



NCPN-Fruit Tree Tier 2 Telecon April 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Vicki Smith, Wanda Gale, Maher Al Rwahnih, Kristen Farrar, Dave Prokrym, Phil Baugher, Scott Harper, Simon Scott, Joseph Postman, Jim Bittner, Bill Howell, Craig Regelbrugge, Dale Goldy, Richard Kaitany, Catherine Jones

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM PST, using the WebEx phone conferencing system.

Minutes: A motion to accept the meeting minutes from February 13, 2018 was made by Jim and seconded by Wanda.

Center Updates/topics

Simon: At SE Center they work with material from three nurseries in Tennessee that need large amounts of material. SE Center indexes public material blocks at these nurseries, 35 blocks with 1500-2000 trees, plus Guardian rootstock trees. Are establishing a G1 block of public material at Clemson by getting material from CPCNW and FPS, currently have 12-15 G1 varieties. Hoping to set up heat therapy chambers on site and have some indexing done at CPCNW and/or FPS.

Phil asked about industry support. Simon shared that support is level. He receives 7 cents for every finished tree to peach council from what is indexed, there is an additional fee from rootstocks. \$17,000 was received last year.

There is slow progress on getting the new position posted at Clemson.

Maher: 400 FT selections in the orchard with 150 selections in the pipeline. FPS has received their import permit, CDFA regulations include HTS testing and do not require long indexing for provisional release. Have hired a Post Doc to work on FT therapy. Received 87 new introductions in 2018, up 33% from 2017. 44 selections were from LE Cooke Nursery. Ten prunus varieties were released and planted at Russell Ranch. 828 were woody indexed, 58 PCR and 48 prunus tested via HTS. All HTS is done in-house, they can process about 24 samples per week. Also part of a working group updating California's Pome Fruit Regulations.

Scott: 49 FT introduction requests, discussing reintroducing and cleaning rootstocks (about 20). Distributed 6,636 propagation units (FT, hops and grapes) approximately 75% to certified nurseries. 118 FT in progress from the previous years, 18 in follow up testing at least seven will need therapy from 2018 arrivals. Established a CPCNW advisory group that will help with center's strategic plan first meeting was end of March. Provided meeting, website and communication support for T2 groups (FT and hops).

Dale asked about status of import permit. CPCNW is waiting for on site inspection before the permit can be issued. Erich is currently working with the permit group to help the process along. Vicki mentioned that the permit department is backed up and running slow.

NCPN Updates

Dave shared that the strategic planning meetings have temporarily been suspended. He has been participating in the different T2 meetings talking to all about the role of T2

- Provide industry input
- Get state of the union address
- Address governance
- Set priorities and measure progress
- Prep RFP
- Show and tell
- Get input from centers
- Identify action items

Dave shared that there is a possibility that more will be needed from T2 once the strategic plan is complete and action items have been identified. He also is working with coordinators to make the T2 meetings more meaningful.

Other Business

Catherine will send out a Doodle poll to select meeting dates for September Face to Face meeting in Prosser.

Vicki proposed to adjourn at 11:26 AM, Maher seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Next telecon: June 5, 2018.