

MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 8, 2012, Indianapolis, IN

Bill Hall, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:16. Twelve committee members were present. Industry had 15 representatives with the control officials having 10 representatives present. Total attendance was 25. Introductions were made. The previous minutes from February were handed out for review. Rhonda Boles made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Sharon Webb. The motion passed.

Matt Haynes wanted to have some organic samples placed in the Magruder program. Amy Serafin of Advanced Nutrients said she could furnish both an organic and a hydroponic sample.

Jamey Johnson gave the treasurer's report. Total equity is \$105,888 through June of 2012. The certificates of deposits are earning less than 0.5%. All the certificates of deposits will expire in the next few weeks and the money will be placed in a money market account and checking account. Jamey will check some banks for a better CD rate. For 2012, 109 labs have paid, 4 labs are in the free program for a year and 4 labs have cancelled. Nine labs that had paid for 2011 have not paid for 2012. They will be dropped if payment is not received soon. The state of Nevada did not receive their renewal statement. Jamey is checking to see if the e-mail address is correct. Sharon Webb made a motion to pass the treasurer's report with a second from Neal Stevens. The motion passed.

Mel Bryant made a motion for the dues to increase from \$204 per year to \$240 per year. The dues had not been raised since 2004. Hugh Rodrigues made a second. The motion passed. In 2013, the dues for the Magruder program will be \$240 per year. The postage will remain the same in that set values are used for different countries. Magruder has around 25 international participants.

Mel Bryant will set up a conference call to go over the By-Laws. This will be done by e-mail.

Bill Hall gave an example of some bad data on the Sulfur analysis on a 10-40-0 check sample. The sample had an extremely large range. This sample should not be used as a reference check sample. The Magruder committee may need some way of flagging these samples. Rhonda Boles, Patty Lucas, Dennis Sebastian and Harold Falls will review a procedure to screen the Magruder data. Kerry Cooner will talk to Bob Coelho to see if the raw data could be placed on the web. This will be reviewed at the winter meeting.

Hugh Rodrigues, Neal Stevens, Teresa Grant (all new Magruder committee members) will check the Magruder brochure to see if we need any changes. Mel Bryant wanted Teresa Grant to see if any new Magruder lab members could be obtained from the Feed program. Teresa is on the feed program.

The Nominating committee is composed of Mel Bryant, Harold Falls and Kerry Cooner. Lu Wetzler has changed positions and may not be at future Magruder meetings.

Bill Hall is checking to see if a sample can be NIST certified. NIST only certifies total values. Magruder needs to develop some reference materials. It is not known how much longer Robert Coelho will be able to do the statistical work for the check samples and may need to look at Andy Crawford as a backup. James Bartos wanted to consider a new grading system. James Bartos, Dennis Sebastian, Bill Hall and Harold Falls will look at the Magruder data to see if we can utilize the data in a better way.

Rhonda Boles will lead a group of Bill Hall, Hugh Rodrigues and Harold Falls to review the method codes. Bill Hall would like to see the Magruder reporting done online.

Patty Lucas is working on reviewing the micronutrients on the Magruder check samples. Magruder will help in funding a quality video. This will be reviewed at the winter meeting.

Mel Bryant asked if Magruder needs a newsletter. Jamey Johnson thinks that the committee may need to charge members a 7% fee for using a credit card. This topic will be covered on the conference call for the By-Laws.

Mel Bryant made a motion to close the meeting with a second from Hugh Rodrigues. The motion passed at 12:05.