

**FCBS February 2021**  
**MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES**  
**February 27, 2021**

**Opening:**

Tom Wolfe, outgoing chairman, called the first meeting of the year to order at 1:01 PM on February 27, 2021 at the home of David Crouch, 4115 Kristen Lane, Land O Lakes, FL 33639. Tom then introduced the new officers for 2021: Chairman Tom Ramiccio and Secretary Nick Bethmann from the Palm Beaches society. The new chairman then took over the meeting.

**FCBS Member Representatives Present:**

*Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay:* Tom and Carol Wolfe; *Bromeliad Society of Central Florida:* Betsy McCrory and Mike Saunders; *Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches:* Nick Bethmann and Tom Ramiccio; *Bromeliad Society of South Florida:* Patty Gonzalez and Mike Michalski; *Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society:* Vicky Chirnside; *Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society:* Jack Dunlop and Calandra Thurrott; *Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society:* Richard Poole, Susan Sousa; *Gainesville Bromeliad Society:* Steve Provost and Sandy Burnett; *Sarasota Bromeliad Society:* Jason Mellica; *Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Society:* Sudi Hipsley and Greg Kolojeski.  
Guests: Larry Sousa

**Officers Reports:**

Minutes of February 2020 meeting: Tom Wolfe made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Vicky Chirnside, the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit. Mike Saunders and Betsy McCrory volunteered to help with the audit.

**Committee Reports:**

Webmaster Report: Report submitted by email.

FCBS Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe gave the report.

Weevil Committee: Tom Wolfe gave report. Suggest we modify Standing Rule 11 at next meeting as Dr. Teresa Cooper is no longer involved in weevil research (see FCBS newsletter). Tom Wolfe volunteered to be liaison with Selby. Nick Bethmann was appointed by Tom Ramiccio to the Weevil committee.

FCBS Roster: Report by Susan Sousa. Asked to make the 2021 roster dedicated to Jay Thurrott, approved by the chairman.

FCBS Parliamentarian: Tom Ramiccio appointed Mike Saunders as new parliamentarian.

Judges School: Report from Vicky Chirnside.

BSI Archives: Report from Steven Provost. Richard Poole reported on BSI library.

**Old Business:**

BSI News: Report from Greg Kolojeski, likely to move BSI World Conference to 2022.

**New Business:**

Rotation of Officers & Meetings: Tom Wolfe proposed we submit an update for 2022 to Michael Andreas given the departure of one club and the skipping of another. Nick Bethmann suggested we amend the by-laws (ARTICLE VI, Section E) in the future to not have the club at the lowest point in the rotation replace any club that can't provide officers.

Donation from FCBS In Honor of Jay Thurrott: Motion to donate \$250 from Tom Wolfe, seconded by Nick Bethmann, motion amended to \$500, motion carried. Motion to split the \$500 equally between scholarship fund and weevil fund from Betsy McCrory, seconded by Jack Dunlop, motion carried.

Greg's Cash Register Proposal: The cash registers are already purchased by FCBS and in custody of Greg Kolojeski.

Next Extravaganza: Motion to cancel 2022 Extravaganza by Mike Saunders, seconded by Richard Poole, motion carried.

By-law changes: Tom Wolfe proposed an amendment to the by-laws. Change Article IX, Paragraph C, second sentence from: "The Chairman shall email notification to all Representatives, Officers, Committee Members, and BSI Officers, Directors, Trustees, Chairpersons from Florida, and Committee Members from Florida, of any meeting at least ten (10)

calendar days prior to the meeting.” to: “The Chairman shall email notification to all FCBS representatives, officers and committee members, also BSI Officers from Florida, of any meeting at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting.” Motion to suspend the bylaws from Mike Saunders, seconded by Susan Sousa, motioned carried. Motion to accept proposal to change bylaws from Susan Sousa, seconded by Jack Dunlop, motion carried.

**Society News:** Each club presented the recent activities.

**Next Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 26 June 2021 to be hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida (Miami)

**Adjourn:** Tom Ramiccio called for a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Submitted by Nick Bethmann  
2021 FCBS Secretary