

Minutes of the September 25th, 2007 OARDC Crop Variety Release and Distribution Committee meeting held in 123 Williams Hall, OARDC, Wooster Ohio

Attendance: Ron Hammond (ENT), Clay Sneller (HCS), Erin Bender (OTL), Rich Pratt (HCS), Pierce Paul (PLP), Anne Dorrance (PLP), David Francis (HCS), Jim Beuerlein (HCS) (in Columbus, video-linked), Jack Deboldt (Ohio Foundation Seeds), and John Armstrong (Ohio Crop Improvement Association)

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by Clay Sneller

1. The minutes of the April 24th, 2007 CVRDC meeting were presented. The CVRDC approved the minutes, 10-0, with the correction of several grammatical errors.
2. John Armstrong presented an update from the Ohio Seed Improvement Association. The items were
 - At the recent American Society of Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) it was discussed that AOSCA is dealing with a national problem in obtaining complete descriptions of small grain varieties when they are released. This hinders the ability of certification agencies to document purity. This is particularly an issue when US germplasm goes to Canada where requirements can be more stringent
 - AOSCA had discussed the escape of GMO traits to non-GMO grain either through cross-pollination or contamination. A document concerning recent rice problem was distributed.
 - AOSCA has a Farmers Yield Initiative aimed at educating growers about the merits of certified seed, seed laws, and punishments for violating the law.
 - OSIA seed acreage report was given. Wheat acreage for inspection was down 6% in 2007, may rebound well in 2008. Soy acreage for inspection declined 3.6%.
 - Liberty-link soybean will likely have a mandate for AOSCA inspection and could increase inspection acres.
3. Jack Deboldt presented an update on Ohio Foundation Seed wheat sales and planting plans. He reported that 7,452 bags of foundation wheat seed was sold in 2006 and 8,470 in 2007. He reported that OFS planned to plant 179 acres of wheat in the fall of 2007.
4. Clay Sneller presented a proposal to release the wheat line OH02-13567 for non-exclusive branding. Data from five years and 50 environments was presented to support its merits. OH02-13567 was reported to yield a bit better than 'Hopewell' and to have better test weight, Fusarium Head Blight, Powdery Mildew, Leaf Rust, and Stagonopora Glume Blotch resistance than Hopewell. It was noted that the lines had shown regional strength for yield while its quality is adequate. Several seed companies have shown interest in acquiring a license to sell OH02-13567 in OH, IN, and IL. Thus it was proposed to release OH02-13567 for non-exclusive branding. The motion to release OH02-13567 as a public variety was made by David Francis and seconded by Anne Dorrance. The motion failed 0-8 with Sneller and Paul abstaining. A motion was then made to release OH02-13567 for non-exclusive branding by David Francis and seconded by Jack Deboldt. The motion passed 8-0 with Sneller and Paul abstaining.

5. CVRDC membership was briefly discussed. The size of the CVRDC is not defined, yet a quorum is defined as 10 members.

6. A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Pratt and seconded by Jim Beuerlein. The motion passed 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM