

MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Sandy introduced Ray Lemieux from Tropiflora who talked about Puya, Orthophytum, Neoregelia and several other uncommon genera. He explained "dirty perlite" as useful for Dyckia and Cryptanthus who like it dry. There were groans from the membership as he apparently brutalized pups and roots of plants during his demonstration but indicated that this was perfectly fine. He indicated that he uses Osmocote as fertilizer and he left flyers for Tropiflora's October 25, 26, and 27 show. (The October 27 show conflicts with GBS next meeting.)

Sandy Burnett called the business meeting to order at 3:30 and the August minutes were accepted. She reviewed the "plant-raffle" used by the FL East Coast Bromeliad Society from last month and indicated that email responses she received were negative. Therefore the topic was dropped. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,778.83 in the treasury.

Sandy reported on the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza which showcased artists, floral arrangements, and research. The host from Sarasota said that Selby is expanding and will have a restaurant and 5-story parking garage which will free up more land for plants.

The World Conference next year will have a trip to Selby as an attraction. Information about the World Conference will be available on our website at www.gainesvillebromeliad.org

Elections will be held soon – Sandy asked people to volunteer for a nominating committee. She also indicated that anyone who would like to run for office should contact her directly.

Dues will be payable in January and are unchanged from this year - \$20/single, \$25/dual. Ron Schoenau announced that he will provide a free plant to all membership renewals at the November meeting.

Sandy showed a pup she bought ^{at} ~~at Selby~~ of Aechmea alopecurus and a potholder that hooks to a pole.

A head count indicated 25 and the meeting concluded at 3:50 pm