

FLORIDA COUNCIL of BROMELIAD SOCIETIES INC. Newsletter

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CATCHING UP - STAYING EVEN

For those few of you who keep a complete file of the NEWSLETTER, no, you did not lose Issue 4 of 1996. There was no news of note, no headline stories, so I decided to save the money for the next issue. This one. I am beginning my 17th year as NEWSLETTER editor. Every year is the last. This year we shall see.

Nat, Rob and Don DeLeon and their bromeliad nursery are featured in the current issue of GREENHOUSE GROWER Magazine, with their pictures on the cover and a feature article inside. I never realized before how much the boys look like Nat. This issue I shall keep.

There were rumors that the West Pasco Bromeliad Society had disbanded, so I called Evelyn Hayes for verification. She confirmed that the vote to disband was passed this month. Evelyn has tried very hard to keep the group together, and has attended nearly all Council meetings. Many thanks, Evelyn.

HOSTS FOR FCBS MEETINGS: 1997:, Jan, Fla. East Coast; April, Broward; July, Seminole; October, West Pasco (?). 1998: Jan, Central Florida; April, Caloosahatchee; July, Tampa Bay; October, South Florida. 1999: Jan., Imperial Polk; April, Jacksonville; July, Sarasota; October, Florida West Coast.

We lost one and gained one. Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society became a member of FCBS at the January 1997 meeting. They represent an area of Florida which has long been neglected--too far north for easy attendance to Broward and too far South for Central Florida and Florida East Coast. Their area, Vero Beach and surrounding territory, should have prime growing conditions for bromeliads and it will be exciting to watch them grow and learn. Thank Cassandra Barrett for the organizational effort. Welcome TCBS.

HATS OFF TO THE WEEVIL WARRIORS

The weevil (*matamasius callizona*) was first noticed in Southwest Florida native *Tillandsia* populations in 1990, although it had probably been around for some time before being noticed. What appeared to be perfectly healthy plants suddenly disintegrated, the leaves fell to the ground and the plants were history. Reports across South Florida indicated that this was no isolated occurrence and the Florida Council lost no time planning curative measures.

We were lucky to attract the attention of the Entomology Department of the University of Florida and Dr. J. Howard Frank, because without Dr. Frank we would still be bumping around in the dark on weevil control research. He determined that the weevil in it's native habitat (Central America) was probably controlled there by a natural predator and that we should focus research so as to identify, incubate and release the predator into our Florida habitats.

The Council realized that this course of action would entail many thousands of dollars, and established a separate Weevil Fund. Bromeliad Societies and individuals throughout have contributed generously (see V XVI, #2) and are continuing to do so. Extravaganza Rare Plant Auction proceeds in 1996 went into the Weevil Fund. Just recently, there has been contributed \$2,000.00 by societies from World Conference profits.

Meanwhile, the weevil is chomping it's way North, and has now passed Sarasota. It was hoped the frost belt would halt it's progress, but our West Coast had killing frost during 1995-6 and the weevil has appeared there this year.

As Treasurer of FCBS, I report the following disbursement of funds to date for weevil research. Every dime was donated by the bromeliad lovers of Florida. We are now entering the most expensive phase of the control program and hope the same generous folks continue to support the effort.

WEEVIL FUND DISBURSEMENTS THRU 12/31/96

University of Florida (SHARE):

4/18/92	3,000.00
4/17/95	700.00
1/18/96	1,300.00
12/20/96	3,900.00
12/20/96	244.60
Total to SHARE	\$ 9,144.60

Escuela Agricola (Honduras) Graduate Student:

12/19/94	1,592.50
8/26/95	1,592.50
1/18/96	1,500.00
6/14/96	2,300.00
11/19/96	2,300.00
Total to Honduras	\$ 9,285.00

Other expense:

3/1/94 Shade Cloth	101.83
3/4/94 Ship Shade Cloth	10.20
7/20/94 Travel to Panama	2,776.00
1/18/96 Misc. Exp. Mexico	100.00
Total Other Expense	\$ 2,988.03

Total Expense to 12/31/96 \$21,417.63 21,417.63

Balance in Weevil Fund, 12/31/96 2,883.23

Total Weevil Donations thru 1996 \$ 24,300.86

Congratulations to the generous people of Florida,
most of whom have never seen a live weevil.

