

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES
FIRST MEETING OF 2018
February 24, 2018
Hosted by the Gainesville Bromeliad Society

FCBS Member Representatives Present:

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay: Tom & Carol Wolfe
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida:
Mike Saunders, Karen Steinberg
Bromeliad Society of South Florida:
Mike Michalski and Patty Gonzales
Caloosahatee Bromeliad Society: Vicki Chirnside
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society:
Jay Thurrott, Jack Dunlop
Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society:
Linda Sheetz, Susan Sousa
Gainesville Bromeliad Society:
Tootie Richey and Mary White
Sarasota Bromeliad Society:

Dave Johnson, Marian Kennell
Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Sudi Hipsley
Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society: Lynn Marino
Web Master: Michael & Karen Andreas
Save our Bromeliads: Teresa Cooper, PhD
Archives Committee & BSI: Steven C. Provost
Guests:
Gainesville: Ron Schoenau
Gainesville: Elaine Young
Gainesville: Howard Frank, PhD
Sarasota: Mark Kennell
Save our Bromeliads: Angie Howell
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Kathy Dunlop

Jay Thurrott opened the meeting at 12:53 PM and thanked everybody for his tenure as Chairman and turned the meeting over to the new Chairman, Mike Michalski.

Mike Michalski presented one of his recent hybrids, Ron & Carolyn, (Neo. Johannis x N. correia-araujoi) to Ron Schoenau in honor of Ron and Carolyn Schoenau for their many contributions to the FCBS.

Mike also presented one of his new hybrids, Tom & Carol, (Neo. johannis x N. Fruit Salad) to Tom and Carol Wolfe in their honor.

Introductions went around the room.

Mike Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting, seconded by Dave Johnson and approved.

Sudi Hipsley presented the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

Michael Andreas gave the website report followed by Karen Andreas information on copyright for the FCBS.org with the following proposal new Standing Rule from Michael and Karen Andreas. Copies of the proposed Standing Rule was passed out to all present:

All photographs on the Council website (fcbs.org) are copyrighted and may only be used by permission. The copyright of each photograph belongs to the photographer and not to the Florida Council. The name of the copyright holder is embedded in each photograph.

Permission to use a photograph for any purpose must be obtained from the photographer; the Council cannot grant permission. If needed, the webmaster will assist in providing contact information to the best of his ability.

For permission to use any materials other than the photographs on the website, contact the webmaster or, in the case of the Council newsletter, the editor for assistance in obtaining permission.

Karen Andreas led a lengthy discussion of copyright rules and laws.

It was noted that standing rule 3 is now changed to rule 2 in the new FCBS bylaws to be voted on today pertaining to copyright laws.

Jay Thurrott made a motion to table the vote on the new standing rule until the next meeting to give members an opportunity to consider the motion since it was new information and he felt members should have a chance to think about it. Motion was seconded by Patty Gonzales.

Mike Saunders, acting as Parliamentarian, asked Jay to delay the vote on his motion until the new by-laws were voted on under Old Business on the Agenda due to the change in the rule number of the new bylaws. Jay agreed to the delay.

(Secretary's note: Motion was never revisited.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Saunders made a motion to vote on the new bylaws revisions and seconded by Dave Johnson. Motion carried.

(Secretary's note: The following motion was not old business but was handled under the agenda as Old Business)

Mike Saunders presented a motion changing the wording in the proposed Standing Rule 2 seconded by Vicki Chirnside to read as follows:

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Jack Dunlop amended the motion to strike out part of the last sentence and ending at webmaster.

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The amended motion was seconded by Patty Gonzales. Motion carried.

APPROVED AMENDMENT:

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Mike Michalski, Chairman, called on Carol Wolfe for the FCBS Newsletter Report. Carol thanked Calandra Thurrott, Linda Sheetz, and Terri Bert for their assistance in the February Newsletter. She appreciates all the great articles contributed by FCBS members. She also thanked everyone for sending in the speaker information for the annual Speakers List. The next deadline for the Newsletter will be April 15th for the May Newsletter. Mike thanked Carol for the excellent newsletter.

Dr. Teresa Cooper reported on the progress of her research on the Mexican weevil. Her team is experimenting on a fungus that is found worldwide but has never been tested on its effectiveness against the weevil and its larvae. It is now being distributed in several locations throughout the state. She introduced Angie Howell who is a volunteer assistant.

Mike Saunders made a motion to add a title to the "By-Laws to Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc." and number the pages and effective date to each page. Motion seconded by Jay Thurrott. Motion carried.

Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches are interested in becoming members of the FCBS.

After discussion from the representatives of each society, it was determined that the FCBS roster will continue to be distributed in hard copy to the membership.

Susan Sousa requested that all clubs only send her the changes in their roster from the previous year and do not send the whole list.

FCBS Club dues of \$100 annually is due by March 31, 2018 to Sudi Hipsley, Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

BSI Scholarship Program: Susan Sousa made the motion to send \$500 to the program and it was seconded by Dave Johnson. Motion carried.

Mike Saunders volunteered to audit the financial books of the FCBS and he also volunteered to be the Parliamentarian for our three meetings per year.

Jay Thurrott made a motion to put a full page ad in the WBC 2018 program. Jack Dunlop seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FCBS thanks Ashley Graham for her service in working on the By-Laws.

Next meeting is June 23, 2018 hosted by the Sarasota Bromeliad Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wolfe, Secretary

February 26, 2018 Draft Minutes emailed to all voting FCBS Representatives

March 14, 2018 Corrected Minutes emailed to all voting FCBS Representatives with corrections made from the February 26, 2018 minutes.

Representative had 2 weeks to vote to approve.

March 28, 2018 Final Minutes approved. Secretary received positive votes and no negative votes.

Minutes will be published in the May 2018 FCBS Newsletter as approved.