

APPROVED FEBRUARY 23, 2019

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES October 27, 2018

Opening:

Mike Michalski, Chairman, opened the third meeting of the FCBS at 1:11 PM on October 27, 2018 at the home of Greg Kolojeski, 660 Saranac Drive, Winter Springs, Florida 32708. Mike asked representatives and guests to sign the meeting attendance list.

FCBS Member Representatives Present:

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay: Tom and Carol Wolfe; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Marilyn Howser and Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez and Mike Michalski; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Nick Bethmann and Tom Ramiccio; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Jack Dunlop and Jay Thurrott; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Ron and Carolyn Schoenau; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Mark and Marian Kennell; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Society: Sudi Hipsley and Greg Kolojeski; Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society: Lynn Marino

Absent Members: Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicki Chirnside & Pete Diamond;

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Susan Sousa

Guests: Barbara Partagas, BSI Secretary; Steven Provost, BSI Archives; Kathy Dunlop from FECBS; Other guests were present but did not sign the attendance list.

Officers Reports:

Minutes of June 23, 2018 meeting: Tom Wolfe, Secretary submitted his report within two weeks after the meeting and representatives had two weeks to respond. Minutes were resubmitted to the reps after two weeks. The Secretary called for a vote in two weeks and the minutes were approved by majority vote as submitted.

Treasurer Report: Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Webmaster Report: Report emailed to Chairman.

FCBS Newsletter Report: Chairman did not call for the report.

Weevil Committee: No report. Not Present. Teresa Cooper, PhD., unable to attend due to family illness.

BSI Archives: Steven Provost, Chair, stated that members can click on BSI.org and have access to the archives. BSI will spend \$2500 to start digitizing of historical information.

Old Business:

BSI: Jay Thurrott stated that the next BSI Board meeting will be at the next FCBS Extravaganza to be held in Orlando.

2020 BSI WBC - Greg Kolojeski said that the next BSI World Conference will be announced at the first of the new year and they were working on having it in Sarasota, Florida near Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

2019 Extravaganza to be hosted by Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Mike Saunders offered two dates in the fall for the Extravaganza, September 20-22 or September 27-29 and asked for a show of hands to see which date was the most desirable. They hope to sign a contract soon with Springhill Suites, a Marriott Hotel property, near Disney Springs, with room rates of \$85 per night including a breakfast.

Zika Update: Greg Kolojeski reported that according to a 2017 article in Science magazine, Zika has all but disappeared in the Americas. Also, the CDC has reported that there were no Zika virus disease cases acquired through presumed local mosquito-borne transmission or through sexual transmission in any U.S. state in 2018 with the only cases being from travelers returning from an affected area.

New Business:

FCBS Minutes: Mike Saunders made a motion regarding minutes of the FCBS meeting: After draft minutes are emailed to all the reps and a vote is taken, if there are any negative votes the minutes do not pass and a discussion will be instigated at the next meeting of the FCBS and minutes will be re-voted on by the reps present.

Motion seconded and passed.

Schedules: Jay Thurrott passed out new FCBS Officer and Meeting Rotation Schedules with new additions to the current list. After discussion, Jay stated that he will make new rotation schedules for officers and meeting hosts.

Society News: All reps reported on their society's latest activities and speakers.

Adjourn: Mike Michalski called for a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by Tom Wolfe
2018 FCBS Secretary