



Variety Review Board Committee Meeting

Agenda & Meeting Report

Virtual

Thursday, June 10, 2021

10:00 AM, Central Time

Chair Andy Altishin Scribe _____

- 1) Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Altishin at 10:01AM Central Time.
- 2) Introductions / roll call – roll call was taken by Peggy Gromoll.
- 3) Review AOSCA anti-trust compliance policy – reviewed.
- 4) Review & adopt agenda – motion passed to approve agenda as distributed.
- 5) Approve minutes from 2019 meeting – no meeting in 2020 – 21_AM_VRB_02
Motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as distributed.
- 6) Grass VRB application changes – forward from Grass Committee (Boze) –
21_AM_VRB_03
The Grass Committee has recommended changes to the Grass VRB application that removes specific requirements for rogueing in the production of breeder seed and adds three definitions for methods of maintaining breeder seed. Motion passed to adopt the changes and move forward to the Vested Member meeting on June 22, 2021.
- 7) Small Grains VRB application changes – forward from Small Grains Committee (Port) –
21_AM_VRB_04
The Small Grains Committee has recommended a change to the Small Grains VRB application by adding more clarity to the instructions for applicants, with the goal of decreasing mistakes on submitted forms. Motion passed to adopt the changes and move forward to the Vested Member meeting on June 22, 2021.

Meredith Martinez (AR) and others worked on an auto-fill application for the Small Grains VRB and they demonstrated it for the group. The AOSCA office will assist with moving forward on the application changes and formatting them for use.

- 8) Discussion – should “No Action Taken” be removed as one of the four options for recommending new varieties? The Grass VRB took this approach in its recent session. (Boze)
Doug Boze recently served as chair of the Grass VRB and he shared his opinion that “No Action Taken” should not be one of the four options used by all VRB’s when reviewing applications. Discussion followed on the reasoning behind his recommendation and what would replace that option. Altishin formed a subcommittee comprised of Michael Bouck, Tom Hardiman, Dustin Auman, and Andy Altishin to consider the matter. They will work on this soon, so that if changes are made they can be incorporated into the next round of variety reviews.

- 9) General discussion - Boruff thanked all those who serve in some capacity on AOSCA variety review boards. He specifically mentioned the Hemp VRB, under the leadership of Tom Hardiman and Andy Altishin. AOSCA plans to open another round of hemp review applications soon.
- 10) Other business – none.
- 11) Action items – develop list for presentation at the Vested Member meeting
 1. Motion passed to forward to the Vested Members the recommended changes to the Grass Variety Review Board application.
 2. Motion passed to forward to the Vested Members the recommended changes to the Small Grains Variety Review Board application.
- 12) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 11:00AM, Central Time.