

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Entomology Building on UF campus.

Dave Johnston from Pinellas Park presented a talk on “Bad AS xBigenerics” which is the crossbreeding of two bromeliads that are not of the same genus. Products of this type of cross breeding have their own special notation, such as: “xBillmea” indicates a cross between an Aechmea and a Billbergia. Crosses can also occur between “xGenera” and another, such as “xAechbergiopsis” is a cross between Aechmea and xHohenbergiopsis. Currently, many bigeneric cross attempts have resulted in a single successful result. Some of the crosses exhibit characteristics of both parents and some exhibit characteristics of only one.

BUSINESS MEETING began with approval of the August minutes which were mailed to members last week. Mary White gave the Treasurer’s report indicating we have \$863.28 in checking and \$3,134.31 in savings. She then announced that we had visitors: Mary Lou Marron, Mary Schindler, and Becky O’Brien. Actually 4 more people signed in as visitors: Joann Winn, Peter Harrell, Doug Phillips, and Deb Gaw.

Elaine Young asked that members donating plants for the raffle each month to please identify their plants for the benefit of those who take them home. It used to be common practice, but has fallen off recently.

Tootie Richie, who heads the nomination committee announced that a slate of nominees was complete. Bob Stevens is running for President; Steve Provost for Vice President, Sandy Burnett for Treasurer, and Elaine Young for Secretary. Members can submit other names and voting will take place at next month’s meeting.

Steve Provost announced that next month’s speaker would be Terri Bert. Terri will bring a hands-on program (instead of slides). This will be on October 23 and she will be the last speaker of the year. November’s meeting will be for our holiday party and in December, we don’t meet. Steve is working on next year’s speaker list and at least one meeting will take place at a member’s house – for February this will be Elaine Young’s. Steve also announced that the bylaws that were approved at the August meeting are now on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 with 28 people present.