



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

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 6th September, 2025 at
"The Woodlands", New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX
Also held online.

Minutes

1. **In attendance.** Peter Fielding, Malcolm Hughes, Kim Turton, Chris Durne, Nigel Wright, Barry Walker,
2. **Not in attendance.** Denise Baum-Pick.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** BW and MH. Agreed by all.
4. **Matters arising.**

Item 6. NW confirmed the date of Bonsai SW as 1st and 2nd May 2027, and informed the meeting that the hall was already half filled.

5. **Correspondence.** None.

6. **Reports.**

- i. **Financial** (FoBBS and FNBC).

FoBBS. a) Current holding £8361.73. MH reported that the cheque written to pay the expenses of the EBA New Talent Competition UK representative has not been cashed; MH to follow up.

b) Chelsea expenses. MH explained that this year the FoBBS stand at RHS Chelsea resulted in a "loss" of around £500. After discussion it was agreed that CD will speak to Russ and Tim and explain the need for them to work to the budget agreed Between them and FoBBS for the 2027 event. MH will give CD a figure. It was noted that it was difficult to forecast the total income form Chelsea due to the uncertainties of medal awards and related cash received.

FNBC. Currently £8558.69. Nothing to discuss.

- ii. **Companies House.** MH reported that he was experiencing difficulties with removing Annette Thompson as a contact, but was doing his best to work with the CH system.
 - iii. **Membership.** No Changes.
 - iv. **FNBC Working group and state of collection and open days 2024.** It was reported that the hoped for National Lottery funding for the major refurbishment of Birmingham Botanical Gardens was now in place and as a result the Collection will be moved to another area of BBGG. A meeting to be held in October between FNBC, BBGG and

members of the Japanese Garden Society would fill in some more details regarding dates and possible layout. It was explained that most of the trees in the collection would be on display continuously during the transition to the new site.

CD asked about security of the proposed new site. BW explained that access to the new area out of hours was more difficult than the current site and that visitors would be kept away from the trees by passive measures.

NW asked if it was time to update the National Collection records and tree details on the FoBBS website. BH said that it was his intention to have this in place when the new site is opened.

KT informed the meeting that FNBC Open Days will run as normal in 2026.

- v. **EBA & WBBF.** Nothing to discuss.

7. **OB.**

- a) KT to send Roll of Honour copy to NW.
- b) Membership form for next year. NW agreed to prepare the new form and send it out to all UK Bonsai Societies by 15th December.
- c) Social media. After a discussion it was agreed that PF would remind Scott to speak to NW and discuss the possibilities of him

- 8. **Date and venue for the next meeting.** 10.30 am on Saturday 22nd November 2025 at Woodlands.