

MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Sheraton Oklahoma City

Red Carpet Room

Meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. Lacking a secretary, Lu Wetzler volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting.

A motion was made by Harold Falls to accept the minutes of the San Diego Meeting; seconded by Melton Bryant, and passed on a voice vote.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

Jamey Johnson distributed the Treasurer's Report for 2005 and 2006, and the list of the Magruder Check Sample participants from 2004, 2005 and 2006. A sub-committee will be formed to check on those laboratories who no longer participate, and also to publicize the check sample program. Bill Hall will lead this group and is gathering members for this task.

It was decided that the 2006-2007 Magruder list would not be manipulated, but that the 2007-2008 list would include a low level NPK product which would be a liquid fertilizer. This sample will allow the accumulation of data to help with the development of some IA's that were a topic in the Lab Services Committee Meeting.

Bill Hall also asked that a slow release fertilizer be included in the 2007-2008 Magruder sample list. This sample will require special handling by Able Labs. They will be contacted to see if they have the capabilities to handle a much larger initial sample size, and the use of a larger sample split. This sample would include both ground and unground portions.

Bob Kieffer has moved Able Labs from Georgia to Tennessee. This was accomplished with minimal disruption to the Magruder Check Sample Program. It was noted that they have a new US Postal address and e-mail address. The e-mail address is: bob@ablelaboratory.com. Rod will be sending out the correct information. Bob suggested in an attempt to reduce the costs associated with the check sample program if it would be possible to omit the sample method code list that has been supplied with each sample. It was suggested that a comment be added to the sample report form that the method codes can be found on the Magruder website.

The Magruder Check Sample Program is close to implementing electronic reporting by the Check Sample participants. Rod Noel reported that the final statistical parameters are being incorporated, and will soon undergo beta-testing. In preparation for this, a survey will be distributed to the Check Sample participants to verify that all participants have web access. In the event some laboratories do not have web access, those labs will still have the option to fax results for statistical inclusion. It should be noted that labs will also be surveyed for their capabilities to analyze slow release fertilizers in anticipation of sending out the slow release fertilizer in 2008.

The nominating committee will bring forth a list of candidates for Committee membership and for the secretary position.