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MINUTES OF BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF APRIL 22, 2018

The group met at Gail Cook's house for a tour of her delightful garden. Gail's garden was established many years ago and plants were displayed in very creative ways incorporating wooden features that her husband built.

The business meeting took place inside the house and was called to order around 2:45.

DUES - Mary asked for a discussion of the annual dues. Current dues are \$15 single/\$20 dual and they would be raised to \$20 single/\$25 dual. Additional money is needed to bring in speakers each month. After discussion, a motion to raise the dues as stated above was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. New rate will take effect with the 2019 membership year.

MAY MEETING – Mary is still trying to get Ryan from the Butterfly Rain Forest to be our speaker for May. He has not responded yet but if he can't come, Tootie has someone who could speak. It was discussed that if Ryan came, members should look through their inventories at home and bring some plants in to sell to other members as a way to raise funds. If an outside speaker comes, members should not try to sell plants.

The possibility of a JUNE meeting was discussed and would be contingent on getting space at Oak Hammock. Tom Wolf will be the speaker for JULY and he will talk about native bromeliads and bring plants for sale.

ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT – Mary raised the issue of the need for a new president. There were no volunteers so a nominating committee will be formed to provide a selection for the society to vote on.

TREASURER REPORT – There was no treasurer's report. .

OTHER ACTIVITIES -Tootie found two people on Craigslist with bromeliads to sell. One lives in St. Petersburg and had plants for \$5 each and the other was located in West Bradenton and had Aechmea blanchetiana for \$20 each. If interested, contact Tootie at tootie2t@yahoo.com

FUND RAISING – Tim Martin, Tootie, and Mary will soon get together to discuss fundraising activities for the group.

A head count at the meeting indicated 17 people in attendance with 2 guests. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50.