

# FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

## QUARTERLY MEETING July 9, 2011

### Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman Tom Wolfe at 1:02PM **The meeting was held at the Ft Myers Garden Council Building.** The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society hosted the meeting. The Chairman asked all members present to roll call, with all ten Societies being present at the roll call. Members are listed below.

Tom Wolfe, David A. Johnson, Calandra and Jay Thurrott, Janet and John Bankhead, Betsy McCrory, Sudi Hipsley, Jose and Sara Donayre, Lisa Robinette, Patty Gonzales, Mike Michalski, Vicky Chirnside, Carolyn and Ron Schoenau, Ron Cave, H.T. Sisco, Steve Provost, Betty Ann Prevatt, and Larry Giroux

### REPORTS

Corrections made to the March 2011 minutes, corrections will be submitted to Chairman for approval, Minutes will be accepted at the next meeting

**Treasurer Report:** Sudi Hipsley Treasurer

Report filed for audit with no corrections

**Webmaster Report:** Submitted by Michael Andreas

Read by Betsy McCrory: Information concerning the 2012 Bromeliad World Conference will be posted on the Florida Council website with a link to the BSI.

**News Letter Report:** Submitted by Karen Andreas

Read by Betsy McCrory: State Roster corrections and additions must be submitted by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. Show dates and quarterly speakers roster and reports are due.

**Weevil Report:** Presented by Dr. Ron Cave

Weevil research: The previously devastated fly colony is on the rebound. The weevil colony is thriving. The weevil can withstand any temperatures that the host plant can survive in. Death of the plant means death of the weevil. There seems to be a difference between South American bred *Utriculata* plants and US bred plants. The South American plants are resistant to the weevil and the US plants are not. This discovery will be examined. There is no evidence of weevil infestation in Miami-Dade County. The State budget for continued research has been approved.

**BSI Report:** Jay Thurrott President : Skype session for out of country members at last meeting was a success. A committee was formed to assist the new Journal editor in publishing in a timely fashion. Change in bylaws needed to allow contributions to organizations other than Selby Gardens. A volunteer is needed to manage the seed fund. BSI Journals older than five years are now available on the website. Current 5 years of Journals are for BSI members only.

**Judges Report:** Vicky Chirnside reports Copies of the judges manual will be submitted to judges free once it has been printed. No printing date has been set. Judges school takes three years to complete.

OLD BUSINESS

**Florida East Coast Extravaganza Report** Larry Giroux, Jay and Calandra Thurrott

There will be three seminars by three different speakers. Cryptanthus show will have set up from 10AM-1PM when judging will begin. Judges are needed. Plant sales will be all day on Saturday including Cryptanthus.

**Extravaganza report for 2013** John Bankhead for FWCBS Several sites have been identified, however after receiving sale room requirements from Betsy McCrory one site has to be abandoned. The search continues for venues having 4500 to 5000 sq. ft. for vendor area.

**2012 World Conference report** report by Betsy McCrory Contract is signed with the Caribe Royale. The Caribe Royale will host the next Florida Council meeting on October 8th. Name has been decided, and logo is completed. A conference poster may be made to advertise the event and also to sell at the event. Six speakers have been lined up. Societies will get one copy of registration to be copied for members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

BIC Donations Tom Wolfe: Should BIC donations from Societies be held in an account at BSI earmarked for Bromeliad Research Center?

A short period of discussion followed, and a vote was taken on the question as presented. Show of hands vote passed. YES

The Florida Council will donate \$400.00 to the BSI holding account annually.

Indian River Bromeliad Society: No application or bylaws received by the Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

Motion Betsy McCrory

2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Shoenau