

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES MEETING

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Opening: Chairman Richard Poole called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM at the home of Paula Benway, 1225 N Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Hosted by the Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society of Tampa

Moment of reflection for Dr J Howard Frank and Linda Sheetz

FCBS Member Representatives Present:

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa: Carol and Tom Wolfe; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Tom Ramiccio (Richard Poole attempted but was unable to reach Tom by phone); Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside and Julie Stein; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Jack Dunlop and Calandra Thurrott; Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Susan Sousa, Richard Poole and Karen Mills; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Sandy Burnett and Bob Stevens; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Marian and Mark Kennell; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Sudi Hipsley and Greg Kolojeski; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez and Mike Michalski

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Minutes of October 2022 meeting were presented by Richard Poole. A motion by to accept and approve them was passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report: Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster Report: Website services were renewed for another year with our provider Network Solutions for \$197.91. I have been reimbursed that amount. Thank you Sudi.

The correct URL for the FCBS site is <https://www.fcbs.org>

It is important that you include the www in the URL or you will not be able to view the photos. I have posted notices about this on the web site.

Posted the February 2023 issue of the Florida Council newsletter. Thumbnails of the three latest newsletters now appear on the front page of the website making it easier to access these latest issues as well as a link to all the newsletters.

Thanks to Tom Wolfe for providing some 1980's newsletters that were missing from the archive. We are only missing newsletters Volume 7, #2, 3 and 4, May August and November 1987 also Vol. 8 #1, February 1988. If you have these and can send them to me I will scan them and return them to you.

Posted photos from Kosit Kaewkangwal and Stephen Hoppin

Please check your Society's contact and meeting information on the 'Member Societies' page to make sure it is correct and up to date. If you have an event you would like posted to the 'Upcoming Events' page please email the information to webmaster@fcbs.org

Michael Andreas, Webmaster

Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe noted that Dr Frank did so much work at his own expense and was always happy to share to the newsletter.

Weevil Committee: Nick Bethmann resigned from the Al Muzzel Weevil committee. Tom Wolfe, Chairman, appointed Richard Poole, who was already on the committee, as the Co-chairman to replace Nick Bethmann. Tom Wolfe commented that currently there isn't much going on with Weevil Committee. Richard Poole mentioned that, even though she is no longer at Selby Gardens, Dr Sally Chambers is still interested in weevil research. She is hoping to recruit graduate students for weevil DNA research at Eastern Kentucky where she is now affiliated. Mike Michalski said he could ask a group of University of Florida students he took to the eastern Everglades if they may be interested in DNA research.

FCBS Roster: Susan Sousa is working on the roster. We are still looking for someone to take over her duties of the roster since she will be moving. She uses Access to do the roster. A motion was made and carried for this program to be paid for by FCBS for whoever takes over the job. Greg Kolojeski will check the site Techsoup.com to determine if Access can be purchased through them and the cost. 600 rosters will cost \$883.00 and can be distributed through the individual clubs rather than mailing. A motion was made and carried to print 600.

There was much discussion about whether to go to a digital format for the roster and have people print them on their own if they want a paper copy. A final decision has not been reached but may lean towards the digital option. A reminder to the clubs to update their rosters for addresses and members. Deadline for information will be mid April.

Facebook page: Greg Kolojeski noted that the Facebook page was continuing to get an expanded number of followers. There are 298 followers now. The Facebook page is primarily used to publicize plant sales and shows by FCBS societies so we need to ask clubs to let Greg know if there is something they want published on the FCBS page.

Judges School: Vicky Chirnside reported on Judges school that was held February 25th 2023 in Fort Myers-there were 9 attendees. The date of the last class has been set for June 24 and is at the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council Building. We are reminded that you must be a BSI member to be a judge or student judge. Please make sure all are up to date on membership as appropriate. Also mentioned is that a Symposium could be incorporated with Judges School.

BSI Archives: On 11-29-22, Steven Provost met with David Benjamin, Head of Special Collections and University Archives at UCF in Orlando. This is the location of the BSI Archives. He delivered 6 boxes of materials to be added to the Archives. Over the next several months the material will be processed and catalogued. Another group of materials to be digitized was identified several years ago. A graduate student has been hired to work on digitization projects including this one. The BSI project should be started in the next few months and will be available online to anyone interested.

Extravaganza 2023: A donation of \$2,000.00 for the Extravaganza was made by Steve and Martha Goode.

New Business: Installation of new officers for 2023

Chairperson: Sandy Burnett, Gainesville Bromeliad Society,

Vice Chair: Greg Kolojeski, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Secretary: Julie Stein, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Weevil Committee Co-Chair: Richard Poole

Society News: Each of the societies with reps in attendance reviewed their recent speakers and events.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and approved with the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM. The meeting was reopened for more discussion of the roster. No decision made regarding whether print or digital. Meeting re-adjourned at 2:49 PM

Respectfully submitted by Julie Stein.