

FEBRUARY 2020 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Dr. Raiza Costillo spoke about Yucatan Bromeliads of the Mexican Landscape. Her talk covered the 7 genera and 32 species, 6 of which are endemic to the Yucatan. The genera were: Aechmea, Bromelia, Catopsis, Hechtia, Tillandsia (containing the largest number of species), Vresia, and Wittmackia. The geographic distribution of these plants was from hot, humid conditions to dry, desert-like conditions. Some of the plants are edible and some are medicinal for treating wounds.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sandy called the business meeting to order at 3:15. The January Minutes were approved. The Treasurer reported \$5,045.53 in the treasury.

She also discussed the World Bromeliad Conference (June 10-13) schedule of events. She showed a series of slides of the last meeting and is sending this to members. GBS will do a small (\$60) ad for the conference and also needs to provide a raffle item for the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

Elaine will be sending the membership changes to the State in March so everyone is encouraged to update their contact information

NEW BUSINESS

July speaker will be Joshua Goodman.

Sandy will continue the GBS website.

Show and Tell – Ron brought a tillandsia/Vresia hybrid and Nancy Mason showed off 2 Vresia – one yellow and one red.

A head count indicated 31 and the meeting concluded at 4.00 pm.