

**Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation
Board Meeting, October 13, 2006 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
105 Forest Resource Building, University Park, PA
Final Approved 11/3/06**

Attendees: Tim Phelps, President; Bob Summersgill, Past President and Growers Committee Chair; Jim Egenrieder, Board Member; Alan Tumblin, Board Member; Jim Walizer, Board Member; Dylan Jenkins, Board Member; Chandis Klinger, Board Member, and President-Elect, Tim Eck, Treasurer; Bill Montague, Board Member; Sara Fitzsimmons, TACF Northern Appalachian Regional Science Coordinator; Sue Oram, Chapter Administrator; Alex Day, Board Member and DCNR Representative; Meeting Minutes recorded by Sue Oram and Alan Tumblin.

Minutes: Tim Phelps noted that the Board previously approved the minutes from May 11, 2006.

Old Business:

Bylaws: The Board reviewed and edited the Chapter By-laws. **Tim Phelps moved to delete Article III from the Articles of Organization. Motion carried.** The Board also noted that Article IV-Indemnification, does not remove all personal liability, and the Board will research the possibility of additional insurance. The By-laws will be re-written and distributed via e-mail. The Board will require a motion to approve the final document.

Farm Show: Sue Oram requested a volunteer to set-up and take-down the farm show display. The Farm Show dates are January 6-13, 2007. Alan Tumblin and Jim Egenrieder volunteered to set-up the display. Sue Oram will coordinate and solicit volunteers for the event. Two presentations are scheduled at the show which waives the registration fee. Sue will send out the dates and times of each.

Other Events: Sara mentioned that the PA Sportsman Show in February 2007 should be considered as another PA-TACF event to reach other audiences. Sue will look into details and report back to the Board.

New Business:

Science Committee Meeting Report: Tim Phelps presented the Science Committee Minutes of 6/19/2006. Tim moved that breeding orchard soils be tested every 2-3 years. Motion carried. Tim Phelps and Alan Tumblin moved to create a Board mandate to entertain cost recovery for grower supplies. Motion carried. The Science Committee recommended inserting a volunteer recruitment postcard in the next newsletter. The Board approved the recommendation.

Election results: Sue Oram reported that 36% of chapter members voted in the recent election. All members running for office were voted in as follows: Chandis Klinger: President-Elect; Alex Day, Vice President-Elect; Bob Summersgill, Board Member; Jim Egenrieder, Board Member; Jim Walizer, Board Member; Bill Montague Board Member; The Board noted that election results stand as voted. If a conflict of interest occurs with Alex Day's position, the Vice Presidency will begin on July 1, 2007. **The Board moved that if Alex has a conflict of interest with DCNR, the Vice Presidency will remain open until he retires from DCNR. Motion carried.**

Science Committee Chair: Tim Phelps is resigning as Science Committee Chair and recommended the nomination of Tim Eck as chair. The board approved the appointment.

Budget Items: Tim Eck moved to approve up to \$5,000 of the general fund to supplement the vehicle fund. Motion was tabled pending further discussions by Tim Phelps regarding the Norcross grant.

Other: Alex Day invited the Board to use the meeting facility at Penn Nursery for the next Board meeting.

Alan moved to adjourn. Motion carried.