



**Meeting:** Friday, August 11, 2017. Annual “Adam Lavigne and Mike Rogers” carving workshop

**Attendance:** 21 members signed the attendance sheet. Head count was 25

**Treasurer’s report:** The club’s account and records are currently in transition from the out-going treasurer, David Dean, to the new treasurer, Mark Ceskavich. They are meeting at the bank to transfer the account and update the signature cards.

**Discussion:** The club was informed that we will no longer be able to use our current meeting place. Adam has been in touch with Cullen Mariacher from American Bonsai Tool and Supply, and he has generously offered his office/warehouse for our use. He is located at 518 Douglas Avenue, #1216, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. He has tables and chairs available, we will supply the labor for set up and clean up.

It was also announced that the meeting date/time will be changed to the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 am (business meeting) 10:00 am (program). Due to conflict in schedule, the first meeting for September will be held on Sunday, 9/10. This will be our welcome back meeting, and the club will supply pizza. A round robin tree styling will be held.

The club is looking to expand its membership and it’s exposure to the public. Many suggestions were given, such as local newspapers, garden clubs, social media (we have more than 1000 “likes” on our website from around the country), interviews, etc. We also have a large number of “inactive” members on our roster. The newsletter will be sent to them to encourage renewing their interest.

**Vice President’s Report:** Jorge has been working to update the club’s by-laws and procedure manual. Copies will be available at the September meeting for

the members to review the highlighted changes, and a vote to accept will be held at the October meeting.

Final review of the Jorge's bonsai manual is in progress and will be posted to the website soon. He is also working on species care sheets.

Workshops will be held at differing locations. The August 26 workshop will be held at Adam Lavigne's nursery.

Jorge is working on the next newsletter which will explain in detail all the changes. There is a new effort to expand our membership/exposure. All suggestions are welcome. We will be meeting in a new location which gives us a new area to solicit members.

It is proposed that we no longer take a "summer break" from our regular meetings. Most of our members are no longer snowbirds and year round programs should bring a new energy to our club.

### **Upcoming dates:**

August 19-20: The annual show/demos by the Brevard club at the zoo.

August 26: workshop at Adam Lavigne's nursery

September 10: new year "kick off" meeting. This is on a Sunday (this meeting only, the rest will be on Saturdays). Held at the new location, American Bonsai in Altamonte Springs, at 9:30.

September 17: (tentative) field trip to Mary Madison's nursery