

Research and Extension Committee Minutes

Feb 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Smith

Minutes from last meeting was read and a motion to approve it was Kendal Nichols moved to approve the minutes with a second by Albert Woods.

Kendal Nichols gave an update on NDSURSF and NDSSD fee recollection. An Agreement for 3 years was signed and everything is as it was before. He also mentioned that Extensions services in other states have suffered financial cuts and ND is in good shape but it could happen in our state also.

Joel Ransom mentioned that a new Winter Wheat Breeder have been hired last fall Dr. Francois Marais. He has one of the rooms in the new greenhouse full of material and maybe we will have a winter wheat variety sooner that the typical 10-12 years period. He also said that organization of the search committee for the PLSC Chair is on going

Kendal Nichols suggested that the Released Meetings should be conducted early since as late as it was this year does not give much time for the counties to promote the new releases. Eric Eriksmoen suggested to do summer releases, as is done in Montana. The discussion ended with the consensus that if the release meeting is done early and there is enough seed a spring release is OK.

There was a discussion on the new HRSW varieties recommended for release. There was big concern regarding the contamination of ND811 with white wheat, and also in ND808. Gonzalo Rojas, clarified the ND808 is not an issue. Foundation seed at Williston has 2 lots of ND811, one with 0.7% and one with 0.4% contamination. He also explained that breeder seed is being increased in AZ at this moment and that seed has 0.4% contamination. The committee suggested that quality and genetic purity is more important and the release committee should base their decisions on that.

There being no further business, Troy Coons moved to adjourn with a second by Brian O'Tool