

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Minutes June 25, 2016

Accepted at the October 22, 2016 meeting

The meeting was hosted by The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society at the residence of Michael Kiehl in Venice, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Vicky Chirnside at 1:10pm. In Attendance: Vicky Chirnside (CBS, FCBS Chairman) Tom Wolfe (BGTB), Carol Wolfe (FCBS Newsletter Editor), David Johnson (SBS), John O'Steen (SBS), Sudi Hipsley (SBTPS, FCBS Treasurer), Calandra Thurrott (FECBS), Jay Thurrott (BSI Director), Rick Ryals (FECBS) Gregory Kolojeski (SBTPS), Ashley Graham (FWCBS), Betsy McCrory (BSCF), Carolyn and Ron Schoenau (GBS) Barbara Partagas (BSI Director) Teresa Cooper (UFL), Mike Michalski (BSSF), Patty Gonzalez (BSSF, FCBS Secretary), Nine societies were represented.

Reports and Updates

Secretary:

Minutes from the February meeting were accepted. Motion by Carolyn Schoenau and second by John Osteen.

Treasurer's Report: Sudi Hipsley presented the financial report and Betsy McCrory reported she audited the books and found everything to be in order.

Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe was congratulated for doing an excellent job and she asked that everyone continue to send her photos or any interesting information.

Weevil Research: Dr. Teresa Cooper reported that the Weevil project at the Enchanted Forest is going well. At the Carlton Reserve, they have built a cage and another was contributed. The cages are being filled with rescued *T. Utriculata* plants where they are kept and protected until they produce seeds. Teresa has been speaking at different societies throughout the state. She gave a talk in South Florida in April and Sarasota in May.

BSI News: Jay Thurrott reported, they met at the World Conference in Houston. The new President is Lynn Wegner from South Africa and Vice President is Rick Ryals from Florida East Coast. Next World Conference, San Diego May 29-June 2, 2018. BSI Journal- trying to get this out on a timely manner, will be online very soon.

Very hard for international people to become judges. Australia got three new accredited Judges, now they have a judging school. BSI funds have gone down due to decreased attendance at World Conferences and membership fees do not cover cost of journal. BSI has started a fund raiser called BSI 66 Fund. If they raise \$25,000 an anonymous donor will match it.

Rick Ryals suggested that the council donate \$1000 to the BSI 66 fund, second by Ashley, motion passed.

Old Business: Ashley asked that everyone read the by-laws and send comments within 30 days. Betsy McCrory and Karen Andreas reviewed rules for speaker reimbursement, after some discussion motion by Rick Ryals to table until next meeting, Tom Wolfe second.

Tom Wolfe reported the Extravaganza 2017 will be at the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel, room rate \$99 with free parking, July 22-24 2017. Registration fee is \$125, includes barbecues and luncheon. Discussion; should the contract be signed by the council? Tampa has a member that is a contract lawyer so they feel confident but they liked the idea.

New Business

Vicky met with BSSF board members in April to discuss the clubs concerns with FCBS. Lack of communication and misunderstandings. Members were not getting newsletter.

Society News: News and Previous speakers at Monthly meetings.

FWCBS: George Aldridge, Terri Bert

GBS: April – workshop 3 speakers, growing cold hardy Bromeliads.

SBS: They moved their meetings from Selby to Sarasota Garden Club.

CBS: Marty Folk, Alton Lee, Auction very successful

BGTB: Covered dish picnic

FECBS: Master Gardner's sale, Beekeeper member spoke, Steve Hoppin, Bromeliad bingo.

SBTPS: Speakers- Marty Folk and Jay Thurrott, April plant sales.

BSSF: April Plant show and sale and speaker Dennis Cathcart on his trip to Brazil. In May- Chip Jones on Hectias, June- pictures of plants in the show.

The next meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will be Saturday October 22nd hosted by Florida East Coast. Meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m. Prepared by Patricia Gonzalez, FCBS Secretary and Representative from BSSF.