

Minutes of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
October 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by chairman, Jay Thurrott. Jay thanked the Bromeliad Society of South Florida for hosting the meeting and the great lunch. A sign in sheet was sent around for everyone to sign.

Secretary Betsy McCrory had extra copies of the minutes for everyone to look at. There were no corrections to the minutes but the approval of the minutes will be at the February 24, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

No webmaster report.

Deadline for the next newsletter will be January 15, 2018. Next newsletter will be out in February 2018.

Since Teresa Cooper did not attend the meeting, her report will be sent to the representatives.

Tom Wolfe gave a recap of the 2017 Extravaganza.

Sudi Hipsley made a motion that the dues for an affiliated Florida Bromeliad Society shall be \$100 annually beginning in 2018. Ashley Graham seconded, motion carried.

Regarding discontinuing the printing of a state roster the reps are to go back to their society and get feedback from the membership.

Standing rules & by-laws-Ashley will incorporate the new additions from the meeting and the final draft will be voted on at the February 2018 meeting.

BSI news-Rick Ryals is now the Vice-President of the BSI; 66 Fund made their goal; Bruce Holst will chair the new Harry Luther Research & Conservation committee. This is an educational opportunity to give out scholarships to college students; there are 2 newsletter editors one for scientific & one for culture and other news.

BSI Media Chair contacted Jay Thurrott and he would like to use some of the pictures from the Florida Council Website for programs to be used by affiliated societies. Vickie made a motion that we are to contact the webmaster, Michael Andreas, before any decision can be made regarding pictures. Seconded by Mike Saunders, motion carried.

Ashley Graham made a motion to accept the application of the Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society to join the council, seconded by Tom Wolfe, motion carried.

There is a judge's school forming. Please discuss with your membership and hopefully we can get enough commitments to begin the school.

Request for a change in the timeline for speakers that the societies want the council to help pay for will be changed to a minimum of 1 week prior to a regular meeting of the council to submit your request. Rick Ryals will change the form and Ashley will change in the by-laws & standing rules.

Society news and speaker information from the rep's followed.

Thank you again Mike and Patty for hosted the meeting and the excellent lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy McCrory
Secretary