



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

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at  
"The Woodlands", New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX  
Also held online.

**MINUTES**

1. In attendance. Peter Fielding, Malcolm Hughes, Denise Baum-Pick, Kim Turton, Chris Durne.
2. Apologies. Barry Walker, Nigel Wright.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record. MH and PF.
4. Matters arising. None.
5. Correspondence. None.
6. Chelsea 2024. Chris Durne reported that the Bonsai Boys were happy with their progress and Russ Wheeler felt that they had a very strong group of trees selected. CD has spoken to Russ regarding how many trees had been submitted from FOBBS members outside of the circle of influence of the Bonsai Boys. Russ explained that only two had been submitted and that he was having difficulty in contacting Simon Tremblett regarding his offering.

After a short discussion about tree selection it was agreed that the quality of the display was paramount and that it was disappointing that there were so few trees offered as a result of the circulated invitation.

There would be four people involved in the setup stage and it was agreed that they be given £12 each per day for food expenses for this period.

7. Reports.
  - a. Financial (FoBBS and FNBC)  
FOBBS. Recent membership activity has seen 58 payments comprising totals of £1410.00 in membership and £840.00 for insurance. Total new balance is just over £9000.00.  
  
FNBC. The recent Boot Sale added £765 to the new total of £7720.01
  - b. Companies House. MH reported that he had recently updated the information held by Companies House and that financial returns needed to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. DBP agreed to help MH help MH complete the financial return for Companies House online.
  - c. Membership, currently 58.

d. FNBC Working group, state of collection and open days 2024. Regular maintenance is continuing with the frequency of visits increasing as the growing season starts. Open Days. Last Sunday each month from April to September are covered with Midland/Redditch staffing April and September, KT May, Ambion/PF in June, MH/BW in July, South Staffs in August.

e. EBA & WBBF. None.

7. FNBC Boot Sale 2024 review. KT. There were an unusual number of last minute withdrawals so trader numbers were a little down on previous years. Trading was reported as good by a number of individuals. Date for 2025 agreed by Botanical Gardens as 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

9. OB.

a. PF. New Talent competition at Bonsai by the Sea. Oakfield are supplying the trees (at reasonable cost) and there will be a sign indicating this on the day of the show. There are 5 confirmed candidates. MH is to speak to BW regarding a winner's shield. It was agreed that anonymity during the judging process was a priority and PF would ensure that the judges would not know who worked on which tree.

b. Assets. PF has a number of items at his home. DBP said that she might be in a position to sell some of them at the Bonsai by the Sea event.

10. Date and venue for the next meeting. 10.30 am on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Woodlands.