upcoming year.

There was no other new business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be April 12 , 2014, and will be hosted by the Central Florida Bromeliad Society.

Respectfully submitted

Ben Klugh, Temporary Secretary (draft dated January 12, 2014)