Elsewhere is reprinted a letter received from
Don Beadle regarding weevil damage at his nursery.

Reprinted also is the first article published in
the Newsletter, May 1990, which introduced the
weevil to our readers.

(Following are excerpts from Entomology Cir. No. 330, dated May, 1990, issued by Fla. Dept. Agric. & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. Lack of space in this FCBS Newsletter makes it impossible to print the entire text. A complete report will undoubtedly be carried in the BSI Journal).

THE SPECIES OF METAMASIVUS IN FLORIDA
(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

INTRODUCTION: The weevil genus Metamasivus Horn is composed of approximately 100 Neotropical species, one of which naturally occurs in South Florida. These medium-sized, often brightly colored weevils generally breed in palms, orchids, bananas and plantains, sugarcane, and bromeliads, including pineapples. Recently 2 exotic species with pest potential have become established in South Florida. Metamasivus callizona (Chevrolat) is here reported for the first time from the United States. This circular summarizes biological and distributional information about these 3 species and will facilitate their identification.

HISTORY: Metamasivus callizona (Chevrolat) was described from Mexico south through Guatemala and western Panama (Vaurie 1966). The first Florida specimen of this species was collected at a bromeliad nursery in Ft. Lauderdale on 11/15/89. The nursery was treated and no other specimens were found. Within two months, continued surveying produced specimens of M. callizona from scattered localities in central and northern Broward County and southern Palm Beach County and it appears to be established. Weevils have been collected from native bromeliads in both residential and natural areas.

IDENTIFICATION: Metamasivus callizona (11-16 mm long) is black except for a transverse band of yellow or orange just before the midpoint of the elytra.

BIOLOGY: Vaurie (1966) recorded Metamasivus callizona from bromeliads, pineapple plants, and "banana debris". In Florida, it has been collected from Tillandsia fasciculata Sw. and T. utriculata L. Adults, larvae and pupae often are present in the same plant. Larval damage is restricted mainly to the base of the plant, although sometimes it extends up the inflorescence.

At Easterlin County Park in Broward County a heavy infestation in February (1990) was marked by numerous seemingly healthy plants littering the ground. Closer inspection revealed extensive damage to the base of the plants, so that they had broken away from the tree branches. The life cycle seems to be fairly rapid, as pupae have been found in extensively mined but still green and apparently healthy plants. Obviously distressed plants rarely yield anything except empty pupal cases.

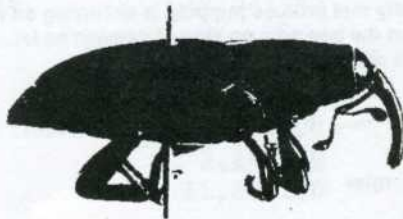
DISTRIBUTION: Metamasivus callizona: Broward: Ft. Lauderdale, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Parkland, and Wilton Manors. Palm Beach County: Boca Raton. Its distribution suggests that it was introduced and established long before the first specimen was discovered.

ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE: Metamasius callizona has already shown that it has pest potential in nurseries specializing in bromeliads, and could pose a threat to the native Tillandsia species in the state. Of special concern are the 2 threatened species of the genus in Florida, T. flexuosa Sw., which occurs within the current Florida range of M. callizona, and Till. pruinosa Sw. (Ward 1981).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: This report prepared by C. W. O'Brien Department of Entomology and Structural Pest Control, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Fl. 32307 and M. C. Thomas, Florida State Collection of Arthropods, P.O. Box 1269; Gainesville, Fl. 32602. Also, Division of Plant Industry inspectors Dennis Clinton, Susan Marsicano, Matthew Wittek, Debra Chalot, Donna Leone, Jack McCluskie and Keith Harris are to be thanked for their untiring efforts in tracking down populations of M. callizona.



