

Certified Seed Committee Minutes
February 8, 2012 – Minot
Minutes taken by Joyana Wardrip

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Troy Coons.

Minutes – Steve Sebesta made a motion to approve the minutes. Del Gates seconded. Minutes approved.

Dale Williams gave an update from Foundation Seedstock and DSS pulse breeding program. USDA is looking at Dakota Select Seed to bring in a new lentil variety.

Two new releases from NDSU are Velva HRSW and Carpio Durum. The ten top producing counties were allocated more seed with the rest of the counties distributed evenly. Not much seed was available this year to distribute.

Tradition is in high demand this year and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. It looks like there will be a new HRSW and durum coming next year. A question was brought up about differing research fees between wheat and barley. It was discussed about the possibility of dropping the barley research fee from 75 cents down to 50 cents to remain consistent with other programs.

Steve Sebesta gave an update on fines for illegal seed sales. Two parties were fined for PVP, Title V infractions and labeling violations. Credible information is key for State Seed to successfully prosecute violators. Communicate with everyone about the importance of following the rules and the consequences for not. If illegally planted, the fine could be tripled.

Dale Williams talked to the Minnesota Director of Crop Improvement and they don't foresee raising research fees on barley.

Del Gates made a motion that we write a letter to the Research Foundation to reduce the barley research fees from 75 cents to 50 cents and be included on future decisions. John Schatz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dale Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second coming from Steve Sebesta.