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Present: Adamsen, Arnold, Gregg, Sinclair, Harris, Gage, Ostroff, Morehead, Alcock, Anderson, Bailey, Smith, Bingham, Keyes

Minutes of last meeting approved with spelling changes

Presidents report; Detailed 42 major accomplishments of last year distributed on line. Suggestion to add final totals of trees, nuts, etc. as part of this report.

Treasurers report; Balance down from last year but grant income should even it out by the years end. Audit included which was positive. See report for details as distributed on line. Draft budget for 2010 includes 20% increase from last year for program services and newsletter. Motion to approve funds for next year passed. Motion to receive treasurers report passed.

The annual meeting will take place in March at Trinity College in Hartford. Speakers Tom Kubisiack and Lynn Reiske-Kinney. A motion to approve 1500 dollars for the meeting expenses was passed. The presidents report will acknowledge in kind donations.

Pollination/Breeding report; Gayle Kida could not attend due to work requirements. Her report can be seen on line. Note was made of Gayle's excellent photo record ACF activity. Thanks also to summer intern, Chris Cadigan. Difficulties were experienced in the orchards due to the wet weather this summer. Poor germination and tree death due to the wet conditions. NRCS grant was obtained for the Litchfield Hills orchard Benner deer fence.

It was suggested a record of extra fencing material inventory be sent to Jane Harris.

Nominating Committee; 6 board members have accepted renomination to the board. 2 new people nominated (Baker, Kelsey). 2 open slots retained for future use. Report accepted.

Rex Mann and Kim Steiner proposed a restoration plan at the national meeting. This, however was not approved. Communications; TACF reports membership down 20%. CtACF down from 234 to 212.

Bob Gregg presented the cleaned up CtACF Bylaws. With the elimination of the last paragraph in article V11 the bylaws were accepted with 2 negative votes.

New business; A new project to predict locations of American chestnut trees given soil types and accessible locations in Litchfield county has been started. This is a joint program with Uconn and has potential for national use. Grants for this project should be available.

A speaker on reforestation for the State of Ct. should be considered for a future meeting.

With written criteria for a seed orchard, CCPI (Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative) would provide funds that could be bid on by private people or companies to do the project.

A long term plan for reforestation and the structure to carry it out needs to be done. Further work on this topic needs to be done at our next meeting.

Respectfully, Philip B. Arnold M.D.