M. callizona Chevrolat, dorsal view (length, 11-16 mm).



Metamasius callizona, lateral view

1/14/97

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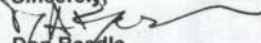
Dear Carol:

Mr. Al Muzzell has asked me to write to you regarding the weevil invasion to my place, so here are the facts, Mam, as I recall them.

Los Milagros is a Billbergia collection located some 12 miles south of Sarasota, Florida in southern Sarasota County. The Billbergias grow in open shade structures on five semi-wooded acres containing pines and oaks. One large live oak hosts a large population of native Tillandsias including *Tillandsia utriculata* and *Tillandsia fasciculata*. In August, 1996 I noticed a few large Tillandsias on the ground beneath the tree. Examination of the plants showed them to be eaten off completely just above their bases leaving the bases attached to the tree. The plants contained various larval, pupal and mature stages of the weevil *Metamasius callizona*. The insects were identified by Al Muzzell and Dr. Louis Wilson.

Destruction of the native Tillandsias has continued until only the small plants under 3" remain. No effort was made to treat the native plants in the tree. To date, January, 1997, I have found no evidence of the weevils presence in the nearby shade houses which are unsealed and open to insect entry. If I discover weevil-sign in the Billbergias, I will notify you and the Florida Council.

I have noted recently that profuse pupping is occurring on the Tillandsia bases remaining on the tree with no sign of damage so far. I shall continue this observation as well.

Sincerely,

Don Beadle
Los Milagros Billbergias
First Dirt Road
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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Consolidated 1996 Report at 12/31/96

Beginning Balance, General Fund	8,263.43
Deposits 1996	<u>1,482.00</u>

\$ 9,745.43

Expense:

Bulk Mail Permit	85.00	
Fla. Corporation Tax	61.25	
Chairman Expense	8.63	
1st Class Postage	128.00	
Newsletter: Print	1,419.53	
Mail	253.84	
BIC Donation	800.00	
Extravaganza Expense	78.75	
Labels	<u>24.00</u>	<u>2,859.00</u>

Balance, General Fund, 12/31	\$ 6,886.43
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WEEVIL FUND:

Beginning Balance	8,426.33
Deposits	<u>6,101.50</u>
Available	14,527.83

Expense:

Other	100.00
Escuela Agricola	6,100.00
SHARE UF	<u>5,444.60</u>
Spent	11,644.60

Weevil Fund Balance at 12/31/96	<u>2,883.23</u>
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BALANCE IN BANK AT 12/31/96	<u>\$ 9,769.66</u>
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Reconciled and certified correct:

Carol M. Johnson, Treasurer

OFFICERS AND FCBS REPS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997

- 01 Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Meets Broward Ag Ext. Bldg. 3rd Monday
President: Polly Pascal
Vice President: Bill Frazel
Secretary: Kevin Murphy
Treasurer: Charles Knox
Council Reps: Polly Pascal, Maureen Frazel
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- 02 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Meets Lee County Garden Center, 3rd Sunday
President: Marie Bessellieu
Vice President: Don Beadle
Secretary: Betty Ann Prevatt
Treasurer: William Davis
Council Reps: Larry Giroux (Chairman) &
Bobbie Hull
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- 03 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
Meets Leu Gardens, Orlando, 4th Monday 7 pm
President: Karen Andreas
Vice President: Geoffrey Johnson
Secretary: Betsy McCrory
Treasurer: Edw. Hall
Council Reps: Geoffrey Johnson, Karen Andreas
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- 04 Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
Meets Hope Presb. Church, Clearwater, 1st Thur
President: Marty Baxley
Vice President: Kathy Risley
Secretary: Fay O'Rourke
Treasurer: Michael Kiehl
Council Reps: Marty Baxley & John Bankhead
Gwen Carnegie, Alternate
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- 05 Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society
Meets Bartow Civic Center, 1st Sunday
President: Joy Meyer
Vice President: Jack Roland
Secretary & Treas.: Mary Jane Albright
Council Reps: Joy Meyer & Whit Merrin

