

Certified Seed Committee Minutes

February 3, 2011 – Bismarck

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Mark Birdsall. Minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

Mike Gartner gave an update from Dakota Select Seed (DSS) and thanked the NDCISA state board for granting the last \$3000 of the original \$15,000 loan for license fees. The DSS would welcome any new growers. No quorum at last night's board meeting and will call another meeting in the next week or two.

Dale Williams gave an update from Foundation Seedstocks. There were some problems with the Tioga production, in that they are seeing low germ and there was a certain amount on increase that was planted on ineligible ground. That seed from the ineligible ground can be labeled as certified class, but the price will be the same as the registered class and all fees remain the same. Variety Release committee met yesterday and considered the following lines for release:

Hard White Spring Wheat – looking for separate system to distribute
ND811 – western ND fit – if released it probably wouldn't go to counties for increase until 2012.

ND808 – Faller replacement, high yield, slightly better protein – may end up a joint release with Minnesota.

It will be a week or so before we receive final word in release from Dr. Grafton. There was also a new oat variety presented for release. BARI will not be releasing their new variety "Innovation".

Comments from REC's:

Sanford Qvale, WREC – Sale as good, Mountrail and Alkabo sold out, Tioga about ¾ sold. Barlow and Mott sold out.

Chad, NCREC – Strong seed sales, especially HRSW – slow durum sales until just recently, good flax demand.

ASF has quite a bit of Barlow available.

Steve Sebesta, ND State Seed Dept. (NDSSD) said they will not be able to print on multipart forms such as bulk seed certificates. He presented two options and asked for input on possible changes. Both will involve a log form for each lot that will replace the yellow copies. General consensus of the group is to have NDSSD pursue a 2-part form plus a log.

Minutes taken by Bob Finken