

MINUTES

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2019
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

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

Non-voting members present: Dan Curry, Jeremiah Dung, Darrin Walenta, Jay Noller, Andrew Altishin.

Members absent: Austin Bingaman.

Guests Present: John Cheatham, Tim Butler, George Curry, Chip Kinney, Eli Perkins, Mike McKay, Dina Jensen, Jeff Cloud, 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 minutes of the 2018 meeting were approved as written by Greg 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 a concern he had with controlling Canada Thistle spot spraying with Roundup and broadleaf killer. The drift of the chemical to non-target mint plants making them look stunted and bronze effect resembling Verticillium symptoms. Will this chemical carry over into the roots and effect next year's crop? Answer is no, they would not carry over and most likely never grow.

7. Reports

a) Mint Rootstock Certification:

- A list of the 2018 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 155 acres of Black Mitcham and 18 acres of M83-7 Peppermint. We inspected the fields late July which worked out well for a good inspection.

b) OSU Crop & Soil Science Department Report, Jay Noller.

OSU Update

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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.

Highlights

1. New CSS faculty hired, start dates announced.
2. Three new CSS faculty searches underway.

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

New / Renewed CSS Faculty

- a. Dr. Caio Brunharo, new assistant professor of Weed Science, started 2 January 2019
- b. Ms. Bailey Jenks, new Cereals Outreach Coordinator, started November 6
- c. Dr. Stuart Reitz, CSS faculty, started 1 November as the director of the Malheur Experiment Station.
- d. Mr. Brian Charlton, CSS faculty, started in mid September as Interim Director of KBREC, Klamath Falls.

Faculty Searches

Corvallis:

- We have begun the search for Assistant Professor (tenureable), Extension Entomologist. Dr. Silvia Rondon, CSS-HAREC Entomologist, will be the search chair.

COAREC, Madras:

- We have begun the search for Assistant Professor (tenureable), IPM Scientist.

KBREC, Klamath Falls:

- We have begun the search for Assistant Professor (tenureable), Agronomy

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

New Degrees, Courses and Certificates:

CSS is launching:

1. Online BS major and minor degrees in soil science; coming later in 2019: agronomy major and minor
2. Online Organic Agriculture graduate certificate; coming this Spring

College of Agricultural Sciences

OSU is expanding its Industrial Hemp research enterprise statewide to its Branch Experiment Stations during 2019. CSS Head Jay Noller is leading these efforts, supported by Professors Rich Roseberg and Valtcho Jeliakov, as well as faculty across the state.

Dean Sams is currently making the rounds of the state and various constituencies of the College. Look for him at an Experiment Station near you and other events over the coming months.

The College has completed its 150 anniversary celebration events and is looking forward to the next 150 years.

Oregon State University

Oregon State University is wrapping up its celebrations of its 150th anniversary. You might be interested in having your own limited-run OSU150 commemorative blanket designed and produced by Oregon's own Pendleton Woolen Mills. See the university front webpage for information.

c) **Seed Services**

Dan Curry.

OSU Seed Services Update

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- 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. Currently, the OSU Seed Lab is performing grow-out tests for the study. It is hoped that the research will be finished by the fall of 2019.
- Last spring the Tall Fescue Commission had requested some breeder K31 seed from Kentucky Foundation Seed (KFS). KFS sent 2 lbs. of endophyte K31 and 14 lbs. of endophyte-free K31 seed and it is being stored at the Hyslop cold room. It is possible that Certified K31 will be produced using these seed lots.
- Seed Services is working with OSU Computer Science and Engineering students to try and develop a computer seed sorter machine that will assist in the process of purity testing. It is hoped that a device would decrease turn-around time for the OSU seed lab.
- The Seed Lab is working with some OSU IT staff to develop an iPad data entry system that will stop double entry of data and greatly reduce data entry errors.

d) **Seed Certification report,**

Andrew Altishin.

2018 Year in Review

Total Acres Certified of all Crops – 235,145

Total Acres of Grass Crops Certified – 198,584

Total Acres of Small Grains Certified – 21,134

Total Acres of Legumes Certified – 6,247

Total Acres of Misc. Other Crops Certified – 6,017

Total Acres of Potatoes Certified – 2,845

Total Acres of PVG Certified – 145

New Hires

- Andrew Altishin, Manager
- Alex Albion, Seed Certification Specialist
- Mel Laam, Tagging Coordinator
- Chanelle Moody, Office Specialist
- Annette Terreberry, Seed Certification Aide (Sampler, Umatilla Co.)
- Tonia Rea, Seed Certification Aide (Sampler, Union Co.)

New Programs

- Change Container Type from Bulk Containers to Sacks or Buckets
- Request Field Extension for Your Contracted Fields
- Create Online ISTA Seed Sample Certificate
- Transfer/Accept Fields From Another Grower
- Request Sampling of Certified Lots

Other Topics

- Network Changes
 - Server Upgrades
 - Website Upgrades
 - New Dean of the College of Agricultural Science and Director of Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, OSU, Dr. Alan Sams
- a. Jim Cloud recused himself from the board and wanted to have Jeff Cloud replace him for the remainder of his term, Mark Hagman motioned Lowell second.
 - b. Jeff Cloud was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, as Daniel Keudell moves from Vice-Chair to Chair. Jim Cloud moved and Lowell Patterson second.
 - c. Greg Bingaman and Austin Bingaman were elected to serve another 3-year term.
 - d. Scott Setniker agreed to serve as this committee's representative at the 2019 Certification Board meeting in February.
 - e. Scott Setniker adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 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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