



MINUTES
NATIONAL CLEAN PLANT NETWORK – HOP TIER 2 BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2013 – Oxford Suites Chico-Chico, CA

Attendees: Jason Perrault, Fred Geschwill, Ann George, Ken Eastwell, Bernard Gamache, Reggie Brulotte, Gayle Goschie, David Gent, Nate Jackson, Ed Atkins, John Henning, Erick Smith, Mark Nelson, Jennifer Stevens, Charlie Rohwer, Rob Serrine, Paul Cobet, Craig Heisner, Sarah Schilling, Ralph Judd, Rebecca Reid, Gene Probasco, Jeff Butsch, Brandon Lesniak, Mark Nelson, Brenen Aragon, Bonnie Steinman, Jeff Steinman, Paul Signorotti, Alexander Feime, Bradley Studer, Harald Schwarz, Patrick Leavy, Ronald Brulotte, Nate Jackson, John Henning, David Gent, Erick Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Jason Perrault, Chair, followed by introductions.

Announcements: Fred Geschwill is being replaced by Gayle Goschie, as the Oregon Hop Commission representative to the NCPN-Hop Tier 2 committee.

Minutes/Motion: Reggie Brulotte moved to approve the minutes of the 8/1/2012 meeting as corrected; seconded by Ed Atkins and approved unanimously.

Rootstock Fund/Plant Fund Balance: The WHC Rootstock Funds were sent to WSU on 1/18/2012 and WHC has closed the account. Ken Eastwell reported that a new greenhouse kit was purchased for \$37K; funds from the WHC Rootstock Fund account will cover a portion of this. The foundation for the greenhouse has been poured and is awaiting construction. The existing greenhouse will be at capacity this year. Funds generated by the sale of rootstocks and cuttings will be managed in a WSU Project Income Account going forward.

Program Updates: Ken reviewed program distributions, status of new material going into the program, and material availability. Once clean, cultivars in greenhouse are tested annually for: American hop latent virus, Hop latent virus, Hop mosaic virus, Apple mosaic virus and Hop stunt viroid. Also discussed: status of experiments and time needed to release as commercial varieties.

Hop Sales: deadline for requests is January 15, 2013. So far 35 plants and 15 cuttings have been requested.

Nominations: the Hop Cleanup Prioritization chart was reviewed and discussed. Twelve slots are available for new nominations: 2 proprietary, 2 NCGR, 8 for general hop industry. Deadline for nominations is February 28, 2013. When submitting nominations, start by looking at varieties already identified on the Hop Cleanup Prioritization list, but not in process (see Program Status column, items indicated with a "1". Tier 2 will meet again the first week of March to review the nominations.

Outreach: Ken reviewed the handout provided by Debbie Woodbury, and discussed the need to develop a communications plan. It was recommended that the USAHops website be used for “static” information regarding NCPN-Hops, with a link to the CPCNW site for emerging and dynamic information such as meeting minutes and materials ordering. For the near term, it was decided to develop two tri-fold brochures—one for congressional offices that Ann George will take to DC in early March. Another brochure will be developed with program information and will point people to the improved CPCNW website.

NCPN Updates: Jason Perrault reported on the last few NCPN Operations conference calls. The 2008 Farm Bill has been extended, but NCPN funds are not covered by that extension since the program was a new program in the 2008 Farm Bill. Ken reported that NCPN-Hop has funds to keep operating until October 2013. If a new Farm Bill with NCPN funding is passed in late 2013, it could take another 6 months for those funds to be distributed, in which case there will be a gap in funding. Current available funds are \$150,846. CPCNW-Hop core operating budget for 12 months is \$121,196; \$171,694 for 17 months.

Hop Network Vision: subcommittee members are Reggie Brulotte (chair), Gayle Goschie, Nate Jackson, Ken Eastwell, and Bernard Gamache. The committee reported the need to quantify ongoing industry support through HRC, Commissions, and plant sales. Percent match with federal dollars. What is maintenance cost of clean materials vs. cost of cleaning up new material? Try to get basic info from Debbie by 3/11 for DC trip and committee use.

Other business: Appointing new NCPN-Hop Tier 2 Vice-Chair

Motion: Reggie Brulotte moved that Gayle Goschie should replace Fred Geschwill as vice-chair; Paul Matthews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2013 telecon to prioritize the nominations for entry into the cleanup program.

Meeting adjourned.