



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

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 25th January, 2025 at  
The Woodlands, New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX  
Also held online.

**Minutes**

1. In attendance. Malcolm Hughes, Kim Turton, Chris Durne, Nigel Wright, Barry Walker, Peter Fielding, Denise Baum-Pick.
2. Apologies. None
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. Were accepted as accurate. MH and PF.
4. Matters arising. None
5. Correspondence. KT forwarded an email from Sussex BS regarding change of contact details to NW.
6. Rosemoor. NW informed the meeting that he still has space for 2 more club displays and 5 more traders, CD suggested that Acer tree nurseries may be interested in space. NW to follow up the transportation of table coverings. BW has started manufacturing the trophy requested by NW. There is still no sign of the roller banner. NW needs 15 backdrops and 33 table covers which we have, and he reported that the show web site is up to date.
7. Chelsea. CD explained that he would like to source trees from a wider area and so he will be visiting shows in the early part of the year and asking individuals if they would like to submit their tree for selection. It was agreed that submissions would be sent from the Midland area to Russ Wheeler by the end of March. KT to coordinate this. Any Midland area trees selected would be taken to the Woodlands so that they could be transported in a hire van to the show on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May and brought back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. CD finished by informing the meeting that the slightly larger stand would require some expense for the new materials needed.
8. FoBBS bylaw review. MH explained that the last review had been in 2017. It was agreed that PF, MH and NW would look to see if any amendments were needed.
9. New Talent Competition 2025. Timing and location.
  - a. PF has still had no response from Nathan Oswin regarding his expenses for the event last year.
  - b. MH informed the meeting that on reflection, we would not be able to obtain a sufficient number of exhibitor passes and parking permits for the extra people involved if we wanted to hold it as an add-on to the South Staffs stand at Gardeners World Live in June. He went on to say that it was likely that Midland BS would be willing to host the event at their show at Birmingham Botanical Gardens in June or South Staffs in at the same venue in September. MH to follow up after the meeting.

d. PF reminded the meeting that he was still looking for competitors (max 5), NW to send out reminder to clubs. PF would speak to interested individuals.

10. Reports.

i. Financial (FoBBS and FNBC)

FoBBS. MH. Balance of £9,034.00.

FNBC. MH unchanged balance of £7677.79.

ii. Companies House. No action

iii. Membership. 47 member societies have renewed to date. It is know that one group is unlikely to renew and as a result there will likely be a total of 59.

iv. FNBC Working group and state of collection and open days 2024. BW reported that the two junipers that were suffering due to damp roots are showing signs of improvement since there were placed in a cool glasshouse. BW is waiting for news of a meeting with Botanical Gardens' management.

v. EBA & WBBF.

EBA. The EBA event in October 2025 will be held in Lithuania.

WBBF. Nothing to report.

11. OB. None.

12. Date and venue for the next meeting. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April to be held at Woodlands.