

MINUTES
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
January 10, 2015 Meeting
Miami, FL
(Approved at the FCBS Meeting April 11, 2015)

The meeting was called to order at the beautiful home and gardens of Sandy Roth, President of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida at 1:01pm by Council Chair, Ashley Graham. In attendance: Barbara Partagas (BSI Director, BSSF), Ronda Herndon (BSSF), Alan Herndon (BSI Journal Editor, BSSF), Sudi Hipsley (SBTPS), Rick Ryals (FECBS), Teresa Cooper (UFL), Susan Sousa (FWCBS), Jay Thurrott (BSI President, FECBS), Vicky Chirnside (CBS), Carolyn Schoneau (GBS), Ron Schoneau (GBS), David Johnson (SBS), Mike Michalski (BSSF), Patty Gonzalez (BSSF), Ben Klugh (BSCF), Frank Sussenberger (Treasurer - BSSF) and Kay Klugh (SBTPS).

None represented societies: Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Kay Klugh, then assumed the duties of Council Chair and completed the agenda.

Reports & Updates:

- Minutes of our October 11, 2014 meeting were accepted with unanimous consent. Motion made by Mike Michalski, Second by Ashley Graham.
- Treasurer Report presented by Sudi Hipsley was filed for audit.
- Webmaster Report, Michael Andreas was unable to attend this meeting but wishes to continue in this roll.
- Newsletter Report, Karen Andreas was unable to attend but had sent an email of resignation this past week.
- Weevil Research, Teresa Cooper presented a written report of her most recent findings and thanked the Council for its support of the trip she recently took to Belize. Teresa's focus was her investigation into why the weevil doesn't seem to attack the Central American *T. utriculata's* in the same ferocious manner. To that end she collected Tillandsia leaves for DNA analysis, plants for testing in UF facilities, as well as weevils. Her work continues with comparing weevil types, *T. utriculata* farming/re-introduction into areas compromised by the weevil, investigation by others on chemical treatments and a proposal for future expenses.
- Council Roster, Susan Sousa provided a handout to each society to compare and correct any changes to the State Roster. She should receive any changes no later than March 15th. These numbers will then be forward to Council Treasurer for dues billing. The roster will be published and mailed in April.
- BSI News, Jay Thurrott, reports that the international society has had some recent issues with their website but is currently online and available. By all accounts it appears the last World Bromeliad Conference held in Hawaii, September 2014 was a success, final financial reporting will be made at their next directors meeting, September 25, 2015 in Miami. Mr. Eric Gouda, was identified as the first recipient of the BSI Scholars Program at Selby Gardens. A report of Mr. Gouda's findings will be published in a future BSI Journal.
- BSI Archives, no report.

Old Business:

- Bank account signers, Ashley Graham reports that she is working with Karen Andreas to certify by signature of council minutes identifying Kay Klugh and Betsy McCrory as authorized signers on the council accounts. In the event that is not possible, the 01/10/2015 minutes will serve as the council's previously voted upon motion to add the above mentioned as authorized signers.
- Council treasurer, Sudi Hipsley was directed to open two online accounts with Ally Bank. One \$10,000.00 - 2 year certificate of deposit and one \$5,000.00 savings account. Motion made by Mike Michalski, second by David Johnson. Motion successfully passed with one dissent.
- Extravaganza 2015 – Barbara Partagas reports that the Bromeliad Society of South Florida has already placed on their website information regarding the host hotel for the September 26th event, entitled 'Bromeliads in the Magic City'. Room rates start at \$107 (plus taxes and fees) at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport and Convention Center. The registration form is forthcoming and looks to be in the area of \$75 per person. Discussions continue with noted author, Jose M. Manzaneres of Ecuador as a potential headline speaker.
- Non- Extravaganza 2016 Event, no report
- Standing Rules & Bylaws Review Committee, no report.
- Letter to non-affiliated bromeliad societies, Ashley Graham will forward any information she has to Kay Klugh.
- Extravaganza 2017 Host, the Caloosahatchee, Sarasota and Florida West Coast Bromeliad Societies will speak with their respective clubs to see if they can peak any interest.

New Business:

- Appointment of financial auditor for the 2014 records, Ben Klugh.
- Determination of the amount to the BSI Scholar's Program, \$1000. for the 2015 year. Motion made by Ashley Graham, second by Patty Gonzales. By unanimous decision.
- Newsletter Editor, accepting the resignation of Karen Andreas. Motion made by Susan Sousa, second by Ben Klugh. By unanimous decision. Chair, Kay Klugh will send an appropriate thank you to Karen for her many years of service and will contact Carol Wolfe as to her future involvement as co-editor. Each society is asked to search out potential co-editors or contributors to the council newsletter.
- Council Website, Michael Andreas asked in an email this past week that any club information/show dates be sent to him for posting on the website. Chair, Kay Klugh will speak with Michael to see how the council may further assist him.
- Society News/Updates, Seminole, Bromeliad Society of South Florida, Central Florida, Sarasota, Gainesville, Caloosahatchee, Florida East Coast and Florida West Coast reporting.

The next meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will occur on April 11, 2015 hosted by the Gainesville Bromeliad Society.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.

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