

MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 19, 2007, Dallas, TX

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by the chairman, Rod Noel. Twenty were in attendance. The minutes from the August 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. Bill Hall moved to accept with a second from Harold Falls.

Able laboratory has changed their phone number. The web site and all the documents need to be updated.

Jamey Johnson gave the Treasury's report. The balance at the end of February 2007 was \$70,069.66. The payments are coming in better. Jamey wants to put some of the funds into CDs with some used to help increase the number of memberships in Magruder. Labs in the U.S. are not charged postage. International labs are charged postage fees which can be as much as the membership charge. Jamey has sent out 119 invoices for 2007. Bill Hall made a motion to accept the Treasury's Report with a second from Melton Bryant. The motion passed.

Magruder has been losing labs in the U.S., mostly from consolidation. It is thought that any future growth will need to come from overseas. Magruder has around 35 labs overseas but does not have any from China. April DeAtley is traveling to China and will carry some free memberships vouchers to hand out. Harold Falls will check on sending samples to China. Advertising in publications could also be used. The AAPFCO publication could be sent out with a check sample as a promotion but this would require an extra charge. We do not know of another competing fertilizer check sample program, especially at the price of Magruder.

Bill Hall would like to see the fertilizer group better represented in AOAC. Harold has sent out 7 reserve samples with some being multiple reserve samples.

Indiana has been working on a new Magruder report. The programmer has left but a replacement should be in by March. The numbers from the old VB Magruder program and the new program are not matching. Work on the program will continue.

James Bartos wanted to test for phosphite on one of the samples. Harold will check on obtaining a phosphite sample. Weldon Collier would like to see the nutrient sources for the check samples included. Nutrient sources are available upon request.

The 2008-06 Magruder check sample will be an unground sample which will allow the sample preparation to be checked. This will require an extra expense. Sanford Siegel will send out a DAP sample to Bill Hall and to Able Labs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47.