



MINUTES

NATIONAL CLEAN PLANT NETWORK – HOP TIER 2 BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2013 – Telecon

Attendees: Jason Perrault, Ken Eastwell, Gayle Goschie, Erich Rudyj, Stephen Kenny, Debbie Woodbury.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Jason Perrault, Chair. It was determined that there was not a quorum (a simple majority of 9 voting members), so no voting will occur during this meeting.

NCPN Funding Update: Erich Rudyj provided a recap of NCPN funding via the 2008 Farm Bill and concluded with the projection that if a new Farm Bill is passed, it will likely be late 2013/early 2014.

NCPN Industry Leadership Group: Jason announced that Gayle Goschie will be replacing Fred Geschwill on this committee.

Winter Hop Sale: Debbie Woodbury reported results-to-date for the Winter Sale (summary distributed with agenda), and it was suggested that we send out an announcement that there are still some established plants and rooted cuttings available. Debbie also reported that she will be improving the packaging technique for rooted cuttings, as a couple of these young plants did not arrive in good condition.

Budget update: Since there was not a quorum, we did not review budget matters.

Cultivar Nominations: Ken Eastwell reviewed the nominations received, which have been noted on the Hop Cleanup Prioritization chart. We received 8 nominations to fill the 8 slots for general industry selections. There may still be some openings for additional varieties proposed by Stephen Kenny, depending on the outcome of pending discussion with Kim Hummer regarding the two available NCGR slots; permitting status for two “super secret” options, and a potential duplication in the “general” nominations. Once these have been finalized, Debbie will send out the updated nomination information and ask the Tier 2 board to vote via email. Ken stated that we need to make the final determination soon, and get the meristems going before May 1.

Outreach: Debbie reported that the tri-fold brochure developed for Ann George to take to DC on March 11 is complete. Another brochure will be developed with program information and will point people to a new NCPN-Hop website, still to be developed.

Hop Network Vision: This report was postponed until the next meeting.

Other business: The possibility of a face-to-face meeting was discussed. Debbie will poll Tier 2 members about the feasibility of meeting in Prosser sometime in May, with a teleconferencing option for those who cannot travel.

Meeting adjourned.