



## FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES

Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020:  
11 a.m. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 at the  
Louden Suite, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham

1) **Members Present:**

Committee members: Malcolm Hughes, Denise Baum-Pick, Judith Davison, Peter Fielding, Barry Walker  
Society members: Dave Barnsley, Vic Yeomans, Ambion Bonsai Soc., Midland Bonsai Soc., Redditch Bonsai Soc., South Staffs Bonsai Soc.

2) **Apologies:** Nigel Wright (Webmaster), Amnon Paldi, Chris Durne, and Kim Turton together with the following societies:  
Dai-Ichi Bonsai Soc., Sussex Bonsai Soc., South Yorkshire Bonsai Soc.

Of those societies who sent their apologies, all had nominated the Chairman to carry their proxy votes.

3) **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** Acceptance of the minutes of the previous years' AGM was not voted upon as the meeting was not quorate.

4) **Matters arising:** None.

5) **Reports:**

a) **Chairman's report:** Peter Fielding stated that he only assumed the role of acting chairman in July following the resignation of David Cheshire, but that he wanted to thank both David Cheshire and Ian Homer for all the hard work they had put into organizing BIBBS which had unfortunately incurred a considerable loss owing to the fact that it had to be cancelled due to the pandemic which meant that there would be no involvement from Europe.

He also reported that in 2018, the New Talent competitor, Tony Oswin, did well in the European competition 2018, but the 2019 winner was unable to compete in the Czech Republic as that event was cancelled. He will be invited to compete at the next EBA event in Augsburg, Germany.

b) **Financial report:** Denise Baum-Pick presented her report and stated that although the Federation had made an operating loss of £618.00, and had had no recent income, the Federation's finances remain in a very healthy condition at £4,514. A refund of one third the annual cost of insurance has been negotiated and will be passed on to existing members.

Peter Fielding said that some monies could be recouped if the merchandise being held were to be sold and asked if this would be possible at Chelsea next year. Malcolm Hughes said that this might incur payment for a trade stand but that he would investigate.

**c) Friends of the National Bonsai Collection:**

- i) Chairman's report - Barry Walker reported that the collection was in good condition generally but the Bill Horan group had been lost. The Japanese garden has been enhanced with some new plants. He then thanked all members of the work group for their regular attendance. Peter Fielding said that he would be willing to call in between the work parties to check that all was well.

Malcolm Hughes said that he was planning to hold some tutorial sessions to educate the staff on the care of the trees.

- ii) Treasurer's report – Malcolm Hughes reported that the boot sale had raised £655 and funds now stand at £5,658.

**6) Election of officers and Committee:**

- a) FoBBS – Peter Fielding thanked David Cheshire and Rickie McMahon for their work. Denise Baum-Pick said that she would stand again as Treasurer for one more year but would be standing down in 2022.

Malcolm Hughes said that due to the proposed amalgamation of the FoBBS and FNBC committees Kim Turton would be asked to take on the duties of secretary for both and that Nigel Wright had agreed to take on the duties of FoBBS' administrator.

- b) FNBC – All members of the committee were willing to stand again.

**7) Date and venue for the next AGM:** It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on the same day as the FNBC Boot sale and would possibly be set for Sunday March 20th, 2022.

A joint committee meeting was proposed for Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30 at The Woodlands.

The meeting concluded, 12.15 p.m.