06 Jacksonville/Gainesville Bromeliad Society
Meets Entomology Bldg. UF, 4th Sunday 2 pm
President: Joan Prange
Vice President: Al Muzzell
Sec'y-Treas: Ross Prange
Council Reps: Carolyn Schoenau, Al Muzzell

07 Sarasota Bromeliad Society
Meets Selby Gardens, 2nd. Monday, 7:30 pm
President: Bob LaRoe
Vice President: Dennis Cathcart
Secretary: Dorothy Overbeck
Treasurer: Edna Sieff
Council Reps: Don Beadle, Teresa Bert

08 Seminole Bromeliad Society
Meets Sanford Garden Club, 3rd Sunday, 2 pm
President: Bud Martin
Vice President: Brian Hacker
Secretary: Norma Sinfield
Treasurer: Edw. Hall
Council Reps: Geo. Aldrich, Bud Martin

09 Bromeliad Society of South Florida
Meets Fairchild Tropical Gdn. 1st Tues. 7:30
President: Connie Johnson
Vice President: Ed Prince
Secretary: Peniel Romanelli
Treasurer: Bob Mills
Council Reps: Nat DeLeon, Martha Kent

10 Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Meets Tampa Fed. GC 3rd Monday evening
President: Alice Burhenn
Vice President: Dave Johnston
Secretary: Merry Webber
Treasurer: Bryan Eubanks
Council Reps: Tom Wolfe, Alice Burhenn

- 13 Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
Meets Daytona Beach Gdn. Center, 2nd Sun. 1:30
President: Jay Thurrott
Vice President: Bud Martin
Secretary: Barbara Willey
Treasurer: Ted Nuse
Council Reps: Ted Nuse, Jay Thurrott
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- 15 Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society
Meets Heathcote Botanical Gardens 2nd Thurs.
7:30 pm. WELCOME THIS NEW SOCIETY TO FCBS.
President: Cassandra Barrett
Vice President: Eddie Egers
Secretary: Susan Wise
Treasurer: Jean Argentarie
Council Reps: Cassandra Barrett & TBA
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Addresses and telephone numbers for most of those listed are available in the State roster printed each August.

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Broward, William Fickeisen
Calossahatchee, Gene McKenzie/Larry Giroux
Central Florida, Betsy McCrory/John Boardman
Florida West Coast, James Boynton
Imperial Polk, Edith Howells/Jack Roland
Seminole, Carol Johnson (Postcard)
South Florida, Moyna Prince
Tampa Bay, Carol Wolfe
Florida East Coast, Ted Nuse

FLORIDA BSI DIRECTORS:

Peggy Bailey, Don Beadle, Hattie Lou Smith

Deadline for all material printed in this Newsletter is the first of each month following each regular meeting of the Florida Council, 2/1, 5/1, 8/1, 11/1.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS - VOLUME XVII

BY: Karen Andreas, Web Page Chairman

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies has its own home page on the World Wide Web of the Internet at <http://members.aol.com/mikefrommi/fcbs>.

This site is a resource for member societies of the Council provided at no charge. It was built & maintained by Michael & Karen Andreas, from a home page created for the World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando last summer.

Member societies can have meetings & guest speakers information about their society & even contacts for their society posted on this site. Email links can be set up so that visitors to the home page can email contacts for the societies directly. If you have an event to promote, such as a show or sale, you can do it on the home page of the Florida Council. Michael will be glad to work with all of you to create a special page promoting these events. He has a scanner and so can include any photos on the page.

Information on that page is accessible to anyone in the world (literally) who has a computer and a modem and access to the Internet. There are links on the FCBS page to other bromeliad sites & societies that have their pages posted, as well as links to many bromeliad pictures on the Web. To date there have been 261 visitors to the Council home page.

For information on your society meetings, upcoming events or any other relevant information posted, contact Michael and Karen Andreas; 617 Fifth St.; Merritt Island, Fla. 32953 (407) 453-0366. Michael's email address is mike@digital.net. If you send your newsletters on a regular basis, your meeting information will be automatically posted.

