

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Minutes February 27, 2016

This meeting was hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Tampa Bay at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club, Tampa, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Vicky Chirnside at 1:30pm. In Attendance: Tom Wolfe (BGTB), Carol Wolfe (FCBS Newsletter Editor), David Johnson (SBS), John O'Steen (SBS), Mike Michalski (BSSF), Patty Gonzalez (BSSF FCBS Secretary), Sudi Hipsley (SBTPS, FCBS Treasurer), Calandra Thurrott (FECBS), Jay Thurrott (FECBS, BSI President), Gregory Kolojeski (SBTPS), Joseph Ventimiglia (FWCBS), Susan Sousa (FWCBS), Betsy McCrory (BSCF), Lisa Robinette (BSCF), Michael Andreas (FCBS Webmaster), Karen Andreas (Weevil Committee), Mariela Cabezas (GBS Guest), Ramon Cabezas (GBS), Sandy Burnett (GBS Guest), Steven Provost (BSI Archives Committee), Teresa Cooper (UFL), Vicky Chirnside (CBS, FCBS Chairman). Nine Societies were represented.

Introduction of New Members: The council welcomed Ramon Cabezas, new Representative from Gainesville and his wife Mariela Cabezas was a guest.

Reports and Updates: Vicky Chirnside reported that a judge's symposium was held on January 30th 2016 at Dean Fairchild's home and Jay Thurrott became a new Master Judge. Karen Andreas requested that the minutes be modified to state that the Weevil Committee is a legal committee. Motion was made by Susan Sousa and seconded by Steve Provost and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sudi Hipsley presented the financial report as of 2-27-16. A new donation was made by FWC for the Weevil Fund in the amount of \$500.00.

Webmaster Report: Michael Andreas reported that photos are coming in. He reminded everyone to give him society news, show dates and meeting dates. He tries to keep this information current for each society. Michael suggested that we check the website and if we do not see our club information to send it to him or call him.

Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe thanked everyone for their support and asked that we send her photos or any interesting information. Everything should be sent by May 1st for the next newsletter. The newsletter editors in each club should forward the FCBS newsletter to all their members.

Weevil Research: Dr. Teresa Cooper reported that an air plant work shop was held in December at the Enchanted Forest with volunteers. Progress is being made at the Enchanted Forest and the fly colony is slowly growing. She recently visited the Fakahatchee State Preserve and sadly the devastation continues and estimates 80% of the air plants have disappeared. Teresa is currently working on potential funding and contributions are needed.

Weevil Committee: Karen Andreas is working on a summary of contributions made to the Weevil Fund from its inception. She noted that supporting the Weevil fund is a great reason for membership in FCBS.

BSI News: Jay Thurrott, BSI President reported that they have 2 new affiliates, The Chinese Bromeliad Society and South Africa. This is Jay's last year as BSI President.

BSI Archive: Steve Provost reported, the archives located at UCF are open to the public. They received information from Selby Gardens which has been cataloged. To access BSI Archives at UCF, do an Internet search for UCF Library, select homepage. At the top of the homepage, select books/catalog and in the search catalog box type BSI.

Old Business: Extravaganza 2017, Tom Wolfe reported that Tampa Bay is searching for a venue and the date will be sometime in the summer.

Standing Rules need to be revised. Weevil committee should be added to the rules.

Sudi Hipsley requested to revisit the speaker reimbursement. Wording in the articles is not clear as to how much can be given for this purpose. Karen Andreas and Betsy McCrory agreed to review this.

Susan Sousa requested that each Society submit any roster deletions, additions and corrections by 3-15-16.

New Business: Since Kay Klugh is no longer a Council Representative, a new person is needed to be a signer on the bank account in her place. Calandra Thurrott agreed to take on this duty. Steve Provost made a motion to approve Calandra Thurrott as the third bank signer and remove Kay Klugh. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion carried. Sudi needs to take a copy of the minutes for the bank to accept Calandra as a signer.

There was discussion regarding the cash registers and if the batteries work. Greg Kolojeski agreed to check them.

Society News: News and Previous speakers at Monthly meetings.

FWCBS: Terrie Bert Bromeliad Genera S-Z, Dave Johnson and Andy Siekkinen. The annual auction will be on May 3rd.

BSCF: Terrie Bert, last Genera series, Christmas Party at Dean Fairchild's and Craig Allen's beautiful home with their giant Christmas tree and a gift exchange. In January Tom Wolfe gave a picture show of the Orlandiana 2012 World Conference. In February John Hanson spoke about Giant Neoregelias. In March Dennis Cathcart presented Brazil parts 2 & 3. Looking forward to Lou Gardens sale the 12 & 13th of March and the Mother's Day Sale at Fashion Square Mall on May 6-8.

GBS: Holiday Party, Tom Wolfe, Jay Thurrott held a work shop.

SBS: They are moving their meetings from Selby to Sarasota Garden Club and will hold their meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. Speakers, Andy Siekkinen, John - Bromeliad Jeopardy Game, Christmas party and Terry Burke.

CBS: Dr. Larry gave a class in Arrangements, Chip Jones talked about Chester Hybrids, Christmas party was held at Michaels Bromeliads.

BGTB: The club won 3rd place for their display at the Florida State Fair. Speakers, Bruce Holton, Ken Stokes, Steve Byron.

FECBS: Terrie Bert, Christmas Party, Rose showed how to create a Cryptanthus wreath. Her technique is featured in the Cryptanthus Journal, Florida Council newsletter and the FECBS

newsletter. In February 35 members had a walk about in the Sugar Mills Gardens. The regular meeting time was taken by the residences center. Jay Thurrott was the tour guide pointing out the different bromeliads. Beginning of February FECBS members headed to the Garden fest in Vero Beach.

Dr. Terrie Bert, Calandra and Jay Thurrott were elected to the Judges Certification Committee at the Judges Symposium in Apopka for bromeliad judges. In attendance were Jay, Calandra, Eva K. and Rick Ryals.

SBTPS: Speakers Dennis Cathcart and John Hanson

BSSF: November: Pam Koides from California gave a slide show on Tillandsias, December Christmas Party at Fairchild Tropical Gardens. They had a plant gift exchange and Carl Green and Mike Michalski gave away plants to the members. January, Paul Isley from California gave a slide show on Tillandsias.

The next meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will be Saturday June 25th hosted by Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. Meeting adjourned at 3:35p.m. Prepared by Patricia Gonzalez, FCBS Secretary and Representative from BSSF.