

Kentucky Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes – Feb. 9, 2012

Lynn Garrison – Chapter President:

- Outreach Projects – Lynn asked board members to send him a list of outreach projects that each member has worked on in the last year
- Newsletter – Lynn asked Scott Freidhof to write a short report describing pollinations completed in June 2011

Anne Bobigian – Chapter Treasurer:

- Budget – Anne presented a budget for a caretaker to maintain chestnut orchards in the Louisville area. Cost would be about \$4,500.
- Nuts – Chapter received approximately 800 nuts from the Massachusetts Chapter from the Sterling and Medway Orchards. These nuts are also being used in the KY SAMMI project. Some will have Phytophthora resistance.
- B3F3 Nuts – Chapter is receiving some B3F3 nuts through donations and Legacy tree
- Anne requested the Metcalfe 1 x BG310 nuts for a B3 orchard near Louisville
- Anne requested coordinates for orchards. Anne will send out an Excel file of orchards.

Mike French – TACF Forester:

- A conservation grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is funding chestnut plantings on strip mines through the year 2014. Mike is looking for 12 sites across 5 states. Each planting site is about 30 acres in size. Landowners must be EQIP eligible and earn less than 1 million dollars annually. Each site will receive 1,125 chestnuts for planting. A core planting of 525 chestnuts will be in an enclosure. An additional 600 chestnuts will be interplanted with other hardwoods on the remaining acres. Workshops will be provided for each of the 12 sites to recruit and train volunteers to care for the plantings.

Rex Mann – Restoration Update:

- The Cordia School outside of Hazard is planning to dig up chestnut stump sprouts from the forest to plant on school property.
- Rex recommended the book *Chestnuts in Tennessee*.

Tim Sheehan – Kentucky Division of Forestry

- Tim submitted a request to the chapter for financial assistance for a forestry meeting in Louisville in June (Southern Group of State Foresters).
- Tim suggested that at least 10 chestnut stump sprouts are needed to complete the Knobs Mother Tree Orchard in Louisville.