

MINUTES

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

Voting members present: Scott Setniker, Lowell Patterson, Jim Cloud, Daniel Keudell.

Non-voting members present: Dennis Lundeen, Dan Curry, Jeremiah Dung.

Members absent: Jay Noller, Greg Bingaman, Austin Bingaman, Darrin Walenta

Guests Present: John Cheatham, Tim Butler, Jeremy Russel, Eli Perkins, Terry Burr- Recorder.

1. The Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 AM by Scott Setniker for breakfast, 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 2016 meeting were approved as written by Jim and seconded by Lowell.

5. Old Business:

- a) Scott served as the representative to the board meeting where they passed some revised bylaws for the mint program.
- b) The two-year trial on the tarp fumigation to change the field history following virus free strawberries was reviewed. This practice seems to be working, nothing needs to be changed in the requirements.

6. New Business:

- a) Discussed that the one mint grower wants to increase his acreage to approx. 200ac and have the option to sell the roots or use them as oil. Timing of inspection is very critical.
- b) Tim asked if there were any other varieties besides Black Mitcham or M83-7. B-90 seemed to be more susceptible to vert but can produce lots of oil.
- c) Tim Butler, we have to monitor the condition of the industry. Right now there is a surplus of oil, not many new fields going in or contracts available. We need try to determine the amount of roots needed to plant so when the market turns there are enough roots available.

7. Reports

a) Mint Rootstock Certification:

- A list of the 2016 Directory of Oregon Certified Mint Rootstock was distributed. It shows that Sierra Cascade was the only grower. They have certified fields in the field class B program. They had 49 acres of Black Mitcham and 15 acres of M83-7 Peppermint.

b) **OSU Crop & Soil Science Department Report,**

Dan Curry went over Jay Noller's report.

A CSS Update was distributed:

Crop and Soil Science – We are all about Soils to Seeds

Passed Accreditation of Degree Programs

Our undergraduate major passed university review this month, adding to the passage of our two graduate degree programs in Soil Science and Crop Science. We continue to add new courses to our on-campus and Ecampus curriculum, with new courses in agronomy being the focus.

New CSS Faculty

- a. Dr. Ray Qin (Chin) was hired as the Assistant Professor, Extension Agronomy/Soils at HAREC. He started 16 September.
- b. Dr. Maziar Kandelous started 9 January as Assistant Professor, Extension Water Quality Soil Scientist, a statewide position to assist agricultural producers in sustaining or enhancing crop productivity while maintaining or increasing surface and groundwater quality associated with surface and soil processes.
- c. We are in the process of hiring the Assistant Professor, Extension Soil Fertility Specialist. The chosen candidate will be visiting OSU later this month to finalize negotiations.

CSS Faculty Searches

- a. Assistant Professor of Practice, Irrigation and Water Management – This faculty position is stationed at Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center (KBREC).
- b. CSS is looking forward to gaining College approvals of our requests for Weed Science research and teaching position and an Extension Entomologist position, by this winter. We need stakeholder input in assembling Search Committees, which in addition to the search for filling the position are charged with the final description of these positions before accepting applications.

We greatly appreciate the stakeholder time, effort and input on these hires.

College of Agricultural Sciences

Earlier this year, the OSU Board of Trustees sought a continued service level increase for these programs – simply the amount of funding that would be needed to provide the same level of service next biennium as what was provided during the current biennium: \$128 million, a \$9.4 million increase. Cost increases for the OSU Statewides are primarily driven by state mandates and state policies that require state retirement and health insurance benefits and salary increases. Other cost increases are due to regulatory compliance, technology, communication and transportation costs. In order to maintain the same level of service for the Statewides the legislature will need to find \$9.4 million in general fund resources. We look to our stakeholders to help find practical solutions for addressing the funding challenges facing the Statewide in the 2017-19 biennium.

