

# MAGRUDER COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 11, 2003, Denver, CO

Ed Huber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a. m. Twenty-six were in attendance, including 9 committee members. Attendees introduced themselves. Minutes were approved from the February 17, 2003 Sacramento meeting. Bill Hall moved to accept with a second from Alan Hanks.

Joel Padmore gave the Treasurer's report on the financial condition of the Magruder program. Total income from July 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003 was \$18,129.57. Expenses were \$23,173.71. Net income was (-5,044.14). Total Assets for Magruder as of July 31 were \$32,601.57. Magruder has around 70 US labs and around 50 international labs. Labs that are paying by credit cards may need to be charged an extra \$5 per year to cover the extra cost. A motion was made by George Latimer that the Treasurer should continue to be paid a \$500 Honoraria. A second was made by Harold Falls. The motion passed. It was decided that the dues should remain at \$150 for the coming year. Joel will have a new P. O. Box this year and will let us know. Bill Hall made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. A second was made by Allen Hanks. The motion passed.

TFI is mailing out the Magruder reports at no cost to Magruder. Discussions were held about sending and receiving all reports electronically. This would save on postage. No changes would be made at this time but we should encourage electronic reporting. About 60% of the subscribers report electronically now, but Bob Coelho still needs to proof read and correct obvious errors. Bob Coehlo will be asked to put a statement on the report cards reminding subscribers that the results are available on the web site. Bill Hall suggested that we should continue to mail the written reports, which was agreed on. The report cards include the performance of each individual lab which is confidential information and cannot be posted on the web so it is necessary to continue to mail the cards to each lab. As long as the cards have to be mailed we may as well include the report.

Peter Kane now has a working version of the Magruder computer program. This can be used as a backup to Bob Coehlo. A University or an independent individual should be sought out to act as a backup in case bob Coelho has to drop out.

A number of changes have been made to improve the Magruder program. Five labs can now run a method and the results are evaluated instead of 10 labs as previously. The number of decimal places has been decreased. Reports have been given clearer labels. Ed has not heard of any complaints on the changes.

Dr Hanks, Bill Hall and Bob Beine were appointed as nominating committee to report at the mid year meeting on replacements for those members whose terms expire at the end of the 2004 annual meeting in addition to all Officers. Mike Hojjattie, Kerry Cooner and Mel Bryant were appointed by the current AAPFCO President to three year terms starting in August 2003. Nancy Stouffer will be contacted to see if she will be able to stay on the committee. She is having travel problems.

Samples were reviewed for 2003-2004. The proposed check sample list should be placed on the Web site with the proviso that it is subject to change. No supplier names will be listed. One of the samples is being proposed as a SRM in conjunction with further work by the NIST. Bill Hall is working on this. A lot of discussion revolved around the size of sample supplied to be sure enough sample is available to meet the expected high demand. The sample is not necessarily to be representative of typical fertilizer but will have sufficient metals present that current or proposed analytical methods will not have problems with detection limits.

A discussion about the TFI SAMPLING AND METHODS MANUAL being outdated and in need of revision was held with the intent that perhaps MAGRUDER could work in conjunction with TFI and maybe the lab services committee or a newly formed task force to produce an updated revision. It was suggested that maybe the long range planning committee could make a recommendation to the AAPFCO board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a. m.