

## MINUTES October 24, 2015 Final

### Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

October 24, 2015 Sorrento, FL

The meeting was called to order at the home of Butch and Quyles Force, 31109 Payne Rd in Sorrento, Florida, 32776. Lunch provided by Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society. The meeting was called to order 1:00 by Interim Council Chair, Vicky Chirnside (CBS). In attendance: Tom Wolfe (BGTB), Betsy McCrory (BSCF), Karen Andreas (BSCF, Weevil Chair), Michael Andreas (BSCF, FCBS Webmaster), Barbara Partagas (BSSF, BSI Director), Vicky Chirnside (CBS, Interim Chair), Rick Ryals (FECBS, BSI Director), Calandra Thurrott (FECBS, FCBS Secretary), Ashley Graham (FWCBS), Susan Sousa (FWCBS), Carolyn Schoenau (GBS), Ron Schoenau (GBS), John O'Steen (SBS), Sudi Hipsley (SBTPS, FCBS Treasurer), Butch Force (SBTPS), Gregory Kolojeski (SBTPS), Dr. Teresa Cooper (UFL), Jay Thurrott (BSI President, FECBS)

Nine societies represented.

#### Reports & Updates:

– Minutes of July 11, 2015 were accepted with unanimous consent. Motion made by Rick Ryals, Seconded by Ashley Graham.

– Treasurer Report, Sudi Hipsley, presented the financial report as of October 24<sup>th</sup> and income and expenses 07/12/2015—10/14/2015.

#### **The FCBS membership dues are due by May 31, 2016.**

– Webmaster Report, Michael Andreas. Michael reports that the Website is in production again. It is almost up-to-date. A local school has started to use the Website as a learning resource. New Oscar Ribeiro photos and articles will be available January 2016. Don Beadle has given catalogs, documents, etc. for use on the FCBS Website.

– Newsletter Report, Tom Wolfe, representing Carol Wolfe, newsletter editor. Asks that any article for the next newsletter publication be submitted by the end of October.

– Weevil Research, University of Florida, Dr. Teresa Cooper reports that she is funded until June 2016. The immediate goal is to get the Mexican bromeliad weevil population up for research in the spring 2016 in the Enchanted Forest, Titusville. The effort will be to research insecticide control of the weevil. The first phase of research will be to find methods and create spreadsheets by November for use to conserve *T. utriculata*.

– Weevil Report, It was noted that reference could not be found in past minutes where the Weevil Committee was officially created by the Council and a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously resolving this matter. Vicky Chirnside as acting Council Chair appointed Karen Andreas as Weevil Committee Chair with Jay Thurrott and Tom Wolfe to act as committee members. It was also noted that this committee should be a standing committee since it carries over from year to year. This will require a revision to the Bylaws and will be addressed in their current review.

A motion was made by Ashley Graham to allocate the total funds (\$5,030.33) as the Weevil Committee approves. Rick Ryals seconded and the motion carried.

– BSI News, Jay Thurrott, Jay reported that at the recent Bromeliad International Society meeting held recently at the 2015 Extravaganza in Miami an audit of BSI finances was made. Eric Gouda has taken over the BSI Website as webmaster and reports that the site is being hacked repeatedly. The BromEvo (a scientific conference) is interested in taking part in the 2020 World Bromeliad Conference. The affiliates chair reported 49 affiliates with a possible addition of the Australasian group bringing the total to 50. Members who have been with the organization for 50 years or more could be honored in some way.

#### **Old Business:**

– Extravaganza 2015, Barbara Partagas reported an income of about \$17,000 with a net for the Bromeliad Society of South Florida of \$72 up to this point. FCBS Rare plant auction sales were the second highest at over \$5,000 of any recorded. Barbara presents a report created by a BSSF committee formed to critique the event as help for other societies for future Extravaganzas. Some points to explore: more centralized location, give FCBS societies tasks independently, explore ways to boost plant sales, and encourage FCBS officers to register for the event.

Rick Ryals, Rare Plant Auction Coordinator, reported that there were 118 plants and spoke of pros and cons of the proceeding, among them, the need for more members appointed to take specific jobs and use more of the plants (items) at silent auction in an effort to end the auction earlier saving the auctioneer from a lengthy session. Carolyn Schoenau, as Auction Chair, was commended for organizing the event. Motion was made by Ashley Graham for FCBS to pay the total of Invoice #1 itemizing expenses incurred by BSSF on behalf of FCBS for a total of \$2,105.57. John O'Steen seconded the motion which carried. A motion by Rick Ryals to table discussion of Invoice #2 (\$520.13) which itemized the total of signage paid for by BSSF for the Extravaganza. Susan Sousa seconded it and the motion carried.

– Non- Extravaganza 2016 Event, Rick Ryals reports that after several contacts with Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach as a potential venue for an off year FCBS bromeliad event there are no further responses. He will contact the Palm Beach Hilton Hotel as a possibility. Discussion was made of speaker fees for the off year. He provided a handout outlining the establishment of a FCBS-Special Events Committee.

– Standing Rules & Bylaws Review Committee, Ashley Graham addressed changes that she collected from past meeting minutes that she incorporated in a set of updated bylaws. She presents them to the Council for review and encourages the group to read them and contact her with any concerns 60 days prior to the February 27, 2016 meeting. Ashley volunteers to mail copies to the FCBS representatives.

– Extravaganza 2017, Tom Wolfe for BGTB will form a committee to get a venue for the event.

– Other Old Business, none reported.

#### **New Business:**

–Creation of New Schedule for Meeting Rotation and Officers was distributed

– Society News/Updates, Previous Speakers at Monthly Meetings.

**BSCF**—Speakers Charlie Birdsong, Greg Spak, Nick Bethmann—bi-generics.

**FECBS**—Bromeliad Bingo led by Rick Ryals, Extravaganza 2015 PowerPoint, Jay Thurrott and Rick Ryals, Mounting competition.

**GBS**—33 members (a new high), officers have *volunteered* for the coming year. Presentations on mounting, cold-hardy landscaping, and Tillandsias by Bradshaw. Member sales. Ron Schoenau brought a flat of plants for the FCBS meeting.

**SBTPS**—Speaker Greg Spak and member sales.

**SBS**—Dykia presentation, members' auction take at \$700. The show and sale was canceled due to timing of Halloween.

**BSSF**—Thirty-three members of BSSF participated in the Extravaganza. Speakers for the club included Robert Meyer—Tour of Bromeliad Websites and Jay Thurrott—World Bromeliad Conference in Hawaii and upcoming in Houston 2016. The club held their annual rare plant auction.

**CBS**—Presentation on mounting and presentation from Dr. Terry Bert.

—Other New Business, none reported.

The next meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will be Saturday, **February 27, 2016** hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

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