



**CSTA WESTERN RESEARCHERS MEETING**

**Blair Nelson Room, Upper Level, TCU Place  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Chair:** Jim Ferrie  
**Vice-Chair:** Janice Cuthbert  
**Secretary:** Tom Kubik  
**Board Liaison:** Doug Knight

**Minutes**

**Participation:** The participant list is attached

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Decision</b>
1. Call to Order		Jim Ferrie: circulated sign-in sheet, and called meeting to order 4:00 pm
2. Agenda	The agenda was reviewed, and an item added: Changing of Official Checks.	<b>Moved by:</b> Greg Gingera <b>Seconded by</b> Stewart Brandt That the agenda be approved as amended. <b>CARRIED</b>
3. Minutes		<b>Moved by</b> Chris Anderson <b>Seconded by</b> Janice Cuthbert That the minutes be approved as circulated. <b>CARRIED</b>
4. Board Liaison Report	The report to the Committee from the Board of Directors was reviewed by the Chairman. The committee agreed that the Private Members Bill to impose market assessment on the regulatory system is of high priority. It was also noted that the Clubroot information fact sheets are available from the CSTA office.	.

<p>6. Variety Registration for Canola</p>	<p>CSTA's position on variety registration for canola supports the Canola Council of Canada's call for interim registration.</p> <p>The proposal for interim registration for Canola will be proposed to the WCC/RRC.</p>	
<p>7. Prairie Canola Variety Evaluation Trials (PCVT)</p>	<p>CSTA has been facilitating an exchange of information and test results around plot size for variety trials.</p> <p>Denise Maurice of the Canola Council presented a proposal for how the Canola Council will address the issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• go back to growers and understand what the needs are, and re-assess to determine what the next steps should be with this trial format eg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ what are the primary objectives?</li> <li>▪ Does current protocol achieve these objectives?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discuss the data format and access. Does it represent agronomic practices i.e. appropriate systems?</li> <li>• Timeliness of data (grower decisions being made after data becomes available).</li> <li>• There will be a PCVT meeting after WCC meeting Tuesday for all stakeholders to gather information.</li> <li>• May not have new proposal for changes for 2010 season.</li> <li>• Meeting also intended to help growers understand how we conduct research and why we do certain things.</li> </ul> <p>Peter Bonis suggested we revisit the funding to support PCVT aligned with the review of primary objectives gets resolved.</p> <p>Request that all stakeholders participate and potentially buy in.</p>	<p>No document to share.</p>

<p>8. WCC/RRC Review</p>	<p>Stewart Brandt reviewed agenda for the WCC key topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC Topic 6: CCC policy on Variety Registration Reform. Stewart presented the CCC policy key points: A voluntary option for products to be eligible for a 3 year interim registration based on one or more years of Private trial data from at least 12 trial sites; Information on agronomics and disease resistance must also be submitted; All such registered products will be submitted to the Public Coop trialing system for verification of quality data; The WCCRRC should remain the official recommending body and oversee the implementation of these changes.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC Topic 7: Review of HT data in Draft procedures. Peter Bonis asked why this item has crept into registration recommendation packages and WCC procedure discussions as it is outside of the scope of recommendation. Dale Burns indicated that the procedures subcommittee reviewed this as well. Tim Ferguson has discussed this topic with Cindy Pearson and technically PMRA requires this data before herbicide tolerance claims can be made. Question will be raised at WCC meeting to Cindy as to if/why the WCC recommending committee should be involved with checking if this data has been collected when it is not part of the procedures and does not use it in it's recommendation process. Also, what should be the requirements for HT data (number of site years) if the proposed interim system moves forward?</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC topic 9: Implementation of increase in minimum oil content by .3% as per 2007 WCC/RRC motion. The impact of this motion will be reviewed.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC topic 11: Registration of one or more clubroot resistant cultivars. There will be a proposal for at least 1 new clubroot resistant cultivar presented by Monsanto.</li> </ul>	
9. Next Meeting		This committee has traditionally met in December associated with WCC/RRC and in February associated with PGDC.	General agreement to have the next meeting on February 8 <sup>th</sup> to provide time for discussion prior to WCC meeting on February 9 <sup>th</sup> .
10. Other Business  WCC/RRC official checks		<p>Proposal for replacement of WCC check variety Q2.</p> <p>Tim Ferguson. Viterra has had challenges multiplying seed lots of Q2. In discussion with Raymond, 46A65 will eventually need to be increased (next 1-2 years). Has been 10 years with these checks. Tim requested discussion about how and when we consider changing the checks? Could we look in 2010 for possible replacement checks to keep traits neutral if possible, or with the appropriate differential defined? Q2 has challenges with resistance to more diverse races of blackleg.</p>	
11. Adjournment			<p><b>Moved by:</b> Jay Patel  <b>Seconded by:</b> Hari Nair  That the meeting be adjourned.  <b>CARRIED.</b></p>

**CSTA Western Researchers Committee Meeting  
December 7, 2009-12-11  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

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***\* a sign-up sheet was used. Where there is a star, the handwriting was difficult to read.  
Corrections will be appreciated.***

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