

The American Chestnut Foundation
Spring Board and Committee Meetings
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia
March 23-24, 2018

Restoration Committee Member
March 24, 2018; 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

In Attendance:

Committee Members- Carolyn Keiffer, Brad Stanback, Allen Nichols, Michael Doochin, Brian McCarthy, David Morris, Rex Mann (Co-Chair), Barb Tormoehelen, John Wenderoth, Yvonne Federowicz, Bruce Wakeland (chair), Yuri Bihun

Visitors- Cartter Patten, Ricky Caldwell, Robert Sypolt, Cathy Mays, Larry Yozwiak, Lois Breault-Melican, Denis Melican

Staff- Sara Fitzsimmons, Ben Jarrett (minutes), Michael French, Tom Saielli, Brandon Yanez, Jared Westbrook, Lisa Thomson, Dan Mckinnon, Eric Jenkins

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the fall meeting was made by Rex Mann, seconded by Carolyn Keiffer. Unanimously approved.

Chapters Incorporating Transgenic Trees

With the extensive coverage of this topic in both the Science and Technology Committee meeting and the Chapters Committee meeting, it was decided that no further discussion was needed at this committee meeting.

What Does Restoration Look Like and When Does it Start?

With the completion of seed orchard selections at Meadowview projected to be finished in the next 3-5 years, Michael Doochin has tasked Bruce and the Restoration Committee to create a short report outlining the process for conducting restoration trials utilizing Meadowview B3F3s. A discussion ensued amongst the group regarding the long-term survival and quality of the B3F3s and concluded that we should utilize them in re-introduction trials, but the messaging around resistance levels and survival rates needs to be clear and transparent for anyone receiving trees. Each chapter will have slight variations on their needs, but the overall process of requesting trees for projects will remain the same as current practice. Chapter members can reach out to their Regional Science Coordinator with project proposals and these proposals will be reviewed each year.

The issue of pricing for B3F3s was brought up and discussed by the committee. It was agreed upon that we need to make sure that there is as much testing and research done as possible and allocation of nuts first goes towards science. Leftovers should be made available, but with

caution on claims and a system in place to get reports back on tree success. Bruce asks for show of hands for support - and almost all showed support, with no disapprovals expressed.

ACTION ITEM: Bruce to work on drafting the 1-page document on restoration plantings and protocols for review at the next meeting.

Topics on the Agenda tabled until next meeting

Topics on the agenda that were not covered include; 1) Create a list of needed research regarding Restoration, and 2) Determining how and where to restore, state by state.