

## Minutes of the Oregon Certification Seed Conditioners

Advisory Committee Meeting - December 7, 2003

Pendleton Room Doubletree Hotel Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon

1. The 16th annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Certification Seed Conditioners Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Mike Coon at 7:05 PM. Members in attendance were: Gary Banowetz, Randy Black for Jim Cramer, Ron Cook, Mike Coon, Adriel Garay, Doug Huff, David Keister, Mark Mellbye, Iraj Motazedian, Jerry Mullen, Lee Schweitzer, Jim Steinke, Jake Stockfleth, Bill Teeter, and Bill Young. Members and ex-officio absent were: Jay Burr, Brad Holiday, Russ Karow. Guests in attendance were Sherry Hanning, Julie Hendrix, Dennis Lundeen, Ron Pence, Barry Schrupf, Sandy Smith, John Zielinski, and Robert Zielinski Jr.
2. The minutes of December 8, 2002 meeting were mailed previously. Jerry Mullen moved and David Keister seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was passed.
3. Randy Black of the Oregon Department of Agriculture explained the requirement of record keeping by seed conditioning warehouses. Referring to the attached document, he mentioned that the Oregon Seed Law mandates keeping records on all seed lots conditioned in warehouses: Records must be kept for three years and the sample of seed for one year after the seed left the warehouse. The Oregon Seed Services require similar record keeping.
4. Mark Mellbye reported that Seed Industry Conference 2003 had low attendance. It was suggested that perhaps we could combine this conference with other events such as the Ag. Show to attract a larger audience.
5. Adriel Garay announced a two-day workshop for grass seed cleaner operators. This two-day workshop will be held at the OSU Seed Laboratory four times: Feb. 5-6, Mar. 4-5, Apr. 1-2, and May 6-7. Maximum attendance will be twenty people at a time and the cost is \$150.00 per person. More information and registration are available at Seedlab@oscs.orst.edu
6. For the Department of Crop and Soil Science and Oregon Seed Services, Dr. Russ Karow and Dr. Lee Schweitzer's reports are attached.
7. Referring to the Oregon Certification activity summary for 2003, Ron Cook reported that although the total certification acres were down about 9%, we had the highest total grain acreage – up about 20% from 2002. He mentioned that OECD certification was a great part of the Seed Certification activities in the 2002-2003 season. With the efforts of Oregon Seed Certification Service, "Mixtures of Certified Seed" was approved for the first time by the International OECD organization. He also announced that Oregon Seed Certification is planning a meeting for Oregon seed industry Officials with Kris Thompson, the US OECD Designated Authority, to discuss OECD issues. Regarding OECD tag attachment by the county samplers, Mark Mellbye would like warehouses to give a two-day notice to the counties. Members of the committee felt it was a reasonable time.
8. Adriel Garay reported that the total number of samples were down this year. Despite less income and tight budgets the OSU Seed Laboratory has achieved efficiency:
  - Streamlining of tests requested on a sample
  - Improvement in testing capacity by training more seed analysts
  - Technological developments
  - Improved information systems and computer programming
  - Training and education

9. Ron Pence of the Oregon Department of Agriculture presented a copy of minutes from the OSTA Sod Quality committee. He also reported that ODA is working on uniformity of State Seed Laws. This would make the interstate trade of commodities such as flower seeds and native plants seeds easier and more uniform.
10. On the election of the Vice-Chair, Mark Mellbye nominated Jerry Mullen and Jake Stockfleth seconded the motion. The motion passed.
11. In other business, Dr. Gary Banowetz announced that the USDA seed conditioning lab is used by those that have interest in the field and he encouraged committee and other industry representatives to contact him or Doug Bilsland if they need help with a seed conditioning problem. He also mentioned that the USDA Forage Seed unit would receive new money in 2004 to conduct biotechnology risk assessment research.
12. Next meeting will be 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., the Sunday before the Oregon Seed Grower League, in 2004.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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