

Minutes of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
February 25, 2017 (Approved at the June 24, 2017 Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Vickie Churnside who thanked the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society for a great lunch and for hosting the meeting. She then turned over the meeting to the new chairman, Jay Thurrott. Jay proceeded to introduce the new officers and then we went around the room for introductions of the members present. All members received a notebook with a history of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies; By-Laws, Rotation Schedule of Officers; Rotation Schedule of Meetings; Articles of Incorporation; Standing Rules; Dividers of other items like Minutes, Treasurer's Reports; etc.

Jay appointed Betsy McCrory to audit the Treasurer's books.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a few corrections that the previous secretary made and sent out to the members.

Sudi Hipsley, Treasurer gave the treasurer's report that was filed for audit.

Website Report by Michael Andreas-PayPal account has been set up by Michael Andreas, Sudi Hipsley has access to the account. It was set up to help fund the weevil fund. Members asked if Michael could put the upcoming Extravaganza on the front page and he said he would. The Oscar Ribiero material is now on the website. Jay encouraged members to send in their pictures to be put on the website.

Newsletter report from Carol Wolfe-Everyone commented on the excellent newsletter. Carol encouraged members to keep sending in articles and pictures for the newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter is May 1.

Weevil report from Teresa Cooper-Everything is going well. Some cages were made for a reserve in Sarasota. Volunteers are doing well in the Lemon Bay Preserve. Everyone thanked Teresa for all of her hard work.

Roster report from Susan Sousa-All society rosters need to be in by March 15. Be sure to check and make sure every member in your society has given your treasurer their updated information. She would also like to know a contact for each society, a list of your officers, and information about your meeting location, date and time.

Old Business:

2017 Extravaganza-Tom Wolfe with the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay-There will be a separate mailing of the extravaganza information to the membership. Rick Ryals made a motion that the council take out a full page ad for the program guide, seconded by Patty Gonzalez, motion carried. Rick will do the ad. Rick also made a motion to include the registration form in the roster mailing in a different color so it would stand out, Ashley Graham seconded, motion carried.

Dues structure was talked about and Jay Thurrott appointed a committee to come up with suggestions. The committee members are Rick Ryals, Sudi Hipsley and Steve Provost.

Standing Rules & Bylaws Review-Ashley Graham had some red line copies to hand out to the membership. We talked about some of the changes, adding the Weevil Committee and 2 standing rules. We will be voting on this at the June meeting. Motion to wave mailing of the changes in By-Laws and Standing Rules was made by Rick Ryals, seconded by Vickie Chirnside, motion carried.

Speaker Incentive-There are 4 societies (Caloosahatchee, South Florida, BSCF, and Sarasota) have requested reimbursement for speaker-Carol Richmyer from Texas. She will be speaking at each society. Rick Ryals made a motion to accept the application for reimbursement of a speaker for \$500, waving the \$1 charge the societies were to charge, seconded by Steven Provost, motion carried. South Florida will supply the receipts and will get the funding.

BGTB submitted an application for reimbursement of a speaker for the extravaganza at \$1000. Rick Ryals made a motion to accept the application request, Susan Sousa seconded, motion carried. BGTB will submit the receipts necessary to get reimbursed for the speakers (4).

Greg Kolojeski has sent up a page on a website: bromeliadsaresafe.com. Michael Andreas has now put it on the FCBS website. Greg encouraged each society to link to the website.

Status with other societies that are not part of the Florida Council:

- 1) Bromeliad Society of Broward County does not like fee structure
- 2) Indian River Bromeliad Society doesn't want to be on the board rotation
- 3) Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches doesn't like the fee structure
- 4) Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society is small and doesn't want to be on the board rotation
- 5) The society in the Panhandle is too far away.

Karen Andreas will make up an information sheet on why we charge \$3.00 per address.

BSI News- The 66 Fund has raised \$55,000 so far. The World Conference is in San Diego May 29-June 3, 2018. Registration is \$350. Mary White made a motion to contribute \$500 to the BSI Scholarship Fund, seconded by Mike Michalski, motion carried. A motion was made by Susan Sousa to contribute \$500 to the 66 Fund, seconded by Mike Saunders, motion carried.

New Business:

There being so much business at this meeting we didn't have time to discuss much of the new business on the agenda. We talked a little about electronic board relay. Need to check with Robert's Rules to see if this can be done and what are the rules for it.

We didn't have time for the society reports. Please forward all reports to Carol Wolfe for the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy McCrory, Secretary

Members present: Jay Thurrott-FECBS; Mike Michalski-BSSF; Patricia Gonzales-BSSF; Julie Lessard-BGTB; Pete Diamond-CBS; Vicky Chirnside-CBS; John O'Steen-SBS; Gregory Kolojeski-SBTPS; Steven Provost-FECBS; Michael Andreas-Webmaster; Karen Andreas-Weevil Committee; Tootie Richeyk-GBS; Mary White-GBS; Carolyn Schoenau; Betsy McCrory-BSCF; Mike Saunders-BSCF; Carol Wolfe-Newsletter; Tom Wolfe-BGTB; Rick Ryals-FECBS; Susan Sousa-FWCBS; Ashley Graham-FWCBS; Teresa Cooper-Weevil; David Johnson-SBS; Calandra Thurrott-FECBS; Sudi Hipsley-SBTPS & Treasurer