

Draft Minutes of the June 24, 2017 Meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jay Thurrott. Jay thanked the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society for hosting the meeting and the excellent lunch. We had 3 guests. The representatives introduced themselves and which society or committee that are representing.

Reports

Minutes were accepted. Motion by Rick Ryals, seconded by Carolyn Schoenau, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Weevil Fund receives all donations through PayPal unless noted. It was suggested that an additional line under Comments be added for donations for other areas of the council. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Webmaster Report-New pictures from Thailand; Don Beadle's pictures and catalogs; Extravaganza has a new page.

Newsletter-August 15 next newsletter; Carol Wolfe appreciated all the pictures and articles that have been submitted; Need list of speakers by December. Deadline for the upcoming newsletter is July 15.

Weevil-Dr Teresa Cooper is in New Mexico-Jan-Apr conservation program for raising bromeliads to put into cages. Fungal problem had a taken care of; 19% weevil death.

FCBS Roster-Extra rosters were given out to the reps to give to their societies to give to their members.

Old Business

Extravaganza-Tom Wolfe reported that ads need to be in by July 15; reminded 5 plants or bromeliad related products for rare plant auction per society; postcard sent out to Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (free plant w/card); Carol Wolfe doing great job on publicity; there will be tote bags w/goodies; newsletter editors please put info in society newsletters; post to your facebook page; be sure to ask the host hotel for the west wing upgrade when make reservations. This is the Florida Council 40th Anniversary. There was a motion to have a banner made up stating the 40th Anniversary of the Florida Council not to exceed \$300, Motion by Rick Ryals; seconded by Steve Provost; motion carried. Friday night will be the celebration where history of the council will be given by Rick Ryals and Jay Thurrott.

Dues Structure-Steve Provost, Sudi Hipsley and Rick Ryals is on the committee and reported the following:
1-49 members-\$50; 50-74 members-\$75; 75+ members \$100

Vickie Chirnside made a motion to table the dues issue until next meeting; seconded by Mike Michalski, motion carried.

Standing Rules & Bylaws-All comments to Ashley by July 31, 2017. Some additions were submitted for review. Be prepared to vote next meeting.

Non-Affiliated Florida Bromeliad Societies-Tom Wolfe made a motion to invite non-affiliated societies an introduction price of \$100 per society good until December 31, 2018 to join the FCBS; seconded by Greg Kolajeski, motion carried.

BSI News-117 registered for conference; journal is in the mail; 66 fund-\$64,362.95

FCBS Historian-Use the UCF staff that is already set up for the BSI

New Business

Minutes-Draft minutes are on the website until approved at the next meeting. Ashley Graham made a motion that the minutes need to be to the representatives within 2 weeks after the meeting, the representative then has 2 weeks to review the minutes and send the secretary any corrections or additions and the minutes will then go to the newsletter editor to put into the newsletter and to the webmaster for the website; seconded by Linda Sheetz; motion carried.

Officer Rotation-will stay the same

BSI Judges School-Another judge's school is in the works. They need 15 students; \$25 per class; 5 classes eight hours each. Please talk this up at your society meetings since we need judges.

Society News followed.

Next meeting will be October 28, 2017 hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy McCrory, BSCF
Secretary