

**MINUTES OF THE 2002 COTTON DISEASE  
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING,  
JANUARY 9, 2003  
NASHVILLE, TN  
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The 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson John D. Mueller at 4:30 PM, January 9, 2003. Forty members were in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2001 business meeting.

**Old Business**

John Mueller thanked Melvin Newman and Kathy Mclean for organizing the seedling disease workshop on Wednesday afternoon. The workshop was well attended, with approximately 400 people walking through the exhibits. The workshop was an opportunity for growers, agents, and consultants to talk to specialists and view seedling pathogens and disease symptoms.

Terry Kirkpatrick stated that he did not have specific numbers on the sale of the Cotton Compendium by APS Press, but his understanding was that it was selling well.

Retirements in this year included Kamal El-Zik and Al Chambers. Kamal El-Zik's contributions were written by Peggy Thaxton and read by Charlie Howell. Al Chamber's contributions will be provided by Melvin Newman for the minutes.

A concern was raised that cotton diseases were not included in the Pest Management Section of the Production Conference. It was emphasized that members need to encourage the organizers to include plant pathology in this portion in the general session.

**Committee Reports**

Copies of the Cotton Disease Loss Estimates Committee Report compiled by Don Blasingame were handed out and the report was summarized by Blasingame.

No committee report was provided for the Vascular Wilt Committee. Terry Wheeler suggested that the committee be dissolved. Wheeler's recommendation was accepted.

Richard Davis stated that the Nematode Committee had been inactive in the past year. He recommended that a new chair be elected. Bob Kemerait was nominated to head the nematode committee, the nomination was seconded and Kemerait was elected unanimously.

No committee report was provided for the Soilborne Pathogen Committee. Gabe Sciumbato suggested the Soilborne Pathogen Committee be dissolved. Sciumbato's recommendation was accepted.

Copies of the Report for the Cottonseed Treatment Committee for 2002 compiled by Craig Rothrock were handed out to the members present. The cultivars for the 2003 trials will remain the same as 2002. A preliminary list of the 2003 National Cottonseed Treatment Nominations was provided.

**New Business**

Bill Gazaway made a presentation for the need for the uniform evaluation of cultivars for root-knot nematode resistance. After a discussion, it was decided that the nematode committee would take the lead in organizing and pursuing funding of this endeavor. It was suggested that Pat Colyer maintain a root-knot nematode site, since he has an established nursery and has been conducting evaluations for several years.

Bob Nichols reintroduced a proposal to organize a symposium on cropping systems for the 2004 meeting in cooperation with the Soil Management and Plant Nutrition and Cotton Economics and Marketing Conferences. Nichols stated that he would get together with the chairs for the different conferences to organize the symposium for the following year. The council endorsed the symposium and Bob Nichols to organize the symposium.

The option of having a colloquium for the 2004 Cotton Disease Council was left up to incoming Chairperson Craig Rothrock. John Mueller encouraged members who have suggestions for a colloquium contact Craig Rothrock.

Al Wrather had forwarded a suggestion that a crop management seminar be held for consultants and agents during the Production Conference next year. The seminar would involve presentations on managing nematode problems in cotton production. This proposal was endorsed by the council and Terry Kirkpatrick will be in charge of organizing the seminar.

It was announced that Pat Colyer will become Editor-in-Chief of Cotton Science. Pat Colyer talked about his new role with the journal and encouraged council members to increase their submissions to the journal.

It was suggested and accepted that posters associated with the Cotton Disease Council be located in the general poster area for the 2004 Beltwide Cotton Conferences. It was emphasized that this would provide a greater opportunity for participants in all of the conferences to view the posters.

John Mueller thanked the presenters at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Cotton Disease Council for their participation and the quality of their presentations.

Chip Graham was nominated for secretary of the Cotton Disease Council. His nomination was seconded and unanimously approved by council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Rothrock  
Secretary, Cotton Disease Council