

## **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**

*Minutes of the meeting, Saturday, June 22, 2024*

Meeting at the home of Jean Homan, Belleair, FL

Lunch was at noon & the meeting started at 1:08 pm.

### **FCBS Member Representatives Present:**

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa: Tom and Carol Wolfe; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Michael Saunders; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez and Mike Michalski; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside and Julie Stein; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Calandra Thurrott, Jack Dunlop; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Steven Provost; Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Jean Homan and Joe Ventimiglia; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Marian and Mark Kennell; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Sudi Hipsley and Greg Kolojeski

Unable to attend—Webmaster, Michael Andreas; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Bob Stevens; Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Mike McMahon; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Tom Ramiccio

2024 Chairperson—Greg Kolojeski

Vice Chair—Vicky Chirnside

Secretary—Calandra Thurrott

Treasurer—Betsy McCrory

Introduction of Representatives and Guest Dorita Mayeux

Thank you to our host Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

### **Reports & Updates**

**Secretary**—Calandra Thurrott, Minutes of 2/24/24 meeting. Amendment to include only the name and city of residence for our meeting hosts in the meeting minutes. Calandra Thurrott made the motion to approve this change, and the motion and minutes were approved.

**Treasurer**—Betsy McCrory—Submitted a report of FCBS financial Status & Treasury Notes update.

**Webmaster**—Michael Andreas—submitted a written report. The correct URL for the FCBS site is <https://www.fcbs.org>. You may add information about your society and it's available to view on the website.

**FCBS Newsletter**—Carol Wolfe—wishes to resign as editor of the FCBS Newsletter after she publishes the August 2024 edition. She was thanked by the attendees for her 11-plus years as editor. All are deeply appreciative of her service. We have between August and January 2025 to find a new editor. Some members aren't receiving the newsletter and it was suggested that the link be sent to individual club representatives instead of through the FCBS Relay.

**Weevil Committee**—Tom Wolfe reported the status of the Committee. Richard Poole is no longer an active member. In speaking with Bruce Holst of Marie Selby Gardens, Tom is told that in their research there's a big difference genetically between the Belize and Florida *Tillandsia utriculata*. A new Selby Bromeliad intern will hopefully be hired by the end of the year.

**Judges' School Registrar**—Vicky Chirnside reported that 5 new BSI Judges have graduated. All Judges will participate in a Judges Symposium in August this year.

**Archives**—Steve Provost reported that he is in touch with the University of Central Florida Archives for FCBS.

### **Old Business**

**FCBS Roster**—our volunteer Betsy Herp will no longer create the roster after this year. We will be looking for someone to create one in 2025. There was a question tabled about whether to print or PDF the roster. Marian Kennell made a motion to print it and the motion passed. Treasurer Betsy McCrory will price printing.

**Bylaws**—the website version dated 2/27/21 was pronounced current by Parliamentarian Mike Saunders.

### **New Business**

**2025 Extravaganza**—Discussion for the event was made. Mike Saunders made a motion to table more discussion until the October meeting. The motion was accepted.

**Member Society's News & Announcements.** Representatives mentioned club events: member sales, workshops by members, sales events, mounting a *Tillandsia* workshop, how to prepare for a Bromeliad show, Bromeliad Bingo, Pineapple Day, Jewish Heritage Festival, Bromeliad centerpiece competition, and a field trip to McCrory's Bromeliads.

**Speakers** mentioned were Marty Folk (Bromeliad growing basics), David Johnston ("My Favorite Neos"), Teresa Watkins ("Bro-Mance, Companion Plants for Bromeliads"), Jason Mellica ("Mounting Stoleniferous Bromeliads"), Marty Baxley (Costa Rica), Tom and Carol Wolfe (Neos), Steve Hoppins (Crypts), Ray Hernandez (Palms), Dennis Cathcart (Cuba trips), David Sand ("Stabbing Bromeliads: When and Why You Would"), Keith and Dina Emig (Orchids 101), John Boardman and Pam Marion ("Red, White, and Bloom: Ideas for Growing

Great Bromeliads”), Tom Wolfe (“Colorful, Epiphytic, Tillandsias, Naturally Displayed”) and (Florida native Bromeliads), Terry Bert (Aechmea—The “Trashcan Genus—What’s In It?”), Kenneth Stokes (“Everything Your Mother Didn’t Teach You About Light, Air, Water and Soil”), David Johnston (Vrieseas), David Glosser (“Container Landscaping Commercial and Residential with Bromeliads”), Anthony Warfield (Tillandsias), Chip Jones (“Xeric Terrestrials: Hechtia, Dyckia, Aechmea”), and Greg Kolojeski (“The A List: Aechmea, Alcantarea, Ananas”).

Thanks to our FWCBS host Jean Homan

A motion was made to adjourn at 3:24

Submitted by Calandra Thurrott

Next meeting Saturday, October 26, 2024, hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida