



FRSA General Business Meeting January 19, 2005

STA, Longmont, CO, 1:00 pm

Call to order: Ethan Waltermire, President

Present: Ethan Waltermire, Barbara Atkins, Pat Conine, Annette Miller, Mike Didericksen, Lauri Thoma, Mike Nelson and Diedra Peck.

Secretary's report: Diedra Peck presented the past minutes for approval. Annette Miller made the motion to approve the minutes for October 6, 2004 as published on the website. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Current membership is at 6 gold, 12 sponsors and supporters and 9 individuals. Hoffman Manufacturing is a new gold member. Thank you for your support!

Treasurers report: Pat Conine presented current financial figures. Pat motioned that \$17.00 in postage for invitations to Loren Weisners retirement dinner be paid as a donation from FRSA funds. Barbara Atkins seconded and motion to accept report and donation carried. The financial audit committee, Mike Didericksen and Jim Bruce, will present their report at the April 13, 2005 business meeting.

Web page administrator's report: Annette Miller reported that the membership applications are up-to-date. It was suggested that a "member's news page" be added to the site to post pictures of current activities and social functions and other member news. Annette will add a members page.

There is no change to the TZ page, although Annette is currently working on adding TZ vigor slides on corn and sorghum.

Old Business

Outreach committee report: Annette reported that the FRSA materials that were sent to the Mobile Investigations mobile lab have not been located. She will pursue contacting persons to find the materials. Lauri Thoma reported that all pictures for the "You Need the Seed" have been taken and will be compiled in the book. A special thanks to Sunny Hanley and Courtney Thomas for their work in submitting photos.

STEP update: Ethan Waltermire reported that meetings are underway to plan the use of an educational grant to develop a formal seed analysis program on the CSU campus, similar to the the program that was offered on the Front Range campus.

Mike Didericksen proposed changes to the wording of the FRSA constitution concerning Article 4 and Article 5. Article 4 stated, "The executive board has the authority to meet as necessary, as the business of the FRSA becomes too burdensome to be conducted at quarterly meetings." Mike suggested that the statement be changes to "The executive board has the authority to meet as necessary." The current standing on meetings in Article 5 reads as "Regular meetings shall be held quarterly during the second week of January, April, July and October. The July meeting shall include a Seed Analyst Forum and shall be held when appropriate to accommodate workshop activities." After much discussion to retain the purpose of the constitution, yet to allow a flexible schedule, the group formulated a change to read as follows. "Regular meetings shall be held during the months of January, April, July and October. A seed analyst workshop will be held annually." These changes will be voted on at the next meeting on April 13th.

New Business

The new proposals of the AOSA rules changes should be available in February. It was noted that the rules need to be studied as soon as possible to prepare for discussion at the the next meeting. Ethan Waltermire suggested that members take a proactive stance to inform seedmen and growers of changes in the rules that may affect their businesses. A stronger effort needs to be made to contact members and attract new members to FRSA. Once the rules are available, they can be paraphrased and explained to non-analysts. Ethan will work on a list of possible persons to contact Please encourage members and seed industry to review and discuss the new proposals either by telephone or e-mail. A FRSA subcommittee will be formed as soon as the rules are available and will probably meet in March. Please check the FRSA website for information on the committee times and dates.

Annette Miller suggested that sampling procedures, especially on native seeds, to be the topic at the 2005 workshop. It was suggested that the workshop be held in conjunction with the Colorado Seed Growers and Seed Industry meeting held in December. Ethan and Diedra will contact the seed growers and seedmans groups to see if this would be feasible.

Barbara Atkins will contact Anita Hall at the SCST, readvertising our FRSA website and services and products that we offer.

Pat Conine suggested that as a tribute to Loren Weisner's contribution to the industry, that a \$250.00 donation be made, in his name, to the CSU crop judging team. Lauri Thoma moved that the donation be made, Annette Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Anna Lute nomination selection committee will be comprised of Ethan Waltermire, Mike Didericksen and a seed industry member. Diedra will contact Mike Otto president of the Colorado Seed Industry Association to be the third member of the committee.

The next meeting will be April 13 at 1:00 at Arkansas Valley Seed in Longmont. Save room for pizza!

Diedra Peck moved that the meeting be adjourned, Mike Didericksen seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Diedra Peck
FRSA secretary