

**MINUTES OF THE 2004 COTTON DISEASE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2004 SAN ANTONIO, TX  
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The 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cotton Disease Council was called to order by chairperson Craig Rothrock at 4:30 PM, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004. 35 members were in attendance.

A motion was made by Boyd Padgett, seconded by Melvin Newman, to accept the minutes from last year's meeting and to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2003 business meeting.

**Old Business**

Craig Rothrock announced that approximately 3300 people were in attendance at this year's meeting. He also announced that a computer and projection system were being supplied at next year's meeting. Craig asked for any comments on meeting arrangements and there were none.

Craig Rothrock thanked Al Wrather and the Cotton Disease Council for organizing the Managing Nematode Symposium. Don Blasingame noted that the symposium had good attendance from growers and consultants. He also thanked Al Wrather for a good job organizing the session.

**Committee Reports**

Copies of the 2003 Cotton Disease Loss Estimates Committee Report, compiled by Don Blasingame, were distributed to those members in attendance. Don thanked all the participating researchers for the information that was submitted.

Bob Kermait reported that the main goal for the Nematode Committee in 2003 was a Cotton Incorporated grant to support a Root-knot Nematode Nursery. Pat Colyer had contacted Cotton Incorporated and he reported that he was still waiting to hear from them. Bob requested, that if needed, the Cotton Disease Council should try and help secure these funds.

Copies of the Report for the National Cottonseed Treatment Committee for 2003, compiled by Craig Rothrock, were distributed to those members in attendance. It was agreed that DPL 451 B/RR and PM 2326 RR varieties would again be used in 2004. Craig reported that only 8 out of 17 sites had a fungicide response in 2003. This is below the average response, with significant seedling disease pressure usually being around 60 to 70% of sites. Preliminary lists of the 2004 National Cottonseed Treatment Nominations were provided to the group. Craig reported that 14 nominations from 4 different companies had been submitted.

**New Business**

Craig asked for any colloquium or symposium topics for 2005 from the floor. Bob Kemerait proposed a Seed Treatment Technology and Seedling Disease symposium be considered. He stated that topics, such as, seed size, seed chemical loading, site specific application and "What's Coming in Seed Treatment Technology" and their potential effects on seedling diseases be considered. He agreed to organize this symposium as part of the Production Conference. No other suggestions were mentioned from the floor.

Craig Rothrock asked if there were any more nominations from the floor for the National Cottonseed Treatment Trial and there were none.

Craig stated that future Beltwide meetings were being considered for three days, instead of four days, but that he had not heard from the Executive committee. The reason this is being considered is to get more producers to stay for the Research Conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted.  
Chip Graham  
Secretary  
Cotton Disease Council