

MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF JUNE 23, 2019

Jay Thurrott from Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society gave an excellent slide presentation of a trip to the San Francisco Bay area to see the bromeliads grown in both botanical gardens and private gardens. Many species that grow there do not grow in Florida and vice versa. And those that grow in both places look different depending on location.

Chris Waldman announced the silent auction.

Ron Schoenau did a show and tell of *Tillandsia venusta* which has fragrant white flowers. It was originally found in Ecuador but has recently been considered native to Costa Rica.

Steve Provost reported on the Florida Council of Bromeliads that took place on June 22. He indicated that Dr. Howard Frank gave an update on the weevil problem and the new controls that could be employed which would consist of bringing in plants from Central America that are resistant and hybridizing them with local plants.

Chris then called the meeting to order – There was a minor correction to the May minutes as they were mailed. The minutes should have read, “For the June meeting, Ray Lemieux from Tropiflora will speak – there is no title yet. (Correction – the speaker for June will be Jay Thurrott from Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society).”

Chris announced the Extravaganza on September 20 and 21. Access the website by going to www.BromeliadX.com. Also, there will be a world Conference in Sarasota in June 2020.

SPEAKERS: July – Dr. Zee Ahmed, Curator of Aleyrodidae and Coccoidea of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will speak on Scale of Bromeliads

August – Dave Johnston

September – Ray Lemieux

October - Tom Wolfe

November – no speaker – Christmas party

December – no meeting

The treasurer reported that as of June 23 the balance in the account was \$4,851.44. The tree dedication for Carolyn was held last Tuesday – there was a small turnout.