

TACF MA/RI Annual Meeting Election and Draft Notes  
 November 20, 2011  
 Harvard Forest, Petersham MA

Board Members Present:

Yvonne Federowicz, President; Lois Breault-Melican, Vice President; Kathy Desjardins, Secretary; Mike Novack, Treasurer; Rufin VanBossuytt, Charlotte Zampini, Brad Smith, Jamie Donald, John Mirick, Roy Najecki, Brian Clark, John Meiklejohn, Denis Melican

Other attendees:

Guest Speaker Fred Hebard, Chief Scientist, Kendra Gurney, Science Coordinator NE, Elizabeth Hammond, TACF MA/RI Board nominee

Meeting came to order at 10:15	Election was the first order of business. Term limits for Kathy Desjardins, Mike Novack, Rufin VanBoysst; Charlotte Zampini and John Emery were voted on and approved. The entire roster was then voted on with all votes unanimous, including new Board Member Elizabeth Hammond.
NATIONAL 5013C	<p>National is offering an “umbrella” type of chapter membership to eliminate redundancies and possibly help financially, where states would be covered by National’s liability policy and include some other benefits.</p> <p>There could be a financial downside too this as we would fall under their budget and therefore would abide by a new set of rules. There would also be liability issues, as National may not cover state operations.</p> <p>It was decided to think about this for a few months and we could make a determination at our winter meeting.</p>
MIGHTY GIANTS	<p>It was decided at our last meeting that we would purchase a case of books for the chapter to be able to 1) give away to appropriate venues after a presentation 2) give to local libraries who would feature the book 3) other non profits that would benefit by purchasing the book at a wholesale cost to add to their libraries.</p> <p>A motion was made and passed unanimously. The cost to the chapter is \$18 per book and they would sell for \$25.00. All book sold would be reported to the Treasurer.</p>
GRANT STATUS	<p>John Meiklejohn’s seed estimates are \$446 post &amp; polywire; \$2171 fence, \$100 screw turnbuckles, coming to a total of \$2117.          Gloucester RI deer fence is \$597          Ladder \$419.          Trimmer \$373.95.          Fertilizer \$206          Kingston RI \$2000 for irrigation, they may need more.          The \$1000 for equipment is gone          That will leave \$1000 for planting supplies          Addendum was added to the Granville orchard for \$1000 extra for site prep. (we only have \$2500 in seed orchard site prep category)          We have \$1186. From deer fence money that should be spent. It was noted that we need an OK to change money from one category to another.          All monies must be spent before January 1, 2012. Or we would need a formal quote</p>

	<p>or binder to secure the money.  We also have \$1100 in deer fence money that is not yet committed.  We have about \$300 in planting supplies and could change this to equipment.</p> <p>A motion was made to move money from one category to another subject to modification, this motion passed unanimously. These numbers can be modified by Executive Committee.</p> <p>All receipts need to be sent to Dennis at National and to Treasurer Mike Novack. If you can't send the original to Dennis, you must retain this copy for 3 years. (it was noted it's easier to just send the original copy to National to not have to be bothered by this issue)</p>
RESTORATION BRANCH EVENT	The Treasurer has received nothing from National about this event yet, Kendra suggested giving them a call. Elizabeth Hammond will do this to get more information about the financial aspect Branch Events.
11:00	Special Board Meeting concluded.