

Minutes of the 2010 Meeting

Cereals Advisory Committee

Certification, Foundation Seed, and Plant Materials Board

Friday, November 19, 2010, Bldg 2 Lecture Hall, Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles, Oregon

Present: Carl Haugerud, Chair, Robert Zielinski, Jr., Kurt Farris, Lee von Borstel, Sandy McNab, Curt Howell, Joe McDonald, Mike Flowers, Randy Black, Dan Curry, Michael Flowers, Rachel Hankins, Randy Knight, Greg Vollmer, John Zielinski, Barry Schrupf (CAC membership enclosed on pages 5-6).

Item 1. Call to Order and Introductions.

Carl Haugerud called the meeting of the Cereals Advisory Committee (CAC) to order at 9:12 AM. Those in attendance introduced themselves and their respective affiliations. Distant meeting locations included Ballard Hall at Oregon State University. JW Cope (Vice-chair) submitted an email prior to the meeting providing his viewpoints on agenda topics.

Item 2. Appreciation and Recognition.

Dan Curry, OSU Director of Seed Services thanked the membership for their participation in the work of the advisory committee and the importance of their work to the seed services programs at OSU. Robert Zielinski was presented a Certificate of Recognition; Bob's term began with this meeting.

Item 3. The agenda was accepted as distributed (Appendix A, page 1).

Item 4. Minutes were approved as distributed previously from 2009/2010 meetings:

Nov 20, 2009 Cereals Advisory Committee

Jan 15, 2010 CAC Subcommittee on Clearfield Trait Testing

Feb 5-8 CAC email meeting on Clearfield Confirm Proposal

ACTION: M/S, von Borstel/R. Zielinski, to approve the 2009/2010 Minutes as distributed; motion carried.

Item 5. Report – Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Board (here-in-after “the Board”).

Carl Haugerud, CAC Representative to the Board, reported the Board met on February 11, 2010 and passed both recommendations from the Cereals Advisory Committee, one pertaining to commingling of production from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the second pertaining to Clearfield wheat trait testing (see Appendix A, page 2).

Item 6. First year review of Clearfield trait testing, and action for the future (see Appendix A, pages 3-5).

Use of the affidavit to confirm application of Beyond herbicide worked well. Mike Flowers suggested that the wording should refer to Beyond by name, “or other herbicide approved by BASF”; Mike will work with John Zielinski on possible changes to the wording in the affidavit. Sabry indicated that through the fall testing season, there had been 29 Clearfield Confirm Assays, all passed with results varying from 92 – 98%.

Proposed replacement paragraph for Small Grains Certification Standards, Special Requirements, K: Clearfield Trait Testing for wheat varieties that contain the Clearfield herbicide resistance trait:

1. Each seed lot will be required to meet the minimum trait standard as defined by the trait owner, and specified in the variety description. The minimum Clearfield trait standard for the 2011 and future harvest seasons will be 92% as based on the Clearfield Confirm Assay, subject to modification by the trait owner. Results from either the Clearfield Confirm Assay or PCR testing will be considered for the intent of satisfying this provision; minimum PCR test result to be determined by BASF. All sampling and testing procedures will follow standard OSCS policy, and OSCS will make final determination of seed lot eligibility. OSCS may monitor this program through requests of additional or larger tests. Seed stock documentation for field applications must include Clearfield Confirm Assay or PCR test results indicating the seed stock has also met the minimum requirement.

2. OSCS will require a signed affidavit from the grower of record verifying that certified seed production fields have been sprayed according to the Clearfield Wheat Seed Production Guidelines.

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Item 7. Oregon Approved Certified Seed Warehouse signs –. John Zielinski reported discussions with potential sign makers and will soon have a bid. John apologized for not having this project moved further along.

Item 8. Wheat seed standard for inert, other than broken seed.

Adriel Garay, Manager, OSU Seed Lab, submitted an argument to eliminate the existing seed standard: “Inert in Wheat, other than broken Wheat seed, maximum 1.00%” (see Appendix A, page 6). After brief discussion confirming that this change would have no impact on the standards for Pure Seed and Inert (98% and 2% for all classes of Small Grains), the following motion was made:

M/S, Howell/M^cDonald, to eliminate the small grains seed standard: “Inert in Wheat, other than broken Wheat seed, maximum: 1.00% (in all classes); motion carried.

Item 9. Preliminary Growers List (PGL) – content?

John Zielinski reviewed the content and format of the current Preliminary Growers List (see Appendix A, pages 7-9); by OSCS policy, the list does not contain information nor data regarding production of proprietary (private) varieties. A request has been received to revise the policy to allow publication of small grain private variety production in the PGL.

