

Vegetable AoE Meeting June 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:35a.

Present: Roger Brook, Dave Smith, Sadeep Matthew, Hannah Stevens, Walt Pett, Norm Myers, Mary Hansbeck, Bill Steenwyk, Phil Tocco, Ron Goldy, Bernie Zandstra, Matthew Ngouagio, Dan Brainard, Jim Breinling, Bruce MacKellar, Vickie Morrone, Joy Landis, Beth Bishop, Mike Brewer.

General announcements:

- 1 FIRM agent candidate for Northern Lower peninsula is in the process of being filled.
 - o Greg Vlaming left for Colorado. His position in Southwest will be filled.
- 2 Bernie said this is a bad time of year to meet and wishes we could move this to another time.
- 3 Del Delfosse is the new Entomology Chair. As a part of the negotiations in replacing his position, they agreed to hire a veg entomologist and nematologist.
- 4 Dave brought us up to speed on water use regulations and Sadeep's position.

Budget:

- 1 See handout. Current balance is \$4040.77.
- 2 We can only encumber \$2500.
 - o Hopefully once everybody has submitted their mileage the balance will drop to around \$2500.
 - o Mary suggested a number of out-of-state conferences that might help spend this down (Carrot & Pepper Symposium).

Cover Crop Workshop:

- 1 Registration is on the web.
- 2 Lunch is partly the cost.
- 3 Send a check to Oceana for \$25 for "Cover Crops Workshop", then submit reimbursement request to Veg AoE.
- 4 It will be taking place from 9 am to 5 pm

Summer Tour:

- 1 Discussed the topics and location.

Enviroweather:

- 2 Mark Trent resigned.
 - o Position will be refilled.
- 3 Will be transitioning branding from MAWN to Enviroweather.
 - o Solidify support.
 - o Increase number of stations.
 - o Increase usership.
- 4 There is a new GREEN proposal to predict occurrences of vegetable insect pests using phenology models.

- Will take lab phonological data and bring them to try in field.
- Seedcorn maggot, Squash Vine borer, Asparagus beetle, Variegated cutworm. (On the wish list are ECB and availability of Temp data at 6")

Cucurbit Workshop CD:

- 1 Mike Brewer distributed.

Aster Yellows Project:

- 2 Testing is going on to see if leafhoppers have infectivity.
- 3 If anyone wants to test, contact Beth. She will have a protocol sheet.
 - Need at least 50 leafhoppers for the test.
- 4 The idea is to make this more self-supporting.
- 5 Test takes about two days to run and costs \$30/sample.
- 6 Potatoes, onion, celery, carrot are the applicable crops.

Errata:

- 1 Soil health workshop will be on August 20.
- 2 If anyone has contacts with distributors of equipment, see about sending them to Vickie.

Bay County position:

- 1 Interviews tomorrow.