

MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 4, 2004, Madison, WI

Bill Hall, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a. m. Twenty-one were in attendance, including 10 committee members. Attendees introduced themselves. Minutes were approved from the February 16, 2004 Tampa meeting. George Latimer moved to accept with a second from Bob Beine. The motion passed.

Joel Padmore gave the Treasurer's report on the Magruder program. Total assets are \$23,870.73 as of June 30, 2004 and increased to \$35,910.30 by July 29 2004. Joel had not received any complaints from the fees going from \$150 to \$204. Jamie Johnson will become the new Treasurer and will take over around December 2004. Magruder can accept credit card payments, checks and bank transfers. George Latimer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a second coming from Nancy Stouffer. The motion passed.

Rod Noel will be replacing Alan Hanks on the committee and will take the position of Chairman. The Magruder committee has one vacancy from industry. Mike Hojjatie, Bob Beine and Harold Falls will make up the nominating committee and will be looking for someone from industry.

Greg Haberkost will be replacing one of his check samples on the schedule because the grade chosen has been discontinued.

Our check sample report form, code form and report form have been developed separately and do not match up. Rod Noel and Peter Kane will take a look at the methods and the three forms will be updated to agree.

George Latimer does all his check samples by E-mail. Magruder may want to check this out. AFPC is also totally electronic.

The Magruder committee does not have the current source code for the Magruder report program. Rod Noel will request the source code from Bob Coehlo.

George Latimer showed a comparison of other fertilizer check sample programs. He thought that the Magruder program compared favorably and could increase memberships if we would get the word out with some good PR. Harold Falls thought that it would be nice to get some European labs into the program for comparison. George Latimer recommended that we should be listed on EPTIS, (European Proficiency Testing Information Service) which has a one-time fee of \$250. Alan Hanks made a motion that Magruder should be listed with EPTIS with Chris Mason giving a second. The motion passed.

For July 2004, Bill Hall had a Magruder check sample sent out to be analyzed with some elevated metals. This sample can be used as a future check.

The information in a brochure for Magruder has become outdated. Milton Bryant, Bill Hall, Mike Hojjitte, and Nancy Stouffer will work on this brochure. Rod Noel will put on the subscription information.

A letter of appreciation will be drafted by Rod Noel and sent to Joel Padmore and Ed Huber.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a. m.