



FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES  
AND FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL BONSAI COLLECTION

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at  
"The Woodlands", New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX  
Also online.

**Minutes**

1. In attendance. : Peter Fielding, Denise Baum-Pick, Malcolm Hughes, Kim Turton, Nigel Wright, James Thornton, Anita Thompson
2. Not in attendance. Nick Payne, Barry Walker, Amnon Paldi.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. MH and NW.
4. Matters arising. AT needs to be added to the list allowed to sign for banking purposes. It was agreed that AT, DBP, MH and PF be the four names on the list.
5. Correspondence. None
6. Reports.
  - a. Financial FoBBS. DBP submitted interim accounts showing a current balance of £10,108.00 and explained that she was in the process of passing records to AT. MH, PF all agreed. £9222.42 in the bank with £42.18 in cash. Profit last year was £856.93.  
  
FNBC. MH. Recent income from the Boot Sale of £915 resulting in a total of £7419.89 in the bank.
  - b. Companies House. DBP informed the meeting that she has updated the records at Companies House at a cost of £13.
  - c. Membership. DBP reported that there are currently 58 member societies. NW raised an issue with a mismatch of receipt numbers in the records. AT will contact NW after the meeting to clarify the matter.
  - d. FNBC Working group and state of collection. MH informed the meeting of the redevelopment plans for the Botanical Gardens and that we needed to maintain the collection as normal in the meantime.  
  
National Collection Open Days. KT informed the meeting of a lack of interest from local Bonsai Societies in taking part in the Open Days. JT gave details of the contact of Heart of England. Item for next meeting.
  - e. EBA. Nothing new.  
  
WBBF. Nothing new.

7. Administration tasks. MH to send out an updated list of committee members' contact details and NW to inform AT of important dates and tasks.
8. Boot Sale. KT reported that the Boot Sale went well and that he had asked the Gardens if we could have the Boot Sale and AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> March in 2024.
9. SW Bonsai at RHS Rosemoor. Trees and materials are being gathered at Woodlands so that Dave Cheshire can transport them to the event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. NW to circulate publicity materials to RHS and local media. KT explained that the backdrops require care with assembly.
10. a) Chelsea. KT submitted a report from Nick Payne that stated everything was in hand in the buildup, and PF informed the meeting that NP had been actively seeking trees from different areas of the country.  
  
b) Cheshire Bonsai Society at Chelsea. As discussed at a previous meeting CBS had requested funding to help them with staging an exhibit at the event. DBP proposed that we give them £500 towards their expenses, seconded by MH and agreed. KT proposed that FOBBS financial support should be acknowledged on the CBS stand.
11. a) FOBBS events in the future. MH has spoken to Gareth Williams at the Gardens regarding a possible two day event in 2024, MH to follow up.  
  
b) Dave Cheshire event. PF has spoken to DC and the event in question is in Japan in 2025. Participation would likely be in the form of the submission of photographs. PF will discuss with DC as and when.
12. OB. a) MH raised the question of how FOBBS could best be represented or promoted once the renovation takes place at the Botanical Gardens. It was agreed that this matter should be an agenda item when we meet with the Botanical Gardens management later in the year.  
  
b) DBP was appointed as auditor.  
  
c) PF to write to Chris Durne and Vick Yeomans thanking them for their contributions to FOBBS and FNBC.
13. Next meeting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 at Woodlands.