



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

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

**AGENDA**

1. In attendance. Peter Fielding, Barry Walker, Malcolm Hughes, Nigel Wright, Denise Baum-Pick, Kim Turton.
2. Apologies. Chris Durne.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record. PF and MH.
4. Matters arising. None.
5. Correspondence.
  - i) MH reported that he has sent out renewal forms in December.
  - ii) PF has been contacted by Richard Law who was seeking help dealing with a large collection of trees. PF passed on his details to Swindon Bonsai Society.
6. Chelsea 2024. It was confirmed that FoBBS have been allocated a stand.
  - i) MH expressed concern that expenditure should be monitored closely. There was a discussion regarding food expenses. KT to contact CD to find out how much it would cost if we allocated £10 per head per day.
  - ii) NW asked that his volunteer day be Thursday. KT to pass on to CD.
7. Reports.
  - a. Financial (FoBBS and FNBC).

FoBBS

    - i) Money in account is £9530.35. MH reported that expenditure in the first part of the year will be for Chelsea and the purchase of materials for the New Talen Competition.
    - ii) MH explained that he was having continued difficulties accessing the account. NW proposed that MH should be able to change bank if needed and it was felt that any move was best done after membership renewal fees had all been collected. Probably in March. Agreed by all.
    - iii) DBP informed the meeting that after some issues with the former treasurer, the accounts are now in balance.

FNBC

MH reported that there were no changes to the finances of FNBC.

- b. Companies House. Statement of returns has been made.
- c. Membership. 44 renewals so far with Crawly not renewing Bonsai Kai disbanding. 13 societies yet to renew.
- d. FNBC Working group and state of collection and open days 2024.
  - i) BW reported that there had been some recent visits to the collection and that the Deshojo was at Woodlands. He also informed the meeting that he would soon be in contact with the new member of staff with overall responsibility for the collection.
  - ii) National Collection Open Days 2024. KT informed the meeting that three of the six dates were not yet filled. PF said that Ambion will do one of them. KT to use AGM to fill others.
- e. EBA & WBBF. No change.

7. FNBC Boot Sale 2024. KT reported that everything was in place after a meeting with the Gardens.

8. AGM 2024.

KT to confirm arrangements with Gardens as follows. Max numbers 25, 11.30 a.m. for 12 p.m start. Gardens to provide Tea and Coffee. NW to send out paperwork on or around 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.

9. OB.

- i) PF explained to the meeting that it would be good for FoBBS to have a presence at the Telford event later this year, but felt that the £120 fee for a table was not good value for money.
- ii) New Talent Competition, 9 June 2024 in Exmouth. NW to inform the five candidates of the date and time of the competition. MH agreed to source a suitable trophy. It was agreed that the winner should keep their tree and the other competitors should be offered theirs at cost should they want them. The EBA rules will be used with PF to oversee proceedings. Judges TBA, but it was agreed that the trees be judged "blind" so that there can be no accusation of favoritism.
- iii) NW offered an event at RHS Rosemoor in 2025 over the spring bank holiday weekend of the 3 & 4 May 2005.

10. Date and venue for the next meeting. Modified date, 27 April 2024, 10.30 am at Woodlands.