

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 12, 2014

Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida at the home of Ben and Kay Klugh, 111 East Greentree Lane, Lake Mary, Florida 32746.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Chariman, Ashley Graham, at 1:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call/Appointment of Parliamentarian for 2014-Betsy McCrory was appointed as Parliamentarian for 2014 by Chairman, Ashley Graham.
2. Introduction of Guests and New Members-Members and Guests Introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Chairman
3. Reports and Updates---

Secretary---Minutes of January 11, 2014-The minutes were discussed and accepted with minor revisions, minutes will be posted to the FCBS Website.

Treasurer---Financial Status---Sudi Hipsley-A financial report was given and filed for audit.

Webmaster---FCBS Website--Michael Andreas- Michael Andreas gave a report, new pictures of the Lisa Vanzant Collection are being uploaded to the site.

FCBS Newsletter---Karen Andreas- Karen Andreas gave a report, the February Newsletter, the first in the new digital format was well received. Karen Andreas was thanked for all her hard work.

Weevil Research---University of Florida-Theresa Cooper gave a report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Discussion ensued about funding for a trip to Belize, Susan Sousa moved to approve the funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 which was seconded by Tom Wolfe. The council voted unanimously to approve the request for funding in the amount of \$2,000.00.

4. Old Business---

Report of Auditor-Rick Ryals audited the books and records in accordance with the bylaws and as always, Sudi's books and records are in order.

Maintenance of FCBS Roster-Susan Sousa was appointed by the Chairman to Maintain the FCBS Roster.

Extravaganza Committee Report—Rick Ryals reported on the progress made at the January meeting, discussion of interim year event for 2014 ensued. Discussion tabled.

Extravaganza 2014—Caloosahatchee cannot host interim event, Rick Ryals reported on the progress made at the January meeting, discussion of interim year event for 2014 ensued. Discussion tabled

Extravaganza 2015—Bromeliad Society of South Florida- Michael Michalski gave a report, the BSSF is in the early planning stages of Extravaganza 2015, more details to be announced.

FCBS Recognition Program Committee Report—Discussion ensued and a decision was made that the FCBS will not create a Recognition program at this time because individuals are more appropriately recognized on the local club level.

Newsletter Editorial Board—Concerns of Current Editor—Karen Andreas-Discussion ensued about the appointment of an editorial board, some members supported a board of multiple people whereas the current editor preferred the appointment of only one co-editor, a vote took place to determine the number of persons on the editorial board, by majority vote the Council decided to appoint on a co-editor rather than multiple persons.

Appointment of Initial Members of Newsletter Editorial Board— The Chairman appointed Carol Wolfe, of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay to serve as co-editor.

Appointment of Standing Rules and Bylaws Review Committee—The Chairman will review and propose revisions to the Standing Rules and Bylaws. The Chairman asked everyone to review the Standing Rules and Bylaws and advise the Chairman as to any changes that they are aware of that were not memorialized.

Appointment of Weevil Committee—The Chairman appointed volunteers, Karen Andreas and Ben Klugh, to join Jay Thorrott on the Weevil Committee.

Bank Signature Card-Discussion ensued, Sudi to research with the bank, discussion tabled.

Other Old Business

5. New Business---

Resignation of Broward County Bromeliad Society-Discussion ensued, we hope that Broward decides to rejoin in the future, we need to revise the rotation schedule and create a rule that would retroactively apply the prior rotation schedule if a society resigns and rejoins within a short period of time.

Proposed Change to Meeting Frequency to Two Meetings Per Year—Sudi Hipsley

Proposed Change to Dues Structure—Rick Ryals presented various options, discussion ensued, discussion tabled.

Creation of Informational Materials for New Members, Officers-Completed by the Chairman and distributed to all via email, no changes were necessary. FCBS will give a printed copy of these materials to each new member.

Societies News—A report was given by each member society.

Previous Speakers at monthly meetings— A report was given by each member society.

Show Dates for all Societies—

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale, August 16-17, 2014. The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd), 9:00 - 4:00, in air-conditioned building. Huge selection of bromeliads in many genera, orchids, aroids, gingers, other tropical plants, gift baskets, hand crafted slat baskets in several sizes. Members will be available to answer your questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the council will be hosted by the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society at a location to be determined. Lunch is at noon with the meeting immediately following lunch at 1:00 p.m.