

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

QUARTERLY MEETING April 13, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

Affiliate Representatives Present: (BSTB) H.T. Sisco , (BSBC) Sara Donayre and Jose Donayre, (BSCF) Ben Klugh, (BSSF) Patty Gonzalez and Mike Michalski, (CBS) Vicky Chirnside, (FECBS) Calandra Thurrott , (FWCBS) Ashley Graham and Susan Sousa, (GBS) Chris George, (SBS) David Johnson, (SBTPS) Sudi Hipsley and Kay Klugh.

Affiliate Representatives Absent: (BSTB) Tom Wolfe , who was represented by Beverly Sisco, (BSCF) Lisa Robinette and (FECBS) Rick Ryals, who was represented by Jay Thurrott

Other Officials Present: Jay Thurrott (BSI), Ron Cave (Weevil Project), Karen Andreas (Newsletter Chair), Michael Andreas (Webmaster).

Guests: Joe Libertucci and Tom Rancin, Bromeliad Society of Palm Beach

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Graham, FCBS Chairman, at 1:00 p.m. at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, FL. The meeting was hosted by the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society, with the assistance of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

Members and guests introduced themselves

Minutes: The Minutes from the last FCBS meeting, dated January 24, 2013, were accepted as presented.

Financial Report: Sudi Hipsley gave the financial report noting that FCBS treasury had a balance in checking and money market as of April 13, 2013, of \$19563.29 (which includes \$2189.30 in the Weevil Fund). The report was received for audit.

Webmaster: Michael Andreas reported he is still adding pictures submitted by Don Beadle, as well as others photos being sent to him. He is in the process of

putting past issues (2005-2012) of the newsletter on the website. He will also be posting issues of the Grande, which was the newsletter in 1978 and 1979.

Newsletter: Karen Andreas stated that the May issue of the newsletter will contain a Nursery Listing of bromeliad sources. Information regarding the sources will indicate if they are State inspected, their hours of operation, etc. She also stated that corrections from members to the State Roster should be corrected with the member's society. The society will then forward the change to Karen for correction in the newsletter.

Weevil Research: Professor Ron Cave gave the Weevil Report. He indicated that 2012 was a bad year with the fly colony being lost. New flies have been collected and the colony is back. Additionally, molecular studies are taking place to determine why the Florida utriculata is being destroyed by the weevil and the Central American ones are not. Funds are tight with funding of \$25,000/yr. needed for one technician. Money can be transferred to the weevil account as needed.

The Weevil Committee consisted of Al Muzzell, Ed Hall and Jay Thurrott. Jay is the only one now. He will continue. FCBS members should let Ashley know if they are interested in helping.

Clone Preservation Project: Jay Thurrott indicated that there is no report.

Judges School: Vicky Chirnside indicated that there is no report.

Other: Dr. Jeff Block, whose garden many of the FCBS Representatives visited, came by the meeting and briefly spoke regarding his involvement with BSI and his ideas regarding World Conferences.

Review of Standing Rule 4 and Article XII of the Bylaws: Ashley Graham reported she contacted Selby Gardens regarding the Mulford B Foster Identification Center. It is now Mulford B Foster Bromeliad Research Center. Selby Gardens no longer wants money for bromeliad identification. Jay Thurrott reports that Bruce Holtz will continue to help identify bromeliads free of charge. BSI Scholar's Program supports bromeliad research at Selby Gardens and is funded by Selby and BSI.

After discussion regarding the status of the Bromeliad Identification Center, Sudi Hipsley made a motion to table the review of Standing Rule 4 at this time pending more information. David Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. After discussion of the sunset clause regarding distribution of funds in the event FCBS no longer existed, Mike Michalski recommended deferring further discussion to a later date. Sudi Hipsley seconded. The motion carried.

Extravaganza 2013: Susan Sousa reported there are currently 14 vendors for the event, as well as member sellers. There is a \$50 vendor application fee. The speakers are: Charlie Birdsong, Dennis Cathcart and Don Beadle. The theme is: Bromeliads on the Rocks. Each Society is asked to provide 5 plants for the rare plant auction. There is also a need for raffle donations. There will be a Meet & Greet on September 20. A website is being set up for the extravaganza. It is www.floridabromeliads.org. On September 21, from 9 am to 4 pm, there will be plant sales, seminars and a banquet. The cost of the banquet is \$65. There will also be a plant auction.

Extravaganza 2014: Representatives from both the Gainesville and Seminole societies report there is no interest in sponsoring the 2014 Extravaganza. Discussion indicated the event can be for one day only with an easy meal, such as barbeque. If money is the issue, FCBS can loan money to the societies. FCBS makes money from the auctions. Reps are urged to go back to societies to encourage support for the Extravaganza.

Newsletter Reports Regarding Email vs. Paper Copy Preferences: Reps reported that approximately 80% of society members prefer email over paper for newsletters. At the next meeting, we will consider the feasibility of using email, considering the revenue and managing of addresses and roster. It costs more to print a small amount than a large number of newsletters.

World Conference Report: Sudi Hipsley reported for Carolyn Schoenau that there is \$5434.63 remaining in the account. Susan Sousa moved to accept this as final payment to FCBS. H.T. Sisco seconded and the motion carried. Jay Thurrott indicated the net profit for the Conference was \$22851.90, with FCBS receiving \$5434.63.

Other: The gift card approved for Ron and Carolyn Shoenau has been purchased and will go out shortly.

Rick Ryals has completed audit of the finances, but he has not yet provided a report.

Club News: Affiliate Representatives reported society news, speakers and show plans. See FCBS newsletter for details.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be July 13, 2013, and will be hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kay Klugh, Secretary (draft dated June 27, 2013)