

MINUTES

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2014
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

Voting members present: Greg Bingaman, Austin Bingaman, Lowell Patterson, Mark Hagman, Scott Setniker, Darrin Walenta.

Non-voting members present: Dan Curry, Russ Karow, Dennis Lundeen.

Members absent: Jim Cloud, Mike Seely, Cythia Ocamb.

Guests Present: Terry Burr, Recorder

1. The Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting, called to order at approximately 7:00 AM by Scott Setniker for a breakfast meeting prior to the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League Annual Meeting.
2. The members and guests introduced themselves.
3. The Chair called for additions to the agenda, and none were received.
4. The minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business
 - a) Review “Land Requirements” specifically crop history and cultural practices. Discussed land requirements following virus free strawberries put into place last year, no Verticillium was observed in the 2013 fields under the new requirement. We should maintain the two-year limit till after we make the 2014 inspection, then address whether we should remove the two-year limitation at the next meeting.
 - b) Discuss the revision of the Mint handbook that took place last year. No comments or additional revisions discussed.
6. New Business
 - a) Terry made an observation that he was finding a plant in the Registered fields that was different looking. The plant was more aggressive, was hairy, and had a blue tint to it. Russ said that we should run a ploidy count using a flow cytometer to see if the DNA had changed. Others had noticed this in their production fields but only at a lower generation. We should keep an eye on this mutant plant in the higher generation fields.
7. Reports
 - a) Mint Rootstock Certification

Terry Burr reported that one greenhouse operation produced four lots of Nuclear generation rooted cuttings. These were the public varieties Mitcham, Todd’s Mitcham , B90-9 and Redefined Murry Mitcham peppermint. For Field-produced rootstock, in Program A, the Strict Land Requirements Program. One grower in Harney County produced two fields of Foundation a 1.25 ac Mitcham and a 3 ac M83-7 peppermint. Lots passed full certification requirements for Foundation class. They also had seven fields of Registered class Mitcham, Redefined Murray Mitcham, and Todd Mitcham Peppermint. All lots passed full

certification requirements for Registered class. One grower in Harney County had a 5 ac field of Scotch 770 Spearmint that passed Foundation class. For Program B Field class program. One grower in Klamath County had two fields of Field class one M83-7 and Mitcham at .5 ac each. They also had 29 ac Field in Field class 2 of Mitcham peppermint that passed all certification requirements. Acreage of certified mint was up from 3 acres in 2012 to 94 ac in 2013.

b) OSU Crop & Soil Science Department Report

Russ Karow reported that a new crop coming to Oregon is Industrial Hemp, for seed and fiber use. ODA has passed legislation to allow production of Hemp for oil and fiber. Regulations still need to be worked out on Production and certification standards. He announced that Paul Marquardt has given his resignation effective the end of February. Russ Karow plans to retire in December 2014.

c) Seed Certification Report

Dennis lundeen reported that there were two new hires by OSU Seed Certification. Andrew Altishin who will lead inspections for the north valley and Union county. Mary Beuthin will be lead inspector for Polk and Benton Counties, and also lead in the corn inspections in Umatilla county.

Some sad news we lost one of our long time inspectors Iraj Motazedian after a fight with kidney cancer he will be sorely missed.

Seed certification sent out 900 letters to invite growers and companies to take a on line survey. There were about 100 people who participated in this survey it showed positive results and can be seen on our web page.

Seed certification total acreage is up about 4% with the help of some new crops such as corn and Radish. Mark asked if any crops have been lost over the years, there is less bean acres and tree certification has been taken over by Washington.

8. Austin Bingaman was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, and Scott Setniker moves from Vice-Chair to Chair.
9. Scott Setniker agreed to serve as this committee's representative at the Certification Board meeting in February.
10. Scott Setniker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Terry Burr

Secretary

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The current *Oregon Peppermint and Spearmint Rootstock Certification Standards*, the current *Directory of Oregon Certified Mint Rootstock*, and minutes of recent Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee meetings are available at the OSU Seed Certification website (<http://seedcert.oregonstate.edu/>) under the respective Mint or Advisory Committee headings.