

2015 NDCISA Annual Meeting – February 4-5, 2015

Research and Extension Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2015 8:00am

The meeting was called to order at 8:22am by NDCISA Board President John Schatz.

Minutes from the 2014 committee meeting were read aloud by Ross Lockhart.

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mr. Schatz. Motion was seconded by Ross Lockhart.

After the minutes were read, each member of the committee introduced themselves and talked about their position.

Mr. Schatz talked about NDSU Extension Agent training sessions he attended throughout the year, especially those related to training new agents about the County Seed Increase program.

Jay Fisher from the NCREC updated the committee regarding the need to be diligent with SBARE (State Board of Agricultural Research and Education) for a request to upgrade seed cleaning facilities at various REC's across the state.

Blaine Schatz further emphasized the importance of securing funds from the State Legislature for these upgrades.

General discussion continued on potential funding cuts to the REC's and the impacts those cuts would have on NDCISA.

Joel Ransom addressed the committee and gave an update on the online variety selection tool he has been working on. Specifically, the programmer he was working with to develop the tool recently left the program. Mr. Ransom has been in discussions with another programmer to maintain and update the application on an hourly basis.

Dr. Gonzalo Rojas from Dakota Select Seed/Foundation Seedstocks updated the committee on the new varieties being released through the County Seed Increase program. He further emphasized the importance of upgrading cleaning facilities at the REC's.

Gerald Stern from the Extension Service addressed the committee on hiring new agents. He introduced a new agent in attendance recently hired in Burleigh County.

Blaine Schatz from the NCREC addressed the committee regarding Dr. Ted Helms' research with glyphosate tolerant soybean varieties currently in trials at Carrington. Dr. Rojas indicated that

new GT varieties would not be commercialized until 2017-18. Old GT varieties would not be released until licensing details are worked out.

Mr. Fisher talked about the pulse breeding program at NDSU. He indicated that growers should look forward to new variety releases coming out of that breeding program in the near future.

Blaine Schatz talked about REC's being responsive to seed growers and addressing issues as they arise.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Stein, seconded by Eric Eriksmoen – 8:59am.