

MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUGUST 25, 2019

Dave Johnston from Bromeliads Galore talked about "New Species and New Hybrids." He brought over 100 slides of a variety of bromeliads that are not "classic" species from Aechmea, Fillbergia, Hohenbergia, and more genera from Mexico, Panama, Brazil, Ecuador, and even Suriname.

Sandy Burnett called the business meeting to order at 3:05 and the July minutes were accepted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,852.29 in the treasury. Then Sandy thanked Tim and Mary for running the silent auction.

Sandy announced the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza which will take place in Orlando this September 20-21 with optional garden tours on September 22. Saturday is the day for shopping. Registration is \$100 and the Marriott is offering rooms for \$85/night.

The World Bromeliad meeting in 2020 will be held in Sarasota. Information will be available on our website at www.gainesvillebromeliad.org

Tootie Richey brought a large bromeliad in bloom for show and tell.

Ron Schoenau attended the Daytona Club meeting and said that they have attendees buy tickets for a raffle for available plants. The purchaser puts a ticket in a plant he/she is interested in and if more than one person is interested in that plant, there is a drawing. The question is, "Do we want to do this?" "Should it be in place of a silent auction?" There was discussion on the matter.

On September 22 Ray Lemieux from Tropiflora will be the speaker.

Sandy introduced some members to the group.

A head count indicated 36 people in attendance (although 40 signed in) and the meeting concluded at 3:30 pm