

Final
MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES
February 23, 2019

Opening:

Mike Michalski, Ex-Chair, opened the first meeting of the FCBS at 1:00 PM on February 23, 2019. Welcomed everyone and passed the program over to the new Chair, Mike Saunders. Mike Saunders expressed appreciation for the previous chair's service.

Mike also thanked the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (Tom & Carol Wolfe) for arranging a tasty lunch at an old Florida swamp homestead of David Crouch, 4115 Kristen Lane, Land O'Lakes, FL. Mike asked representatives and guests to sign the meeting attendance list. New 2019 FCBS officers are: Mike Saunders, Chair, Tom Wolfe, Vice-Chair, Sudi Hipsley, Treasurer. The Gainesville Bromeliad Society (Sandy Burnett) volunteered to serve as 2019 FCBS secretary and Sarasota Bromeliad Society (Marian Kennell) will serve in 2021.

FCBS Member Representatives Present:

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay: Tom & Carol Wolfe; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Betsy McCrory & Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez & Mike Michalski; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Nick Bethmann & Tom Ramiccio; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Jack Dunlop, Calandra Thurrott, ; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Ron Schoenau & Sandy Burnett; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Marian Kennell & Nancy Abramson; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Sudi Hipsley and Greg Kolojeski; Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society: Lynn Marino; Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Susan Sousa, Ashley Graham & Richard Poole; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside; Weevil Committee: Jay Thurrott.

Absent Member: Webmaster Mike Andreas

Guests: Steven Provost, BSI Archives; David Crouch, Kathy Dunlop, and Mark Kennell

Mike Saunders thanked BGTB (Tom & Carol Wolfe) for hosting lunch at David Crouch's home. He also expressed appreciation for the previous chair, Mike Michalski's service.

Officers Reports:

Minutes of February 23, 2019 meeting: Sandy Burnett, Secretary, submitted this report four weeks after the meeting and representatives had two weeks to respond.

Treasurer Report: Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

FCBS Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe will continue to be editor of the newsletter. She asks for photos to be sent in.

Weevil Committee: Teresa Cooper, PhD., has to reduce her involvement at this time. Karen Andreas is stepping down from the committee too. Jay Thurrott appointed chairman and asks for suggestions for other appointees.

BSI Archives: Steven Provost, Chair, stated that members can click on www.BSI.org and have access to the archives. Materials from Mulford Foster's collection are to be donated to UCF/BSI—stay tuned.

FCBS Roster: Susan Sousa: 3/26/19 is deadline to submit roster information. Please send your club events/sales info to the webmaster for publication on the website.

Bromeliad Judge Training School: Vicky Chirnside announced that it will be held in Ft Myers the middle of April, cost is \$25/session and there are 2 sessions, each lasting all day. Lunch will be provided. Please call her for more information.

Web Report for February 23, 2019 Meeting

The web site was renewed for another year at a cost of \$269.79. Please note that the amount shown in the treasurer's report is for two years of service. 2018's renewals were paid in January and 2019's in December

On January 1st a new chapter by Oscar Ribiero was posted in his ongoing series of the flora, fauna, architecture and people of Brazil. In Subchapter 12, Oscar visits the town of Mucugê in the mountains of the Chapada Diamantina. Here you will find photographs of *Sincoraea mucugense*, a striking bromeliad found nowhere else. With a nod to the history of this place, Oscar has included pictures of the Cemetery of Santa Isabel, whose dramatic and pristine white mausoleums invoke the architecture of churches.

Photos added to the Index were contributed by Lorenzo Ilija, Pisan Yongchatchaval, Greg Daus, Kosit Kaewkangwal and Rattharuj Nithiphuwapatsorn. New *Neoregelia* hybrids by Lisa Vinzant are ready for posting.

Updated rotation schedules for meetings and officers has been posted. Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches was added to the schedule.

Please check your Societies information on the Member Societies page to make sure it is correct. I am still waiting to hear from the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches so I can post their information.

Michael Andreas, Webmaster

Webmaster Report: Typed report submitted by Mike Andreas—see above. Mike Andreas is re-appointed to be Webmaster.

Old Business:

**World Bromeliad Conference 2020
The 70th Anniversary of the BSI
June 9-13, 2020**

Hyatt Regency Sarasota, \$149 hotel rate (no resort fees or parking fees)

Registration fee: \$295 (2019), \$335 (2020 until the conference), \$395 (at the conference)

<http://TheWBC2020.com>

Email: TheWBC2020@gmail.com

Co-Chairs:

Marian Kennell (president of the **Sarasota Bromeliad Society**)

Greg Kolojeski (BSI Director & president of the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society**)

The **World Bromeliad Conference 2020** will be held in Sarasota, Florida, USA from Tuesday, June 9, 2020 through Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. We will celebrate the **70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!** Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries (Michael's Bromeliads and Tropiflora), a visit to the renowned Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more.

2020 BSI WBC - Greg Kolojeski & Marian Kennell are the co-chairs for the next BSI World Conference to be held in Sarasota, June 2020. Dennis Cathcart will be in charge of arranging guest-speakers. Members present signed up to volunteer and more are welcome. More to come as plans firm up. See scanned report above.

Old Business continued:

Parliamentarian post: Mike Saunders informed us that Betsy McCrory will continue as Parliamentarian.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza Mike Saunders announced the dates for the Extravaganza, will be September 20-21 in Orlando. Tickets for the conference are \$100. The **Bromeliad Extravaganza** will include a Friday Night Dinner (BBQ buffet), Saturday Workshops (four speakers), a Saturday Night Banquet (Italian buffet) with a Rare Plant Auction, and last (but not least), the biggest Bromeliad sale of the year in Florida. Rooms are held at Marriott's SpringHill and TownePlace Suites, room rates of \$85 (plus taxes) per night include a complimentary breakfast buffet and free parking. Please use www.BromeliadX.com, a website dedicated to Extravaganza 2019, to make hotel reservations and know the schedule of activities, was created by Greg Kolojeski. Every FCBS bromeliad club will donate 5 items to the auction. It was all right with Susan Sousa to print a page in the FCBS roster about Extravaganza 2019 and to include information about the plant sale as well. The plant sale on Saturday 9/21 from 9am-4pm is FREE and open to the Public. Bromeliad growers and enthusiasts from all over Florida will bring a large selection of top-quality bromeliads for your purchasing pleasure. Those who register for the Conference will get first stab at acquiring some of these fantastic plants on Friday evening. Colorful information cards & hotel registration forms provided for each club to share with members.

See scanned card:



New Business:

Extravaganza dedicated website: Greg Kolojeski created website www.BromeliadX.com at a cost of \$19.85/1 year and would like to be reimbursed. He pointed out the advantages of having a dedicated domain name for the Extravaganza that would be easier for folks to find information for 2019 program as well as future ones. Yearly cost would be \$25 to maintain this site. Discussion ensued of the pros and cons. A motion was made to authorize this website for the next six years, seconded by Vicky Chirnside, majority approval. An additional motion was made, seconded to reimburse Greg Kolojeski, \$19.85.

Schedules: Jay Thurrott passed out new FCBS Officer and Meeting Rotation Schedules with new additions to the current list as created by Mike Andreas. Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches (BSPB) will host the October 26, 2019 meeting in lieu Bromeliad Society of Central Florida (BSCF), due to Extravaganza 2019. Then in February 22, 2022, BSCF will host the first meeting of the council instead of BSPB. A majority approval to accept this schedule of meetings (2018-2028).

Condolences to Ron Schoenau: sudden passing of Carolyn on February 5, 2019. She was an avid bromeliad enthusiast and a friend to all. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded & majority approval to donate \$250 to the Gainesville Bromeliad Society in her memory.

Society News: All reps reported on their society's latest activities and speakers.

Adjourn: Mike Saunders called for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded, majority approved.

Respectfully scribed, Sandy Burnett
2019 FCBS Secretary