Let's get acquainted.

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

BY LAWS

Revised January 1997

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. herein referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II

Objective: The objective of the Council shall be to serve the bromeliad enthusiasts of Florida among the member societies, the subscribing members and the public at large by:

1. Furnishing in periodical form articles and lectures of interest to Florida bromeliad growers.
2. Sponsoring state-wide bromeliad conferences and/or shows.
3. Compiling and maintaining educational programs and materials for members & the public-at-large.
4. Other such measures as the Council may from time to time deem appropriate.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The membership of the Council shall fall into the following categories:

A. Active

Section 2. Active membership shall be limited to the representatives of Bromeliad Societies of Florida as specified in Article V.

Section 2-A. To be eligible for active membership, the applicant must be a member in good standing of a society having a minimum of ten (10) members, and must submit a copy of that societies' ByLaws to the Council for approval. Application for membership constitutes approval and acceptance of the Council's ByLaws by the applicant.

Section 2-B: Application for active membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Council. Admission to the Council will be granted by majority vote of a quorum at next regular meeting following application

Section 2-C. Dues for an active member shall consist of an initial contribution of \$50.00 and dues (annual) of \$10.00.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Dues shall be payable Dec. 1st for the following year, after written notice in September.

Section 2. Failure by active members to pay dues shall result in automatic suspension. A suspended active member may be reinstated by payment of all back dues & a majority vote of the active members.

ARTICLE V

Representation

Section 1. Each affiliate society shall be entitled to elect or appoint from its membership two (2) representatives to the Council. Representatives shall begin their terms at the first regular meeting of the year. In the event a representative is unable to attend a Council meeting, the affiliate may choose to send an alternate. Each representative or alternate shall have full voting rights.

Section 2. If there are compelling reasons for the removal of a representative from the Council, such removal shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the active members and a minimum of 10 days advance notice of the question in writing to all members.

Section 3. To hold the position of officer of the Council, a representative must have served on the Council as representative for at least six (6) months.

Section 4. All reps will be expected to maintain good attendance at meetings.

Section 5. All BSI Directors shall have a standing invitation to, and must be notified, of all meetings. Such Directors will not have voting rights.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Council shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer. Rotating

officers of the Council shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary. Elected permanent officer of the Council shall be the Treasurer. When the Treasurer is not an elected Jr. or Sr. rep from his society, this office shall be non-voting.

Section 2. Senior members shall assume office for one year at the opening of the first regular meeting of the calendar year on a rotating basis with the rotation to be established at the time of adoption of these ByLaws. In any given year the Senior member of the affiliate society that are first, second and third in the rotation shall hold respectively the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary. In the following year the affiliate society whose Senior active member held the Chair shall move to the bottom of the rotation and all affiliate societies shall move up one place in the rotation.

Section 3. Any new active member shall enter the rotation for officers at the bottom in the initial year of their membership and may not hold office as specified in Section 5 of this article.

Section 4. All outgoing officers shall deliver to their successors all records and materials relative to their office at the opening of the first regular meeting of the year.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy among the officers, the Senior member of the affiliate society at the lowest point of the rotation who meets the following qualifications shall fill the office for the remainder of the year. Such a replacement officer must have served the six months prior to the last rotation of officers as a Junior member. If no member meets this qualification the Council shall elect from among the members the individual best suited to the office in question. This contingency will not alter the normal rotation.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chairman shall preside at meetings, appoint committee chairmen as provided for in the ByLaws, act for the Council when not in session, carry on correspondence for the Council & perform other duties as may be directed by the Council.

Section 1-B. The Chairman shall appoint a chairman for the following committees & other such committees as the Council shall deem necessary:

- (1) Publications (Editor) (3) Program Chairman
- (2) Educational Committee (4) Show/Conference

Section 1-C: The Chairman shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 1-D. The Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall direct, when necessary, proper parliamentary procedure during meetings.