ARS

ARS-FSCRU continues to look for ways to work with and support grass seed growers in Oregon. The unit, the College and CSS are co-funding (in that order of support dollars) a temporary Extension Field Crops Entomologist, half time for the next 12 months. We are placing an open recruitment presently.

c. **Seed Services Update:**

Dan Curry

People coming and going

Last year was a time for some of our fellow workers to rotate out and for us to find replacements. As you may know by now that Dr. Dave Stimpson was hired at the end of July to be the manager the seed lab. He replaced Adriel Garay.

Sandy Smith retired on June 30th from Seed Certification and Rachel Hankins took his place. Julie Hendrix was the office manager for certification for 20 years and worked for OSU for 40 years. Julie is now fully retired. The new Office Manager, Brandi Cox, started in December to replace Julie.

Some of the projects that are being discussed are:

We are looking to hire a student group on campus to program iPads for data entry

We may be working with some mechanical engineering students to see if we can add computer assistance to the purity process

Seed Certification

Seed certification had another big year as there were 246,669 certified acres in 2016.

The stapling issue has come up again as far as attachment of OECD tags. There were some seed lots from another state that went to the Netherlands with only one staple holding the tag. The Netherlands said at least two staples may be used (Oregon OECD are double stapled), but the Netherland officials are saying that this will work only until August 1 of 2017. This is based on their interpretation of the OECD rules. We are working with the US NDA on this, but please be aware that this may effect OECD shipments later this year, at least shipments to the Netherlands.

Seed Services

We have made contact with some people in Canada about someone taking on the leadership of validating the BDI PCR test that may separate annual, intermediate and perennial ryegrass. In the latest email, folks in the Netherlands have sent an email to the temporary head of ISTA asking ISTA for access to the technology to possibly test it.

We would like ISTA to take the leadership in determining if the BDI PCR test is a viable one. We had some Oregon industry volunteers that will be on the committee to vet out this procedure.

d. **Seed Certification Report,**

Dennis Lundeen.

2016 Snapshot of the Oregon Seed Certification Service

- Staffing
 - 3 Administrative staff
 - 2 Information Technology staff
 - 1 Systems Manager
 - 1 Software Engineer
 - 8 Seed Certification Specialists
 - 10 Part-time/seasonal Seed Certification Inspectors
 - 4 Fulltime and 4 part-time Seed Certification Samplers
 - 1 Manager & Seed Certification Specialist

 - Types of Crops Certified by acreage
 - Grasses 82.93%
 - Tall fescue 47%, Perennial ryegrass 29%, Kentucky Bluegrass 6%
 - Cereals 10.43%
 - Wheat & Club Wheat 88%, Barley 5%, Oat 4%
 - Legumes 3.45%
 - Alfalfa 38%, Red Clover 27%, Crimson Clover 13%
 - Other Crops 3.19%
 - Potato 36%, Corn 30%, Sunflower 18%

 - Programs Administered
 - Oregon Certified Seed
 - Part of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)
 - OECD Certified Seed
 - Administered in Oregon for USDA-SRTD

 - Stats for 2016
 - 246,669 acres and 5,650 fields
 - 28 Oregon counties with certified crops
 - 84 different crop types certified, and 1,238 different varieties.
 - Growers: 721
 - Warehouses: 363
 - Contractors: 418

 - Celebrating 100 years!
 - 2016 was the 100th year of Oregon Certified seed. Our celebration scheduled for December 14th, 2016 had to be cancelled due to a winter storm. We are currently looking at dates in March of this year to reschedule and will announce the date once selected.
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e. Scott Setniker was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, as Greg Bingaman moves from Vice-Chair to Chair. Jim Cloud moved and Daniel Keudell second.

- f. Daniel Keudell and Mark Hagman were elected to serve another 3-year term.
- g. Scott Setniker agreed to serve as this committee's representative at the 2017 Certification Board meeting in February.
- h. Scott Setniker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Terry Burr

Secretary

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee

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.

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