**Agenda for the 2020 Annual Meeting (virtual meeting)**

CT Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation,

Saturday, May 2, 2020

10:00 am - **Annual Meeting**

Minutes of prior annual meeting

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Nomination and Election of Directors and Officers

New CT Chapter treasurer

Old Business

New Business

Chestnut tree planting in Memory of John Blossom.

10:30 am – **From Macro to Micro: American Chestnut Tree Identification**

New England Regional Science Coordinator Kendra Collins will give a presentation on the best practices for chestnut tree identification, and detailing the macroscopic and microscopic differences in chestnut leaves, nuts and other structures. She will explain how to use the app TreeSnap to report a newly found tree, or TACF’s Tree Locator Form, and how to collect a stem/leaf sample for species identification and tracking.

11 am - **Board of Directors Meeting** (Open to all)

Minutes of prior board meeting

Report and approval of Budget

Update on the Covid-19 effects on the Spring work in Orchards

Report of *CT Chapter specific science plan* working group (Florian Carle, Kendra Collins, Jack Swatt, Jack Ostroff)

Report and discussion of Orchard Management

New Chestnut Breeding Plan

Breeding Orchards - Inoculation of trees

Seed Orchards - Planting additional seeds for this year.

Germplasm Conservation Orchards

Update by Kendra trees and breeding selections to be phenotyped or genotyped

Report by the Outreach and Education Committee

Update by Jack and other volunteers on previous events

Impact of the lockdown on upcoming public events (workshop, hikes, science day, …)

Report by the Communications Committee

External talking points about the Foundation

USDA opens the 60-day comment period

Update on the newsletter (Jim, Jack, Florian)

Update on the website (Jack, Florian)

Old Business

Locating American sources for sampling and germplasm conservation.

Updated on invasive species

New Business