

## JUNE 25, 2023 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Millhopper Branch of the Alachua County Library.

Dennis Cathcart from Tropiflora talked about “A Naturalist Visits Cuba” covering his travels. Cuba has many palms and orchids and 63 known bromeliads. Dennis showed many slides of bromeliads and other plants in addition to lizards, frogs, and snakes. The climate of Cuba is similar to Florida..

The business meeting began at 3:15 with approval of the May minutes by a show of hands. The Treasurer’s report indicated \$1,201.54 in checking and \$2,631.62 in savings.

The upcoming Florida Council Extravaganza to be held on July 28-29 in West Palm Beach. Registration is \$ 150.00 and all information about the conference is available on line at fcbs.org.

Sandy Burnett said that the Council met on June 24<sup>th</sup> and discussed the weevil fund. The fund currently has \$13,000 for research on weevils destructive to bromeliads and was named for the late Dr. Howard Frank of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society who was a well-recognized entomologist.

Bob Stevens brought up the bromeliad garden at Wilmot Gardens. The plants need work and they are looking for volunteers. Bob suggested we get a group to go on July 23 at 9 am. Initially, a survey needs to be done as to what is there, its condition, and how to maintain. The plants that are there were originally donated by GBS.

Steve Provost announced next month’s speaker as Mart Baxley who will talk about Netherlands and the Corn. Bak B.V. Nursery.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 with a head count of 44.