

PEACH AND NECTARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the January 30, 2019 Board Meeting
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
325 University Drive
Cocoa Board Room
Hershey, Pennsylvania

Public notice of the January 30, 2019 Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program Board Meeting was given on January 24, 2019, as stipulated by the Sunshine Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Gantz, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. Board members in attendance (in addition to Chair Gantz) included Norm Schultz, Vice Chair; Tyler Fetters; Wayne Hollabaugh; Henry Frecon; and Tad E. Kuntz.

Absent, Mike Kurek.

Attending were Patrick Andrews, Board Liaison to the Department of Agriculture; Char Riley, Administrative Assistant, Commodities and Marketing; and Morgan Sheffield, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Also present were James Schupp, Hemant Gohil and Norman Lalancette, research presenters.

SCHUPP PRESENTATION

James Schupp, Penn State Fruit Research and Extension Center, presented before the Board to continue discussion of his rootstock research, which included a trial of several different rootstocks at three different spacings that grew out of a previous trial. Mr. Schupp stated the trees in that spacing range looked most productive, so it was followed with raked spacing. Mr. Schupp referred Board members to his tables for further discussion of the tree sizing effects, spacing, and yields.

Mr. Schupp commented that the trees at closer spacing continued to be more productive among rootstocks. He noted the Bailey peach tree continued to produce a good crop in 2018, and that the Krymsk 86 caught up to the Bailey in terms of yield. Mr. Schupp referred to information containing the mineral nutrition effects noted in the past year. He believed another year of yield and fruit size analysis would be beneficial. He requested funding for research staff and the mineral nutrient analysis at the lab. Mr. Schupp referred members to posters pertaining to the study that was placed in the vestibule.

Mr. Schupp conducted research with regard to the Controller series of peach rootstocks, which may provide an element of size control with peaches. He contracted with Sierra Gold Nurseries

to put in demonstration plantings at ten farms around the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Schupp requested a grant in the amount of \$9,315. He answered questions from Board members.

James Schupp exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Patrick Andrews introduced Char Riley, the Department of Agriculture's new administrative Assistant for Commodities and Marketing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Andrews, on behalf of Ms. Belles, referred Board members to the Financial Report for review of assessments for the last half of last year in the amount of \$17,096.60. Total assessments collected thus far were \$11,344.32; cash balance as of January 24, 2019, \$33,705.91. Mr. Andrews will provide a liabilities total and discuss the assessment collections audit and future RFPs issued later on in the meeting.

GOHIL PRESENTATION

Dr. Hemant Gohil, Agricultural Agent and Assistant Professor, Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County, Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, and Daniel Ward, Extension Specialist, presented before the Board to discuss a proposal with regard to the time of ripening, yield potential, fruit quality and storage of new peach cultivars, and advanced selections. He stated the Peach and Nectarine Board in 2017 had provided funding for seven new varieties of peaches that were planted in New Jersey for evaluation.

Dr. Gohil requested to continue that research on some of the advanced selections in order to collect data with regard to storage potential and fruit quality. He requested \$4,000 for the project and provided a breakdown of the expenses, including wages, supplies, travel and other miscellaneous. Dr. Gohil answered questions from Board members.

LALANCETTE PRESENTATION

Dr. Norman Lalancette, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, Rutgers University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, presented before the Board to discuss the management of peach bacterial spot, integration of biorational bactericides, and cultivar resistance. He stated two experimental orchard site locations at the Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center would be used for the study. Dr. Lalancette discussed four treatment options that would be studied, including Stargus, Double nickel, Regalia and LifeGard. Disease assessment and marketable fruit assessments would also be conducted. Statistical design and analysis would be prepared to compare the efficacy of the treatments. Dr. Lalancette requested \$10,038 for the project and provided a breakdown of the expenses, including wages, supplies maintenance fees and travel. Dr. Lalancette answered questions from Board members.

Dr. Lalancette will be presenting a review of all nine years of the project later on in the Stone Fruit Section at 3:30 p.m. He noted a recommendation with regard to brown rot would be

made at that time. Board members had questions regarding cover spays tested for brown rot control.

FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

Mr. Andrews further reviewed the Financial Report. He referred Board members to the report for review of six grants still owed, ranging from \$51 to \$6,570 for a total of \$13,397. Morgan Sheffield discussed corrections to the assessment report, including statements not returned for 2018, four nonpayments, and six outstanding grants. It was noted an updated list of growers would be distributed.

Mr. Patrick stated the Chaim Frenkel, Rutgers University, proposal dated February 1, 2017, in the amount of \$1,500 was the oldest outstanding grant. It was noted that a no-cost extension was filed. There was further discussion of additional outstanding grants and expected expenses.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to award a grant to James Schupp, Penn State, in the amount of \$7,000; Norman Lalancette, Rutgers, in the amount of \$6,000; and Hemant Gohil, Rutgers in the amount of \$3,000.

RESOLUTION 2019.01-APPROVAL OF RESEARCH FUNDING

Motion: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously

To approve a \$7,000 grant to James Schupp; a \$6,000 grant to Norman Lalancette; and a \$3,000 grant to Hemant Gohil.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS EXPIRATION 06/30/2019

Mr. Andrews noted term expirations for Wayne Hollabaugh, Tad Kuntz, and Henry Frecon. All three members requested reappointment for three years. Mr. Andrews stated the Secretary would be supportive of amending the number on the Board to eight members as no new nominations were received. Board members discussed the amendment and amending the number of counties represented.

RESOLUTION 2019.02-AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE BOARD TO EIGHT MEMBERS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES REPRESENTED TO THREE OR MORE

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Morgan Scheffield

Passed: Unanimously

To approve amendments to the bylaws to include language that the number of counties necessary to be represented would be reduced to three or more and to approve the number on the Board to eight members.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

Board members discussed possible dates for the next Board Meeting and agreed to the date of July 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m., via conference call.

FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION

Mr. Andrews stated, with regard to proposals this year, he discovered that it was 2013 when an actual RFP for competitive proposals went out for this Board. He stated an official RFP and publication would need to be advertised going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

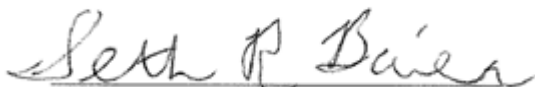
RESOLUTION 2019.03 -ADJOURNMENT

Presented by: Tad Kuntz

Seconded by: Tyler Fetters

Passed: Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



January 30, 2019