



Meeting: Board meeting: July 29, 2017, 2pm at the Gnarly Barley

Attendance: all board members were present: Adam Lavigne, Jorge Nazario, Paul Pikel, David Dean, Mark Ceskavich, Gail Parilla

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's office is in transition from David Dean to Mark Ceskavich. They will be meeting up at the bank to transfer authority and establish signature cards and the debit card. David will also forward to Mark the current roster.

Discussion: We have been notified that we will no longer be using the Ag Office as our meeting place. Discussion followed as to an alternative site. Suggestions were: American Bonsai Tool, Leu gardents, fire stations, homeowners associations. Adam will follow up with Cullen Mariacher as to his availability at American Bonsai Tool in Altamonte Springs. The Ag Center has offered to let us use their outdoor pavilion for workshops. There is electricity and seating available, but there is no parking nearby.

Adam then shared with us details of next year's convention. It will be "Celebrating Florida Bonsai, learning from our legacy". Artists and demos, etc will be centered around Florida Artists. There will be an extra push with publicity and marketing, hopefully to reach out to the general public. Between the chairman and the raffles and other responsibilities for our club, we should profit as much if not more from last year. Adam is the chairman of the convention. Registration will be on the website.

The Board discussed various ways to encourage new membership and exposure publicity for the club. The importance of an up-to-date website and FaceBook presence was agreed upon. Other venues included contacting local community newspapers, garden clubs, etc.

The annual kick-off meeting will be held on Sunday morning, September 10. The club will provide pizza for all the members.

Vice President's Report: Jorge shared with us the schedule for the upcoming year 2017-2018. He has been in touch with and has confirmed several artists. He is also arranging for extra-curricular activities such as nursery field trips and a visit to the Brevard Club. All the changes will be discussed at the August 11 meeting, including a change to Saturday meetings. This seems to be more convenient for a lot of members, and may prove to be better for our visiting artists. The club's website will be updated by Jorge and Paul to reflect the changes.

It was also discussed the possibility of forming committees to handle such things as publicity, marketing, show preparation, etc.

Upcoming dates:

Friday, August 11. Monthly meeting, the annual "Adam and Mike Roger's carving workshop

August 19 and 20. Brevard club's annual show and demos at the zoo

August 25. Workshop