

**ACF-OH**  
**2008 Business Meeting Minutes**  
**13-September 2008**

Present: Tom Berger, Randy Brown, Chuck Bunner, Ray Gargano, Keith Gilland, Mark Johnson, Carolyn Keiffer, Don Kundrat, Kirsten Lehtoma, Bob Long, Rex B. Mann, Tim Mason, Brian McCarthy, Jim Murphy, Sara Parks, Dick Phillips, Susan Ramser, Joe Reardon, Emily Rutherford, Dave Simpson, Dick Stoffer, Bruce Willis, Sue Willis

Meeting called to order at 2:15 by Brian McCarthy

Brian McCarthy thanked Bruce and Sue Willis for setting up lunch, Dawes Arboretum for hosting the event, and Carolyn Keiffer for preparing the latest newsletter.

Brian McCarthy thanked cooperators over the past year, USDA-FS, OSM, ODNR, FWS and other agencies at national and state levels.

Reported donations to state chapter from AEP (Keiffer) and Geo/Environmental Services (McCarthy).

Keith Gilland read the minutes from last year's meeting. Joe Reardon moved to accept, Carolyn Keiffer seconded, minutes passed unanimously.

Susan Ramser gave the treasurer's report. Bills were presented for reimbursement of mailing costs and supplies for newsletter. Bruce Willis moves to repay, Brian McCarthy seconds, motion passed. Brian McCarthy moves to accept treasures report, Ray Gargano seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Brian McCarthy announced the election of new officers and board members: Brian McCarthy(President), Bruce Willis (VP), Keith Gilland (Secretary), Carolyn Keiffer and Dave Simpson (BOD). Also, Keith will chair next year's election committee for the BOD and will maintain a list of any willing volunteers.

Brian solicited suggestions for improvements to the chapter website and noted an increase in website usage, especially following media events.

Brian discussed the closing of the OH State Tree Nursery and reported on the discussion at the BOD meeting to deal with the 8-9,000 chestnut seedlings at the nursery. Brian and Carolyn clarified that Marietta seedlings were of Northern Indiana and Wisconsin origin.

Ray Gargano reported Greg Miller has started some new back crosses by introducing new lines of resistance via alternate Chinese parents to slow loss of resistance through time

Brian noted that it is important as a state chapter to create a science committee. We need 6-10 people to serve on the committee to offer up ideas on what will occur w/ American Chestnut in the state of Ohio. Brian cited the need for better coordination around the state with the advent of our Ohio seed orchards.

Brian suggested we continue with mine land reclamation, but, also new deployment strategies may come into play and warrant reconfiguration of certain efforts. Brian will send out an email for volunteers for the science committee. Brian asked all present to check their info on the contact list and

offered all members to pick up promotional pamphlets to pass out. Brian will add a notice to the website asking members to email Keith with their current email address.

Brian discussed the installation of two new orchards modeled after the Meadow view farm; one at Dysart Woods and one at FFA Camp Muskingum (?)

- FFA will hold pure American
- Dysart woods will hold BCF3 germplasm

Dave asked about further community outreach/education.

Brian mentioned education at Paul Bunyan/Farm science review/etc. Dave suggested that a standardized outline be used for educational purposes. Joe Reardon detailed that ACF has a selection of slides available and he could distribute his presentation to others to customize to their own purposes.

Dave Simpson mentioned that Sara Fitzsimmons has offered her talks.

Joe Reardon detailed his work with Cleveland Metroparks at South Chagrin lodge. Metroparks has ~250 trees, GPS'd that are producing seed. Metroparks is attempting to get seed and contribute to the germplasm collection in Ohio. Scions were also sent to Greg for grafting. Many of these trees are accessible but need to be pollinated.

Brian called for adjournment at 3:15, Ben Williams seconded, unanimously approved.