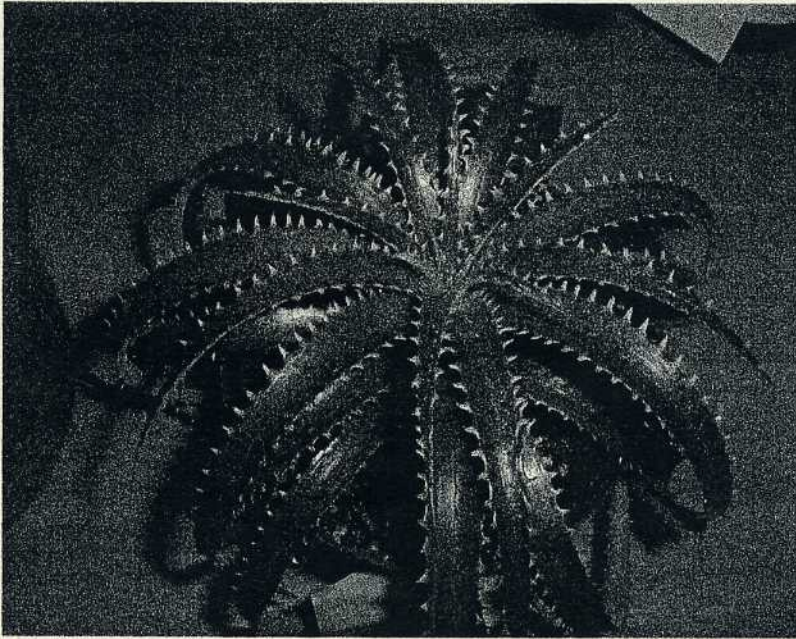


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**Florida Council
of
Bromeliad Societies
Draft Minutes
October 11, 2003**

Societies Present: Ted & Peggy Nuse (FEC, Treasurer); Jay & Calandra Thurott (FEC); Mark Havlik (Boca Raton); Mike & Karen Andrea (BSCF); Roland & Jean Schnabel (FWCBS); Karl Green (BSSF); Al Muzzell (Gainesville); Ed & Nancy Hall (SBS); Polly Pascal; & Maureen Frazel (BSBC); Vickie Chirnside (Caloosahatchee).

Others Present: Dr Howard Frank (the weevil project)

Societies Not Represented: Treasure Coast, Tampa Guild and Sarasota.

Call to order: Chairman Roland Schnabel called the meeting to order at 1:30PM at the home of Joel Meisner. The meeting was hosted by the Boca Raton Society. Each representative intro-

duced him or herself.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 12, 2003 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Nuse distributed the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the combined accounts total \$22,406.16 with \$5,678.86 in the general fund. Roland reported Terri Bert (past Chairperson) had just received notice that the Florida Corporation fees had not been paid and were past due. Roland asked her to forward the information to Ted Nuse for payment. Ted made a motion to have the state send the bill directly to him. The motion was seconded by Al Muzzell and passed.

Karen Andreas passed out a report on the Web Site. As of October 10, 2003 over 171,950 people have visited fcbs.org. She encouraged newsletter editors to freely use any material on the Web Site but be sure to acknowledge the source.

Inez Dolatowski was absent and thus the newsletter editor made no report.

Per Dr. Howard Frank, Dr. Barbra Larson will be phasing out of the weevil research because of a new job. Howard distributed a 2-page report. He mentioned that the Fort Pierce field office under Dr. Ron Cave is expected to be operational by mid 2004. Much of the weevil research will be transferred there.

Karen Andreas reported that only one membership survey had been received back. Polly Pascal made a motion to put the survey in the next newsletter. Al Muzzell seconded the motion that was passed.

Karl Green reported that the Miccosukee Resort sold the rooms out from under the SFBS. After some discussion on an alternate date in January 2003, Karl made a motion that was seconded by Ed Hall to cancel the 2003 Extravaganza. The motion carried. It was mentioned that the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

would host the fall 2004 Extravaganza and the Sarasota Bromeliad Society would host the 2005 event.

Karen Andreas handed out a packet of information on the FCBS. She requested feedback.

Roland Schnabel noted the 2004 incoming FCBS officers will be as follows:

Chairman-Gainesville Bromeliad Society
Vice-Chairman-Seminole Bromeliad Society
Secretary-Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society.

The Chairman begins serving at the end of the January 2004 meeting. Ed Hall, the present Secretary mentioned he expected the new secretary to assume the job at the start of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Respectively submitted,

Ed Hall, Secretary

**Florida Council
of
Bromeliad Societies Web
Report
October 11, 2003
<http://fcbs.org>**

As of October 10, there have been more than 171,950 visitors to fcbs.org.

Newsletters from Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society and Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society were posted for the months of July, August, September and October.

The meeting and officer rotations for the Council are now posted online, under About FCBS.

Pictures from several shows and sales were put online: Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Bromeliad Society of Broward County and Bromeliad Society of South Florida. In addition, pictures were contributed by: David Shiigi; M. Patterson; Michael Andreas; Lynn Fieber; Michael

Schmale; Peter Tristam; K. Woods; Derek Butcher; Oscar Ribeiro; and Vic Przewocki

Derek Butcher contributed an article for "Uncle Derek says: on Tillandsia hybrids with *T. albertiana* as one of the parents

An international source was added to the Bromeliad Resources section of the Links page. Bromeliad Resources, Bromeliario Imperialis, the bromeliad nursery of Oscar Ribeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was added. Oscar Ribeiro is also a frequent contributor of pictures for the Photo Index.

The website was mentioned as a resource in an article in the gardening section of Florida Today newspaper in Brevard County, September 6. There was a sidebar to the main article on bromeliads about the Mexican bromeliad weevil.

Karen is writing a series of short articles about the con-

tent of the Council website. These articles are being written for the newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Member societies may use them (with credit) and/or they can be included in the Council's newsletter. A copy of the first article is included with this report. Karen can send them via email if your newsletter editors are interested.

As always, articles, photographs and announcements for the web site are welcome. Pictures can be emailed to the webmaster who also can scan photographs and slides. All materials sent via snail mail will be returned to the sender.

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Weevil Report October, 2003

Biological control/weevil research:

The renewal of the weevil grant by the Florida Park Service has funded the hiring of a new post-doctoral researcher, who has begun his work in Honduras. Alonso Suazo-Calix, a graduate of El Zamorano, received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida, Department of Entomology and Nematology, and most recently worked at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Australia. He has experience rearing several insect species. Alonso will be developing rearing methods for the fly in Honduras, building up a colony there instead of having small amounts of flies shipped to Florida.

Nolberto Arismendi, the project's assistant at El Zamorano, Honduras, had continued to maintain

