

MINUTES

Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2007
Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach

Voting members present: Greg Bingaman, Gary Butler, Jim Cloud, Fred Crowe, Scott Gibson, Lowell Patterson, Scott Seus (Chair), Darrin Walenta, Craig Ward (Vice Chair)

Non-voting members present: Dan Curry, Russ Karow

Members absent: Ron Cook

Guests Present: Lynne Chamberlain, Randy Knight, Bryon Quebbeman, Lee Sukraw

1. The Oregon Mint Rootstock Certification Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45a.m. by Chair Scott Seus for a breakfast meeting prior to the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League Annual Meeting.
2. The members and guests introduced themselves. Knight welcomed new committee members Dan Curry and Darrin Walenta. Knight expressed thanks to Scott Gibson and Scott Seus for their willingness to serve on the committee another three year term per request from the Oregon Mint Commission and Oregon Essential Oil Growers League. Their new terms began at the close of this meeting.
3. The Chair called for additions to the agenda, and none were received.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business
 - a) At the January 12, 2006 meeting, the committee recommended that the Seed Certification office develop a "grower declaration" form which could be used by the mint rootstock grower at the end of the season to identify any insect or disease pests noted during the growing season. Knight present the developed form to the committee and it was approved as presented. Some discussion followed in an attempt to provide a pest alert system. Suggestions included the possibility of Melodie Putnam of the Plant Clinic at OSU having a system of notification that could be linked to the Oregon Mint Commission website. No decision or recommendation was made, however a few days after this meeting, Russ Karow talked to Melodie, and she expressed interested to help in any way she could.
6. New Business
 - a) In July of 2006, Dr. Fred Crowe (committee member) pointed out to Bob Henderson (Oregon Seed Certification) that a fumigant is now registered to treat small spots of Verticillium wilt. In 2001, the "spot treatment" option was removed from the standards because legal and reliable treatment options appeared to be no longer available. After further discussion, the committee voted to have the "Oregon Peppermint and Spearmint Rootstock Certification Standards" revised to reinstate into the standards the wording used prior to 2001 addressing the protocol to follow when Verticillium wilt is found in a field of mint intended for certification.

New Business Continued:

- b) Knight shared the planned fee adjustments for mint certification. It was noted that the last certification fee adjustments for mint occurred in 1996. The following fee changes were identified.
- Greenhouse production:
 1. Old fee was \$325.00 for each greenhouse unit.
 2. New fees will provide three inspection trips for \$325.00 and \$90.00 for each additional trip.
 - Field production:
 3. Old fees were \$250.00 for the first acre or fraction thereof, \$30.00 for each additional acre or fraction thereof.
 4. New fees will be \$275.00 minimum per grower, \$35.00 per additional acre.

7. Reports

a) Mint Rootstock Certification

Randy Knight reported that two greenhouse operations produced four lots of Nuclear generation rooted cuttings; this included two public peppermint varieties and one experimental peppermint variety; no spearmint varieties were certified. For field-produced rootstock, no acreage was entered for certification in Program A, the Strict Land Requirements Program. One grower produced 3 lots for certification field inspections, totaling 12 acres, in Program B, the Field Class Program. This was down from 78 acres in 2005. All lots passed full certification requirements. This acreage was produced in Baker County.

b) Seed Services Report

Dan Curry expressed appreciation to the committee for its work and support. Dan reported that OSU is developing a contract that will allow outsourcing the production, conditioning, storage, and marketing of foundation seed. He reminded everyone of the Certification Board meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, and the National Grass Plant Variety Review Board meeting on February 15 and 16; both meetings in Corvallis. He noted the dates of February 8-9 and 15-16 for the OSU Seed Lab's Seed Quality Management Workshops in English and Spanish respectively. Dan also informed everyone of the OSU Seed Lab's plan to host an ISO Quality Auditor's workshop on March 20-22, 2007.

c) OSU Crop & Soil Science Department Report

Dr. Russ Karow also expressed his appreciation to the committee, and also referred the committee to a written report identifying the highlights of activities over the past months in Crop and Soil Science (CSS) as they affect clientele groups affiliated with CSS.

8. Certificates of Appreciation

Knight presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Curry, the new Director of Seed Services, for his participation on the committee. Dan then presented Certificates to Gary Butler, Jim Cloud, and Darrin Walenta in appreciation for their service.

9. Scott Gibson was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for the next year, and Craig Ward moves from Vice-Chair to Chair.

10. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at approximately 8:05a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Randy Knight

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://www.oscs.orst.edu>) under the respective Mint or Advisory Committee headings.

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