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CT-TACF Board Meeting Minutes

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To: William Adamsen <Bill.Adamsen@gmail.com>

On Sat, Mar 28, 2009 at 12:29 AM, Woods & Mary Lu Sinclair <wml61@comcast.net> wrote:

Bill,

Note as follows: I hope the corrections show up in red--mostly spelling, very little punctuation.

Best,
Woods

On Mar 27, 2009, at 2:16 PM, Bill Adamsen wrote:

Directors:

Please review these minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting and identify any errors or omissions. We will approve them at the next meeting of the Board of Directors - tentatively mid-November. You will find the [original agenda and reports](#) on the web-site.

Thank you!

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Recap and Minutes for the March 14, 2009 CT Chapter TACF Board Meeting

Location: Nathaniel Green Community Center - Guilford, CT

Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order: 2:00PM

Directors Present: Bill Adamsen, Jim Gage, John Anderson, Mike McGee, Dr. Robert Greg, Dr. David Bingham, Dr. Jennifer Allcock, Garret Smith, Gayle Kida, Dr. Jack Ostroff, Jane L. Harris, Ellery Sinclair,

Also Present: Sara Fitzsimmons, Kendra Gurney, Diane Griffith, Arlene Wirsig, Nancy Cebik

Quorum: It was noted that a Quorum was present

New Directors: New Directors - Bill Moorhead, Jack Ostroff, Jane Harris were installed and introduced themselves

Previous Meeting's Minutes: *A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the November 2008 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved **unanimously**.*

Reports:

President's Report - the president (Bill Adamsen) circulated the written report as handed out in the meeting agenda pack. He discussed the internship as accepted by Christing(?) Cadigan to work at Aton Forest under the direction of Dr. Fred Paillet. Though the internship is supported 100% by a grant from the Stanback Scholarship Fund at the Nicholas School for the Environment (Duke) - he requested **additional** support of \$1500 for travel expenses and up to \$200 for housing. *A motion to approve both the internship and the request for expenses was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.*

Orchard Management Report - the prepared written orchard management reports were circulated.

- **GMFC** - Ellery Sinclair spoke to the GMFC report and indicated that he wanted to perform a test comparing organic mulch with the fabric style mulch as described in the report. GMFC expects to leverage the **presence** of the Intern to **assist** with maintenance at the GMFC orchard, and possibly utilize **additional presence** of "high school" resources. All expected costs are included in the budget request.
- **Salem** - David Bingham indicated that the report was accurate and that all expenses were reflected in the submitted budget.
- **Woodbridge** - Robert Gregg spoke on behalf of Phil Arnold who was not present. The Woodbridge orchard is complete and will not be planting additional material. To Robert's knowledge, all expenses were captured in the report.
- **Guilford** - Jennifer Allcock spoke to the submitted report and indicated that all expected expenses were captured in the submitted budget.
- **Swann Farm** - Richard Bailey was not present to speak to the report he submitted; **however**, Jim Gage and Gayle Kida indicated that no additional lines can be fit in the orchard and that all expected expenses are captured in the budget submittal.
- **New Orchard - Middletown** - Jane Harris presented the project she has been working on for the City of Middletown which includes leveraging part of the City's 3 acre "sidewalk tree orchard" for a TACF Backcross Chestnut Research Orchard. Grants for the fencing have been approved, and following confirmation of soil, Middletown would like to plant test trees this year with the **intention** of planting backcross trees in 2010 and beyond. *A motion was made to approve moving forward with the Middeltown Orchard project, supplying test trees and individual deer protection if necessary and for the President to forward a Draft circulation of an orchard agreement for better understanding of the obligations of the parties, and to gage the City of Middeltown's interest. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. (I don't know if the motion was made as originally written, but it doesn't make good sense.)*
- **New Orchard - Litchfield Hills Audubon** - Bill Adamsen presented a proposal from the Litchfield Hills Audubon to create a backcross **orchard on** the Wigwam Brook property. He had presented to their Board in January and they voted to move forward with the project. The specific request was to provide nuts (American) for field testing and funding (as submitted in the budget) for deer protection. *A motion was made to approve moving forward with the Litchfield Hills Audubon project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*
- **Isabella Freedman** - Bill Adamsen presented a request to fund the signage and purchase of materials (trees) for the Isabella Freedman Center in Falls Village. Kendra has been working with Shamu Sedeh and we're excited to support this educational orchard. *A motion was made to approve moving forward with the Isabella Freedman project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*
- **Summary** - Chair of the Orchard Management Committee (Gayle Kida) **discussed** the process of arriving at the budget request and indicated that the budget request was complete and comprehensive including that for the two test orchards and demo orchard. *A motion was made to accept the orchard manager reports as made, the motion was seconded and the vote unanimously in favor.*

Pollinations

- **Pollinations Report** - The Chair of the Pollinations Committee (Gayle Kida) reviewed the confirmed and available trees and then several additional categories of trees that would need confirmation. *A motion was made requesting Gayle make a report with formal recommendations - creating and holding committee meetings - if that's what it took to draft the recommendations. The directors and members would respond to her requests to take ownership of completing validations and performing pollinations and training in pollination as requested. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.* Gayle has been working with Bartlett Tree Experts and will attempt to better understand the extent of their support this year. It was noted that there was no funding provided to support the use of bucket trucks in the event anticipated support is not forthcoming.
- **Special Request for F1 Pollination** - Robert Gregg presented a request for \$800 to support getting a bucket truck to perform pollination and material **retrieval** on the Chinese chestnut at the Arnold property. After discussion, it was agreed that we could use a less costly **retrieval** method (pole-pruner, shotgun) for getting pollen from the tree that could then be used to pollinate a known and

local American. F1 nuts are required in our orchard. Fertile F1 would require **emasulation** in a backcross orchard. The progeny above(?) would likely be male sterile and could be distributed more successfully. A motion was made to approve the male sterile approach to collecting F1. *The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Robert Gregg moved that the \$800 in the budget be allocated to discretionary use of the President. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report - the Treasurer (Jim Gage) indicated that the books for 2008 were closed and that the documents for review would be assembled and sent to John Baker (Treasurer of the Litchfield Hills Audubon) for review. The current budget was as presented in the documents with the exceptions noted above. *A motion to approve the budget was made. The motion was seconded and the vote unanimous.*

New Business

- Michael McGee discussed a presentation he made leveraging Chapter Presentation Powerpoints - he made a request that Directors reach out to local groups (libraries, local civic organizations) to request the ability to schedule a presentation from TACF.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM