

# MINUTES

## Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018  
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

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

**Non-voting members present:** Dan Curry, Jeremiah Dung, Darrin Walenta

**Members absent:** Jay Noller, Austin Bingaman, Mark Hagman.

**Guests Present:** John Cheatham, Tim Butler, Kyle Bingaman, Terry Burr- Recorder.

1. The Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 AM by Greg Bingaman for breakfast, prior to the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League Annual Meeting.
2. The members and guests introduced themselves.
3. The minutes of the 2017 meeting were approved as written by Scott and seconded by Lowell.
4. The Chair called for additions to the agenda and none were received.

### 5. Old Business:

No old business was brought forward.

### 6. New Business:

Terry brought up that any new varieties developed will have to be accepted into the program before they can be certified. Scott said there are a couple new varieties being worked on but not released yet.

Dan asked about the number of acres increasing to 200 at Sierra Cascade, this is the plan but would be for 2018 crop not 2017. Lowell thought there would still be demand for good rootstock even in a depressed market.

### 7. Reports

#### a) Mint Rootstock Certification:

- A list of the 2017 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 17 acres of M83-7 Peppermint. We inspected the fields a little earlier this year which worked out well for a good inspection.

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

Dan Curry went over Jay Noller's report.

A CSS Update was distributed.

**OSU Update**  
**January 1, 2018**

The following are highlights of activities over the past few months in Crop and Soil Science (CSS) and the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) as they affect clientele groups affiliated with CSS.

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

New CSS Faculty

- a. Dr. Gordon Jones is our new Assistant Professor (Practice), General Agriculture at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center, Central Point. He started this past summer.
- b. We are currently in active recruitments, with Fall closing dates, for
  - Mid-Valley and South Valley: Assistant Professor (Practice), Extension Field Crops Agronomists; Dr. Tom Chastain is the search chair for both. The applicant screening process is underway by with interviews in January / February.
  - Corvallis:
    - Assistant Professor (tenureable), Weed Science; Dr. Andrew Hulting is the search chair.
    - Seed Certification Manager replacing the retiring Dennis Lundeen. Jeff McMorrان is the search chair. Interviews were run again January 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have the new manager in a month or so, depending on candidate negotiations. Dan Curry is interim manager.
  - Malheur County: Assistant Professor (Practice), Extension Field Crops Agronomist; Dr. Stuart Reitz is our search chair. Committee is looking over candidate applications at this time.
  - Klamath Basin: Assistant Professor (tenureable), Agronomist; Carol Tollefson is the search chair.
  - CBARC: Assistant Professor (Practice), Extension Cereals; Interviews of Ryan Graebner are complete. We await outcome of Dean's decision and any negotiations with the candidate.
  - Waiting: Corvallis-based Assistant Professor, Field Crops Entomologist.

We greatly appreciate the input from all of our stakeholders in defining these positions and the anticipated searches ahead.

Faculty Departing CSS: Dr. Maziar Kandelous resigned from his position as Assistant Professor, Soil Water Quality Specialist effective 31 December 2017.

**College of Agricultural Sciences**

Dean Dan Arp will be retiring effective 30 June 2018. A national search is underway. Jay Noller is on the 15-member search committee and he invites you to share with him your reflections on candidates.

**Oregon State University** In honor of its 150<sup>th</sup> (Sesquicentennial) Anniversary, OSU has revealed its new brand identity, including logo and marketing materials. October 2018 will be the month celebrating the University's Land Grant status.

- c) **Seed Certification report,**  
Dan Curry.

**OSU Seed Services Update**  
**January 11, 2018**

- Dennis Lundeen has retired as of last month and the search committee is in the process of sorting out the best candidate to replace him. Jeff McMorrان is the search committee chair. The search committee interviewed five candidates by phone and selected three candidates for in-person interviews on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, each candidate gave another presentation by webinar. It is hoped that we can install a new Certification manager in place by the end of the month.
- Oregon Seed Certification service activities included certifying 236,660 acres last year, which was a decrease of 4%. We certified 84 different crop types and 1,238 different varieties. In 2017 we worked with 706 growers, 364 warehouses and 416 contractors.
- The Seed Lab has hired an on-campus group to program iPads to allow electronic entry of testing results into the database. The programmers started last spring and it is hoped that the new data entry process will be in place by the spring of 2018.
- Seed Services is working with the International Seed Testing Association to perform a validation study to verify the ability of a PCR test to distinguish perennial ryegrass from annual ryegrass. It is hoped that the study will be finished by the spring of 2019.

- a. Daniel Keudell was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, as Scott Setniker moves from Vice-Chair to Chair. Jim Cloud moved and Lowell Patterson second.
- b. Scott Setniker, Jim Cloud, and Lowell Patterson were elected to serve another 3-year term.
- c. Scott Setniker agreed to serve as this committee's representative at the 2018 Certification Board meeting in February.
- d. Greg Bingaman adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 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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