Section 1-E. The Chairman shall mail notification to all reps, officers & BSI directors of meeting date, time and location at least 21 days prior to the meeting date. The outgoing Chairman will arrange the January meeting for the incoming Chairman and pass the gavel at that meeting. The Chairman shall be reimbursed for any expenses accrued while arranging meetings.

Section 2-A. The Vice Chairman shall be show and conference co-ordinator with the responsibility for keeping Council rules and procedures relating to shows & conferences up to date, and for providing such data to host societies.

Section 2-B. The Vice Chairman shall be acting Chairman when the Chairman is not in attendance at meetings.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all minutes, books, papers and records of the Council, and shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all active members and their representatives.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Council; shall give and receive receipts for funds received and disbursed; shall deposit such funds in a recognized depository; & shall keep accurate accounts so that any member of the Council may, at any time, have full access thereto. Any expenditure in excess of \$50.00 must have prior approval of a majority of the active members.

ARTICLE VIII

Voting

Section 1-A. Each affiliate society shall have two votes on any question before the Council, such votes being cast by the Senior and Junior representatives

to the Council for each affiliate society.

Section 1-B. The Chairman or Acting Chairman shall cast an additional vote in the case of a deadlock.

Section 2. Representative of two thirds (2/3) of affiliate societies constitutes a quorum and, except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of a quorum may decide a question.

Section 3. Any informal vote, phone or mail, must be carried by a majority of the affiliate societies, and the Chairman must mail the details of any such informal vote to all Senior members immediately.

Section 4. The members of the Council shall be empowered by the affiliate societies to conduct any & all business of the Council and shall have complete control over the affairs and funds of the Council by this authority.

Section 5. There shall be no proxy or absentee votes cast at a regularly assembled meeting of the Council. Only members in attendance may cast a vote

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1. Regular meeting of the Council shall be held on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October. Deviations from regularly scheduled meeting dates will be permissible if approved by a majority of representatives from member societies and the host society at least 30 days prior to the date of the regular meeting.

Section 2. The Chairman may call special or emergency meetings when deemed necessary.

Section 3. Meetings will be hosted on a rotating basis by member societies. Rotation will follow a regular progression set by the Council. Host societies must make every effort to hold meetings on the dates scheduled in Section 1. Any deviation must be negotiated and approved by the Council at the meeting just prior to the altered date.

ARTICLE X

Shows

Section 1. The Council shall sponsor an annual statewide Bromeliad Conference &/or Show to be

hosted by affiliate societies on a rotating basis.
Section 1-A. The Council shall establish rules and procedures governing management of shows & conferences. These rules and procedures, when established shall be an addendum to the ByLaws and shall be subject to the same voting procedures as other questions. ****SEE REVISED ADDENDUM.****

Section 2. There shall be a general plant sale at each annual show.

Section 2-A. The Council shall establish rules and procedures governing the management of the plant sale. All members of affiliate societies may take part in the plant sales and shall abide by these rules. ****SEE REVISED ADDENDUM****

ARTICLE XI

The rules of parliamentary practice set out in Robert's Rules of Order (newest revised edition) shall govern the proceedings of the Council subject to any special rules the Council may adopt.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1. Any proposal to amend these ByLaws shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the next regular meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed by the Chairman to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered. An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) (as specified in Art. VIII, Sec. 1-A) shall be required for adoption of any amendment.

Section 2. In the event of an emergency requiring amendment of these ByLaws, with the recommendation of the Parliamentarian & a unanimous vote of the members, these ByLaws may be amended. This procedure waives notice as required in Section 1.

ARTICLE XIII - SUNSET CLAUSE

In the event the active membership of the Council should ever decrease to three, this Council shall be dissolved at once. Any funds in the treasury will then be donated to the Mulford B. Foster Bromeliad Identification Center, to be used for bromeliad research.

ADDENDUM TO BY LAWS OF FLORIDA COUNCIL OF
BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

ARTICLE X

SHOWS

Section 1-A. Rules and procedures governing the management of FCBS bromeliad shows, conferences, plant sales and plant auctions.

Section 1-A-1 General.

A. Dates and locations for all FCBS sponsored events shall be set by the Council two (2) years in advance and no member society shall stage an event two (2) years in succession. Exceptions shall require a suspension of this addendum.

B. Actual operation of all shows and sales shall be subject to rules set up by the host society, with the following exceptions:

1. All judging of plants in a standard show shall be in accordance with the "Handbook for Judges & Exhibitors" published by the Bromeliad Society, Inc.
2. Plant sale rules shall apply to all Florida Bromeliad Societies and their individual members equally.

Section 1-A-2. Financing

A. Judged Shows: Awards--the Council shall either purchase or reimburse the host society for all top awards and other ribbons for a FCBS sponsored judged state show. The winner of the SWEEPSTAKES AWARD in such shows shall be awarded a plaque by the Council properly engraved with the place and date of show.

B. Annual Extravaganza. All rules set forth in Section 1-A-1 of this addendum shall apply to the Extravaganza with the following special provisions:

1. All profits from the sale of plants, except the rare plant auction, shall go to the host society.
2. Printing, envelopes and postage expense for the annual Extravaganza invitational letter shall be borne by the Florida Council.
3. Banquet, housing and travel expense shall be the responsibility of the individuals attending the Extravaganza.

3. Rare Plant Auction:

- a. Each member society of FCBS shall contribute a minimum of five (5) rare (or semi-rare) plants for the auction. Physical arrangements for assembling and staging the plants prior to the auction will be the responsibility of the host society.
- b. All proceeds from the Rare Plant Auction shall be made payable to and collected by FCBS. The Council Chairman and Treasurer shall be in charge of all finances of the auction and the host society shall co-ordinate with them in advance.
- c. FCBS will keep detailed records of the auction.

FCBS held it's first 1997 meeting at the home of Peggy & Ted Nuse in Ormond Beach (Fla. East Coast) on Saturday, January 11, 1997, at which time the gavel was passed to the new Chairman, Larry Giroux of Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. The following actions were taken:

1. Final reading of revised ByLaws, which shall be published.
2. Appointed Karen Andreas as Web Page Chairman.
3. Discussed progress on Weevil program. Editor was instructed to publish list of expense to date.
4. Approved expenditure by Editor for filing & storage equipment (also Treasurer).
5. 1997 Extravaganza will be in Fall either in Broward or Dade County.
6. As directed by the ByLaws, in addition to the Chairman (Caloosahatchee), Joy Meyer of Imperial Polk will be Vice Chairman, Martha Kent of South Florida will be Secretary. Treasurer's post is permanent.

SHOW PAGE

3/13-16/97 Florida East Coast Bromeliad Soc.
Everybody's Flower Show. Plant Sales
& Exhibition; Daytona Beach Oceanfront
Center. This is a massive consolidated
annual plant show.

4/19-20/97 Seminole Bromeliad Society
Exhibition & Plant Sale, Garden Club
of Sanford. This is not a judged show.

4/19-20/97 Sarasota Bromeliad Society
Standard Judged Show & Plant Sale
Selby Gardens, Sarasota.

4/25-27/97 Bromeliad Society of Broward
County, standard judged show & plant
sale, at Plantation Civic Center;
5555 Palm Tree Rd.; Plantation.
Judging 25th. Maureen Frazel, Show
Chairman.

5/9-11/97 Bromeliad Society of Central
Florida annual Judged Show & Plant
Sale; Florida Mall, Orlando. This
is Mother's Day Weekend. Mall hours
apply. Judging Saturday A.M.

5/17-18/97 Bromeliad Society of South
Florida annual Judged Show & Plant
Sale. Fairchild Tropical Garden,
Miami. Judging Friday, 5/16.

8/16/97 Seminole Bromeliad Society one
day Bromeliad Fantasy. Plant sales,
seminars and exhibitions. At Volusia
County Ag Center.

I have been asked many times to supply the
name of a good source of driftwood for mount-
ing bromeliads. Please, if you know of a
good source, let your editor know. Thanks.