

## *Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies*

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### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES MEETING**

**Saturday June 11th, 2022**

**World Bromeliad Conference, Sarasota, Florida**

Opening: Chairman Richard Poole called the second meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Hyatt Sarasota.

**FCBS Member Representatives Present:** Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay: Carol and Tom Wolfe; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Mike McMahon and Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Nick Bethmann and Tom Ramiccio. Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Calandra Thurrott; Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Susan Sousa and Richard Poole; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Sandy Burnett; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Richard Poole; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Sudi Hipsley; Greg Kolojeski (available but not attending.)

#### **Officers Reports:**

**Secretary :** Minutes of February 2022 meeting: Greg will recap the February meeting at a later date.

**Treasurer Report:** Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit. Motion to accept made by Mike Saunders, seconded by Sandy Burnett.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Webmaster Report:** Michael Andreas submitted his written report. He noted using the correct URL for the website to access recent updates and newsletters. He asked that everybody check that your clubs' meeting information and contact information is up to date.

**Newsletter Report:** Carol Wolfe gave the report and asked for articles. Pictures and articles should be submitted a month before the quarterly dates which are mid-month. Check with Carol for her time frame. We need more pictures of society meetings and activities.

**Weevil Committee:** Dr Howard Frank updated us on activities going forward on Weevil Research in Florida. All three of the University of Florida botany students who were assigned the task of analyzing and then comparing the DNA forms (Florida form and Belize form) of *Tillandsia utriculata* had failed in the task and left without providing any report. Hopefully another student will be recruited in this area. There has been an outbreak of Dengue fever in the Florida Keys in recent years. It is not very likely this will result in a "bromeliad panic" as was seen in Miami Beach in recent years with the Zika virus.

**FCBS Roster:** Susan Sousa passed out an insert for missing pages for the State Roster to distribute to each society. Susan requested everybody to double check your club information, membership, and members information to keep current.

**Facebook page:** Greg Kolojeski was missing due to World Conference business but reported more success on people posting on the Facebook page. Encourage your members to sign up for the page and post plants and club activities.

**Judges School:** Vicky Chirnside reported another successful school (Class IV) was held at the WBC on Monday with 12 attendees. There are five classes in succession, culminating in a test after class 5 for certification. The current round of classes should end in 2023, but classes can be joined at any time. Encourage your members to join classes just for the general knowledge they can learn and hopefully go on to become BSI Judges.

**Archives:** Steve Provost missed due to travel problems, but several people attending WBC sent him boxes of material to process. If your club has historical documents, news, or newsletters from the 1980's, contact Steve.

**Extravaganza 2023:** Nick Bethmann reported progress on the next Extravaganza hosted by the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches. Negotiations were down to two hotels with a timeline of June or July 2023.

**BSI Report:** Richard Poole reported things had run pretty smoothly at the World Conference, and much success could be reported on the Show, Tours, Speakers, the Scholarship Rare Plant Auction, and the overall Plant Sales.

**New Business:** Rotation of Officers & Meetings: Next meeting is scheduled for the Seminole Society on October 22nd, unless Central Florida wants to pick up their missed slot, which they are investigating for Leu Gardens.

### **Society News:**

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay: Member Ken Stokes gave a presentation on "Unusual Bromeliads", Ray Lemieux did a program on cleaning and dividing Hectias and Dyckias. Tom Wolfe spoke on "Growing Special Bromeliads." The annual Spring picnic was held indoors at the meeting room at the American Legion Hall, Tampa.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: The group did a tour at McCrory's Nurseries; Tom Wolfe gave a presentation, as did member Marty Folk, and Dave Johnston gave a presentation on "Hybridizing Neos". The club had successful plants sales at Leu Gardens and their annual Mothers' Day plant show and sale was a success, along with educational displays. Over 900 handouts were picked up.

Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches:

Bromeliad Society of South Florida: member Karl Green had done a presentation and the club had a workshop on Mounting and Displaying.

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: meetings had been held outside at the Garden Center, including a member-wide birthday party. Chip Jones gave a presentation on "Skotak Hybrids."

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: the group had garden tours of Ormand Beach, members Calandra Thurrott and Jack Dunlop gave other presentations

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Ken Stokes spoke on "Diverse Growth Habits of Bromeliads", Jason Mellica spoke on "Rise of the Tiger Neos", Steve Byram gave a talk on "Bromeliads 101." We had a successful Annual Auction in May, with many collector plants donated by the family of our late member Dick Dailey.

Gainesville Bromeliad Society: om and Carol Wolf did a program on "Beautiful Bromeliads " at the March meeting and Ken Stokes spoke on "Unusual Bromeliads" and Anthony Warfield from Tropiflora gave a presentation on Cryptanthus.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Member Terrance Hoffman gave a presentation on "Ray Coleman: A Passion for Hybridizing", Mike Michalski gave a program on "Hybridizing Bromeliads", Terri Bert gave a presentation on "Preparing Plants for Shows", Jason Mellica gave a demonstration on "Making a Bromeliad Tree". Other meetings were for making plans for the World Conference.

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society:

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tom Ramiccio called for a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Susan Sousa. Motion passed.

Submitted by Richard Poole