Discussion comments:

- With arrival of Clearfield varieties, many small grain acres are now planted to private varieties.
- University releases may now be “private”, whereas historically they have been “public”.
- For the University, listing its private varieties in the PGL is a decision with serious consequences, because once having started to list the private varieties the public institution will feel it necessary to continue. The University won’t be able to list some and not others.
- The Clearfield associates in Oregon and Washington did not object to having their production listed.
- The PGL greatly facilitates the search for seed of a variety, it serves as a “buyers guide” and seedsmen need information in it for all the varieties they are selling.
- The PGL should be on the OSCS website.
- If the list were to contain private varieties, then permissions will be needed from the owner and contractors of the variety to include it in the PGL.
- A listing for a private variety should be confined to: Crop Kind, Variety, Contractor, Generation; the listing would not include grower name, field number or acres.
- The distinction of private vs. public is a policy within Oregon Seed Certification Service; thus far, production of private varieties has not been published.

M/S, von Borstel/R. Zielinski, the Cereals Advisory Committee recommends that the Small Grains Preliminary Growers List should include private varieties; motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Item 10. Review of Service Fees.

Using a comparison of certification fees in Oregon, Washington and Idaho (see Appendix A, pages 10 & 11) Dan Curry noted that fee schedules for both Oregon and Washington include acreage and poundage fees, whereas Idaho has only an acreage fee. OSCS has received a request to apply the poundage fee to seed sold as certified seed (Washington’s poundage fee), rather than to the sampled weight (Oregon’s poundage fee), (see Appendix A, page 12). Request was made for clarification whether the Advisory Committee could make decisions regarding fees, or if OSCS management made those decisions; Dan clarified that decisions regarding the fee schedule and fee amounts were made by the OSCS Manager, but that ideas from the Advisory Committee would always be desired, valued and considered. The fee comparisons show Washington’s poundage fee nearly double that of Oregon’s; Schrupf suggested that if Oregon’s poundage fee were applied only to the certified product, then funding for that approach would need to come from a substantial increase in the poundage fee. This would also delay the receipt of those

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revenues, and that delay could result in cash flow problems, potentially necessitating operating loans which represent further costs. Joe McDonald observed that good value was received through participation in Seed Certification, and he was satisfied with the analysis of the alternatives for the poundage fee. Lee von Borstel strongly encouraged that decisions regarding changes to fees be evaluated for small grains separately from the grass seed certification program.

Item 11. Elections.

M/S, R. Zielinski/Howell, to nominate Lee von Borstel as Vice-chair for 2011; motion carried.

Item 12. Reports:

Oregon Department of Agriculture – Randy Black reported on the Weed Free Forage program (acres down in 2010) and the Slow Pay – No Pay program (fewer than anticipated). Regarding the Organic Certification program, there are some fields of organic wheat production in the Willamette Valley.

OSU Department of Crop and Soil Science – Dan Curry (for Russ Karow) reviewed the current (11/15/10) CSS Update (see Appendix A, page 14-15), and current status of the search for a new wheat breeder (see Appendix A, page 16).

Oregon Cereal Variety Advisory Committee (CVAC) - Mike Flowers reported two varieties moving toward release, one wheat and one forage barley. The wheat is a Stephens type to be named in honor of Mary Verhoeven.

OSU Seed Lab – Dan Curry (for Adriel Garay) and Sabry Elias provided a summary (see Appendix A, page 17). Lee von Borstel requested that for a certified sample the result of the Clearfield Confirm Assay be reported on the same Seed Analysis Report as are purity and viability reports; the objective is to have all the test data in one report on one piece of paper. Dan indicated that this would be worked on.

Oregon Seed Certification Service – Dan Curry (for Dennis Lundeen) and John Zielinski reviewed the past year's accomplishments and activities (see OSCS 2010 Activity Summary, and Appendix A, pages 18-20). Dan reported that fourteen warehouses were participating in a grass seed lot size experiment. Lee von Borstel asked that Dogfennel be "added to the list".

Washington State Crop Improvement Association – Jerry Robinson distributed and reviewed the WSCIA 2010 Annual Report.

Item 13. 2011 meeting place and time.

Among committee members there was interest in meeting in conjunction with a group like the Wheat League.

CAC recommendations and information items to the Board are included in Appendix B.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barry Schrupf, Secretary
Cereals Advisory Committee

and

John Zielinski
Small Grains Certification Coordinator

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Enclosures

Appendix A, Meeting Packet

Appendix B, Recommendations to the Board

cc:

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