

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Minutes October 22, 2016

The meeting was hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida at High Tide Harry's Seafood Restaurant in Orlando. The meeting was called to order by Vicky Chirnside FCBS Chairman at 1:20 P.M.

In Attendance: Vicky Chirnside and Cate Peterson (CBS), Ashley Graham and Susan Sousa (FWCBS), Lisa Robinette, Betsy McCrory and guest Marilyn Houser (BSCF), Tom Wolfe and Carol Wolfe (BGTB), David Johnson (SBS), Sandy Burnett (GBS), Sudi Hipsley and Gregory Kolojeski (SBTPS), Calandra Thurrott and Jay Thurrott (FECBS), Rick Ryals (BSI & FECBS), Michael Michalski and Patty Gonzalez (BSSF), Teresa Cooper (SFBCP), Michael Andreas (Webmaster), Karen Andreas (Weevil Committee). Nine societies were represented.

Reports and Updates

Secretary: The minutes from the meeting on June 25th were accepted.

Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley presented the financial report. The report was accepted.

Webmaster: Michael Andreas reported that all the pictures that have been sent to him were put on the website. He received donations from Oscar Ribeiro. It was also discussed setting up a Pay Pal account for donations to FCBS. This was suggested by Teresa Cooper for ease in accepting donations for the weevil fund. Ashley Graham moved to set up the account, second by Susan Sousa, motion carried.

Newsletter Editor: Carol Wolfe received applause for doing a great job on the newsletter. She thanks everyone for their contribution and reminds us that she needs pictures and articles from the members.

Weevil Research: Teresa Cooper reported that with the help of volunteers they prepared for the Hurricane. It turned out to be a good practice run with no damage. Teresa is no longer with the University of Florida and she is starting her own company.

Weevil Committee: Karen Andreas, Vicky Chirnside, Teresa Cooper, Sudi Hipsley, Tom Wolfe and Jay Thurrott met prior to the meeting and discussed donations. Also, the committee approved Teresa having a cage built for \$1,115. As stated in the Webmaster's report, a Pay Pal account will be set up and donors can designate the purpose of the donation such as Weevil fund or other.

Susan Sousa requests name of contact person in each society that can supply her with the information for the state roster. She plans to send roster info by 3-30-17, to be published by 4-15-17.

BSI Journal: Carol Wolfe advised that BSI needs material for the journal; send pictures of gardens to Marty Folk at email address: martyfolk@embarqmail.com

Old Business

Extravaganza: Tom Wolfe reported that there has been a change of Venue and the new Hotel is the Clarion Hotel located at 2701 E. Fowler Ave, Tampa, Florida. The nightly rate is \$75 with breakfast included. Flyers were given to the reps. Discussed use of square for sales, Council has a chip reader and more than one society also has one.

By Laws: Ashley Graham will be completing the final draft of the By Laws.

New Business

Zika: Richard Hunter gave a good Program at one of the society meetings. Teresa is also available to speak about Zika and mosquito control. In Miami, the media has exaggerated the mosquito and Zika stories. Karen suggests that we invite the media to our meetings for better information.

Greg Kolojeski suggested and volunteered to create a Web name regarding mosquitos which will point to the FCBS existing Web page. \$15 a year for the domain name. Ashley Graham proposed that we move forward with the new domain name and the motion passed.

Society News

CBS: July- workshop Lee County mosquito control. In August, they had a workshop with Jeff Joffe Fakahatchee Strand, program Andy Siekkinen on his Brazil trip. In September - Terrie Bert 48 Genera in 45 minutes. October- Steve Hoppin growing quality Crypts. October 1st there was a trip to Selby Gardens and the Fall Festival at Tropiflora. Bromeliad Sale coming December 3rd.

SBTPS: July- Terrie Bert "Bromeliad ABC's" August- Fall plant sale- record sales with 56% credit card. Sales tax part of the price and short lines. September-Dave Johnston "This and That Lessons Learned from 30 Years of Growing Plants". October- Bill Haynes & Gloria Johnson – long time members "Welcome to my Garden". Workshop- "How to Keep Track of Everything in Your Garden". Butch 2015 Pres. – Best meeting he ever attended. Attendance is up. New website: <http://bromeliads.club>

BSSF: July- Terrie Bert 48 Genera in 45 minutes, August- Andy Siekkinen on his Brazil Trip September- Peter Kouchalakos presentation on Steve Correale's Tillandsias. October- Yearly auction.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm. The next meeting will be February 25th, 2017, hosted by Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society. Prepared by Patty Gonzalez, FCBS Secretary