

The Board of the American Chestnut Foundation – Massachusetts Chapter- Quarterly Meeting

met at the National Grid Facility in Northborough, MA on Sunday April 3, 2005 @ 1:00 p.m.

Board members present were Brad Smith, Kathy Desjardin, Michael D. Novack, Rufin Van Bossuyt, Charlotte Zampini, Yvonne Federowicz, Jim Garland, John Emery, Gary Jacob and Rich Hoffman.

Others present were Philip B. Arnold, M.D., Jane Norris, David Norris, Ken Jones, Russ Hensel and John Mirick.

The meeting was called to order @ 1:00 p.m. by President Brad Smith when a quorum was present.

Treasurer Mike Novack stated the need to have information about purchases. He needs the date and amount of purchase for recordkeeping.

Rufin Van Bossuyt spoke of past paid internships and suggested we consider hiring and intern for the summer of 2005. Charlotte Zampini informed the board of Holly Emery who is working towards an Environmental Science Major at Wheaton College. Holly has done pollinations with John Emery in the past.

There was discussion about the need to check mother trees for bloom, collect data and assist with work in the orchards. With an increase in orchards there is a need for planting new orchards and maintenance such as pruning, fertilizing, and tagging in our present plantings. Also we discussed other tasks such as leaf collection for the identification of mother trees and mud packing.

It was suggested that Rufin, Charlotte and John could be responsible for the coordination of these tasks. The amount of \$1,000.00 per month for fulltime work was suggested. It would cost \$3,000.00 for 3 months plus additional pay for gas and expenses.

Gary Jacob moved that we have an intern to be paid \$1,000.00 per month plus expenses (not to exceed \$400.00 per month in expenses) for a duration of 3 months. Charlotte Zampini seconded, there was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike Novack moved that we accept Holly Emery as the paid intern. Brad Smith seconded, there was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.