



FRONT RANGE SEED ANALYSTS

1111 South Mason St., Fort Collins, CO 80521-4500

General Business Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2004

1:00 pm

Submitted by: Laurie Thoma, FRSA Secretary

Syngenta / Hilleshog

Longmont, Colorado

Host: Mike Nelson

Attendance: Mary Loring, Pat Conine, Annette Miller, Laurie Thoma, Ethan Waltermire, Sunny Hanley, Jim Bruce, Mike Nelson and Mike Dideriksen.

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

Secretary's Report: The October 8, 2003 meeting minutes were approved with a correction in the meeting dates. The second meeting of 2004 is to be April 7, not February 7. (Jim moved, Mike D. seconded). Laurie provided a membership update, currently we have 3 Gold, 3 Sponsor, 3 Support and 14 Individual Members. It is only January, so the memberships will continue to come in.

Here is the amended schedule for 2004. The correction is highlighted in yellow.

Day	Month	Date	Year	Location	Time	Format
Wednesday	January	7	2004	Syngenta/Hillesog Longmont, CO	1:00 pm	General Business
Wednesday	April	7	2004	Precision Seed Testing Arvada, CO	1:00 pm	Rules Proposal Review
Friday	July	16	2004	NCGRP (tentative) Fort Collins, CO	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Seed Analyst Forum
Wednesday	October	6	2004	Arkansas Valley Seed Solutions Longmont, CO	1:00	General Business/ Officer Elections

Treasure's Report: Pat presented the treasurer's report and it was approved (Diedra moved, Mike N. seconded). Receipts include publication orders and memberships while Disbursements include printing and postage for publications ordered, shipping for the book sent to Lithuania and office supplies.

Web Page Administrator's Report: The new index page includes a color logo and live link to our Gold Members' websites. There is a lot of available space on the website, so if there is anything you would like to see posted, please let Annette know. There has been little headway made with

the TZ information collection database that is being created for the AOSA TZ Subcommittee. Jim Bruce has some alternate ideas that he and Annette will discuss.

Outreach Committee Report: We have tried to contact the persons in charge of the materials left from the Mobile Investigations program at CSU in order to retrieve our supplies, but we have had no response. We did however send a copy of the reference booklet along with some seed to the school in Lithuania. We have not received confirmation as of yet regarding its arrival there. We still need photos of our own to include in the reference book in order to make it available for purchase. Realizing that this is not a prime time of the year for photographing flora, we will patiently wait for spring and summer, unless anyone has a stash that can be scanned.

STEP Update: Jim reported that the SeedImages.com website continues to grow. They have begun beta testing on the seed finder key with a fair amount of success. Some families are very near completion. There will also be another 200+ species added to the database soon. If you would like to participate in the beta testing, please contact Jim Bruce, phone 970-495-3246 or email jbruce@lamar.colostate.edu.

The job announcement has been posted for the Director of Seed Programs at Colorado State University, with a January 23 deadline. If you are interested, the entire announcement is posted under Job Opportunities on the FRSA website, <http://www.frsa.org/JobOpportunities.html>.

The dates for the Summer Seed Analyst Workshops at Colorado State University are posted. Seed ID and Purity will be July 12-16 and Germination will be held July 19-23. For details, see the Resource Center on the FRSA website, <http://www.frsa.org/WorkshopsAndEvents.html> for contact information. The success of these workshops has been amazing over the past 5 years. They have again and again proven to be worthwhile, and what better proof than to have a participant make a career change based on what they learned over a period of a week or two. This is the case with Sharon Bokan, who was recently hired by STA in Longmont, Colorado, after maintaining a career as a metallurgist. What a change and what a compliment to the Seed Analyst Workshops put on at Colorado State University.

The 2003 Colorado Seed Growers & Colorado Seed Industry Associations had their joint meetings in December. Laurie read a brief overview of the sessions written by Linda Munk, Interim Manager of the CSGA, who is on maternity leave. They had a short program this year holding “committee meetings and business meetings along with a short continuing education program discussing Carbon Sequestration, ASTA and the environment, and the USFS plans for re-vegetation and conservation in the next year”.

We wish Linda and husband Steve the best of luck with their new baby!

A committee was formed to select the 2004 Anna Lute Award recipient. Committee members are: Jack Fenwick (non analyst), Richard Agnew (SCST affiliate) and Annette Miller (AOSA affiliate). Don't forget to nominate the outstanding seed analyst you know for the Anna Lute Award.

FRSA will give \$200 again this year to the CSGA/CSIA Scholarship fund with CSU Department of Soil and Crop Sciences (Annette moved, Laurie second).

FRSA will hold the annual Seed Analyst Forum on Friday, July 16. After a brainstorming session the following ideas came up:

- ♦ Kochia- TZ results v. field emergence, dealing with the factor of green embryos that do not stain in TZ solution
- ♦ Artemisia – TZ methods
- ♦ Pinus – TZ v. excised embryo germination

If anyone has other ideas, please make sure they are submitted by or at the April meeting, along with a full proposal outline of an actual workshop. We will vote on a subject and select a planning committee at the April Meeting.

Annette Miller has been invited to give a 3-day TZ workshop in Canada at the end of March. She will hold a dress rehearsal at the NCGRP in Fort Collins, CO March 1-3, 8am-4pm for six or so individuals of varying degrees of TZ knowledge and background. If you are interested in participating in the rehearsal, please contact Annette directly at 970-495-3240 or almiller@lamar.colostate.edu.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 by Mary Loring, FRSA President.

On a personal note as the Secretary, I will be on maternity leave by the April meeting and possibly through the July meeting and workshop as well. I just want to say, “Thank you” to you all for putting up with my scatterbrainedness and typos over the past few months. I hope that my entire brain will again function once our baby is born! I will leave the secretarial duties in the very capable hands of the other active members in my absence.

Regards,
Laurie