

MINUTES:

Wisconsin Walnut Council Board Meeting – :

The meeting time and place was modified to be a conference call that was held at 9AM Thursday February 21, 2109..

Participants:

Manfred Mielke, Bill Carlson, Russ Moody, John Ouellette, John Nielsen, Carol Nielsen, Dick Powell

Review/revise agenda:

No changes

Budget review:

No discussion

National Board meeting Springfield, IL April 8,9:

Manfred, Dick, John O., possibly John N. (or call in) will attend;

Bring photos from Al Goestch field work;

The National Membership Meeting will be June 16,17,18,19, 2019 in the Topeka KS area.

Plan Spring Field Day:

- Joint meeting with WWOA - the joint meeting will be in Green County on May 18, 2019; weather has delayed the planning meeting until March 6; Bill, Russ, John and Carol will attend
- possible sites - the field day will be at the Green County Forestry Center.

Fall field day candidates:

The fall field day will be in Grant County; a final agenda needs to be prepared; the agenda will include a nursery tour and some tree planting sites.

Board Member update:

The final version will be attached or sent soon.

The web site needs to be updated; Bill will send the list to Donna.

Manfred will provide contact information for Logan Wells.

Committees:

Committee lists need to be finalized;

Bill will request that Tom Donahue's name be removed from the web site.

Other Jobs, Agenda items covered:

John will send the Goestch photos to Donna for the web site.

The Chapter display was at the Dane County Landowner Day held on February 16. Interaction with attendees by John O, John N, and Logan and Christina Wells was good and resulted in several electronic memberships.

John N. discussed the walnut sale at the Goestch property and will provide an update at a later event.

Logan Wells has agreed to join the Board

Manfred mentioned a large planting and research project that will be established in the Bell Center, WI area testing for natural resistance to butternut decline; the chapter may be able to provide some assistance; Manfred will follow up; planting will be spring 2019..

Mindy Habecker would like to see the chapter have a meeting at the Dane County Forest Landowner Day at future meetings (this had been done several times in the past but not for the last 2 or 3 years).