



Meeting: Sunday, July 16, was our annual summer picnic which included auction, silent auction and raffles. Main course was provided by the club and members brought a variety of side dishes and desserts. There was also a member display of trees, people's choice award to Anthony

Attendance: head count of 42, which included 9 new members (several from the Brevard club) and family members

Treasurer's report: David reported that we have \$3940.17 in our account, \$441.00 in petty cash, and a check from BSF (our share from the convention) for \$1935.40, which totals \$6316.57. This does not include monies received today from auctions and raffles.

Discussion:

--Ted Matson will not be touring this year

--Rodney Clemmons is coming to Florida on the speakers tour. It was voted not to bring him to our club. He will be at the Brevard club, and we are welcome to attend that meeting.

--Donnie Emmeneger is our new district trustee

--Convention news-- a big success! Also a huge win financially. Overall profit was \$28,000, of which American Bonsai Society received \$8000, BSF received ½ of the remainder. \$9000 was split among the clubs according to a pre-arranged formula. Our share was \$1935.40. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time.

The convention next year will be at the same time and place. Adam Lavigne will be chairing the convention, and it will focus on Florida artists and the legacy of bonsai in Florida. Our club will again run the raffle on Friday and Saturday, and Adam hopes to get some "new blood" clubs involved.

Vice President's Report:

--Jorge reports that our second meeting workshops this year will hopefully help and encourage those members new to bonsai. Plans are to pair up the "newbie" with a more experienced member.

--He presented the idea of having a "theme" for the first meeting of the month, concentrating on one species. This will include demos and tree analysis by our guest artists.

-- "Bonsai 101" is in the final proofreading, and will be available on our website. Jorge has put together an extensive manual for beginners and experienced members alike, covering a lot of information on all aspects of bonsai.

Upcoming dates:

--dues are "due" in September

--the Brevard club has reserved the same pavilion as last year for the annual tri-club auction. It will be the first weekend in November, Saturday Nov. 4. Further information to come, and also can be found on Brevard's website.

--The deadline to enter your tree for the annual Epcot display will be mid December. Further information can be found on BSF's website