

Front Range Seed Analysts

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Rules Proposal Review Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2004

1:00 pm

Submitted by Cheryl Walter, for Laurie Thoma, FRSA secretary

Precision Seed Testing

Arvada, CO

Host: Karin Paxtin-Gray (Nastick)

Attendance: Mary Loring, Annette Miller, Sunny Hanley, Barb Atkins, Jim Bruce, Ethan Waltermire, Karin Paxton-Gray, Marilyn Milhouse, Cheryl Walter, Pat Conine and Irene Cardona.

FRSA President, Mary Loring called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

Secretary's Report: The January 7, 2004 meeting minutes. Annette made the motion for the minutes to be accepted, Jim second. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Cheryl did not have the list of new members to report.

Treasure's Report: Pat presented the report of the last quarter, it included receipts from memberships and publication and disbursements to Westhost, Inc., Kinkos, postage to France and a wire transfer fee. Approval for the Treasure's report was moved by Jim and second by Karin. Motion carries and treasure's report is accepted.

Web Page Administrator's Report: Annette reported that she had the sponsors links added into the home page and also she has an unknown seed ID page. The link to that is also on the homepage.

Audit Committee Report: Jim reported that he and Mike Dideriksen had reviewed the financial statements for FRSA and found everything to be in good standing.

Outreach Committee Report: Annette related that some of the photos used in the "Mobile Investigations," need to be owned so that we can continue developing the courses and be published. She had also heard that the educational materials sent to Lithuania had been received.

STEP Update: Colorado State University has cut their budget for continuing education and the Summer Seed Analyst Workshop that has been held there in the past may not be able to return for next year. It is scheduled this year for July 12th – 16th. Jim is continuing to update SeedImages.com and has 13 new families coming. Any suggested additions are welcomed. Jim also requested help with the Poaceae key.

The Anna Lute award nomination packets were given to present committee members. Ethan volunteered to drop off one packet to Richard Agnew. Annette was going to formally ask Jack Fenwick to serve on the committee and see that he received his packet.

The Summer Forum, scheduled for July 16th, was discussed and it was suggested that we test out the keys Jim is developing. Using species like needlegrass, quackgrass, three awn grass and possibly docks. Mary asked for volunteers for an organizing committee and those persons are Marilyn, Barb, Karin and Ethan. Barb reminded the group that it has to be 5 ½ hours to qualify for RST points and to contact Anita with the agenda.

Rules Proposal Reviews were opened.

Jim made the move that the first four rule change proposals be approved. Reasoning that these were all seed testing weights that were needed. Marilyn seconded, motion carries and FRSA approves.

Rule proposal #5 Pure seed unit. Motion to accept by Annette. Second by Marilyn. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #6 Clarifies uniform blowing procedures. Motion to accept by Barb. Second by Jim. Motion carries and FRSA accepts. Mary and Annette suggest that handbook 24 be scanned and added to rules disc.

Rule proposal #7 Corrections to Handbook
FRSA had one question – Were the points referring to whole numbers or tenths?
Annette moves to accept. Second by Irene. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #8 Clarification of a mixture. Karin moves to accept. Second Marilyn. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #9 Watercress testing weight change. Annette moves to accept. Second by Sunny. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #10 Remove additional instructions from Switchgrass. FRSA has some questions and reservations on this proposal and members were divided.

Rule proposal #11 GA3. This was a “housekeeping” proposal and Annette made the motion to accept. Jim second. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #12 When to Retest. Clarify tolerance Table. Karin made the move to accept. Marilyn second. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

Rule proposal #13 Tolerance clarification. Jim moves to accept. Annette second. Motion carries and FRSA accepts.

That concluded the proposed rules changes.

Next meeting will be the Seed Forum July 16th, 9:00am to 4:00pm at the NCGRP tentatively, committee members please get with Pat and Jim to confirm.

Mary had 2 noxious weed herbarium samples Leucanthemum vulgare and Hesperis matronalis, she passed out to anyone who wanted them.

Annette had a TZ committee update. Fabaceae is being changed.
Future additions to the handbook will have a separate page for each genus
New additions will be for species that are not in ISTA handbook. Some new pages are being drafted. – Amended ALM 5/2004

Mary Loring, FRSA President adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.