



## FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES

Minutes of Committee Meeting, 10.30, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2021  
"The Woodlands", New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX

1. **Present:** Peter Fielding, Denise Baum-Pick, Judith Davison, Malcolm Hughes, Nigel Wright (available online).
2. **Apologies:** Rickie McMahon, Amnon Paldi, Barry Walker, Chris Durne, David Cheshire.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** (28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021) Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by MH, seconded by PF and carried unanimously.
4. **Matters arising:** PF confirmed that he had emailed all societies that had not yet renewed their membership
5. **Correspondence:** None.
6. **Forthcoming Committee Vacancies:** PF stated that he would be willing to continue as acting chairman for the coming year if no-one came forward to take on the role and DB-P agreed to stay as treasurer for another year.

MH stated that NW had volunteered to take on the role of administrator which would tie in with his role as webmaster.

MH also suggested that if the proposed amalgamation of the FoBBS and FNBC committees goes ahead, then Kim Turton might take on the role of secretary.

7. **Reports:**
  - i. **Financial:** DB-P reported that there is £6,997.34 in the bank and petty cash is £12.84.
  - ii. **Companies House:** DB-P reported that there is nothing new to report.
  - iii. **Membership:** There are currently 40 member societies and one imminent renewal expected.
  - iv. **FNBC & the National Bonsai Collection:** MH reported that is £5,725.11 in the bank. MH said that on the occasion when the watering system was turned off, the Deshojo acer had shed all its leaves but had been removed to The Woodlands and had now recovered.  
MH and BW are hoping to instigate some tutorial sessions designed to educate the staff at the Gardens on the importance of the correct watering needs of each species. The fortnightly work parties are continuing.
  - v. **EBA & WBBF:** MH said on behalf of AP that the next event will be in Augsburg, Germany next year, but the exact date is not yet known.  
MH reported that the next WWBF event in Perth has been postponed until October 2022 but if not enough advance bookings come in, it may well be cancelled.
  - vi. **RHS Shows:** CD said that he will apply for next year's Chelsea and also Hampton Court as a backup and he would be assisted again by Tony McKenzie.
  - vii. **Amateur Talent Competition:** PF said there was nothing new to report, but that when the date of the next EBA event is known, Miroslav will be invited to compete.
8. **The Future of FoBBS:** PF stated that the proposals have been circulated to all members and also published on the website and will be discussed at the AGM.
9. **Date and venue of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be the AGM on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Loudon Suite at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens.