

Veg Crops AoE  
August 28, 2007

Meeting called to order at 9:35a

Present: Beth Bishop, Jim Breinling, Bernie Zandstra, Norm Myers, Hannah Stevens, Phil Tocco, Mary Hausbeck, Fred Springborn, Ron Goldy, Matthieu Ngouajio, Dan Brainard, Roger Brook, Dave Smith, Lyndon Kelley, Bruce MacKellar, Joy Landis

Everybody introduced themselves to Dr. Brainard.

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**Budget:**

We have a full \$5000 allotment for 2008

We proposed the following line items and allocations:

CAT Alert	\$500
Leadership Program	\$2000
EXPO Secretarial	\$200
Meeting expenses w/ travel	\$1200
Support, Travel, Misc.	\$2000
Summer Tour	\$2000
ECB/CEW Expenses	\$-----
Diagnostic Services	\$500
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Total	\$8400

**AoE Competitive Grant Update:**

Vickie Morrone submitted two AoE Competitive grants. The award of these AoE competitive grants may be announced at the Co Chairs Mtg. It was decided that if they cut something on these grants, we will cut the programs to one meeting and hold it at Clarksville (off-campus). There needs to be an eye to making it profitable.

**Ohio/Michigan Vegetable Agent Position:**

There will be an application review on 9/14/07. Two weeks later, the interviews will take place (September 28<sup>th</sup>). Interviews will possibly be held in Monroe. Some discussion ensued about the feasibility of a two-state educator.

**EXPO Program:**

Roger passed out current program.

**Water Programs:**

Dave Smith wanted Jay, the speaker at the banquet, to talk about water issues during the water program. He might talk about Annex and GAAMPS. Lyndon proposed the following: Dr. Lare (40 min), Water use regulation update (40 min), then decision making software (40 min), update on GAAMPS (20 min), proposed legislation from a

non-extension perspective (20 min), OR Do we meet the requirements for Great Lakes Annex from the Great Lakes Commission. A discussion ensued regarding what ought to be covered in this talk.

#### Cucurbit IPM Workshop:

There was some discussion as to the status of the Cucurbit IPM Workshop to be held on Thursday. The encouragement of the group was to approach Elaine Roddy and inform her that the Vine Crops IPM Workshop may not work out as planned.

There was some discussion as to other speakers with regard to Methyl Bromide alternatives. Some issues have arisen regarding certain University of Florida faculty and Midwestern research interests. Ron might be looking into other speakers.

#### **Disaster declaration info for Dave Smith:**

Dave Smith asked for an update on the impact of the drought. Field Agents shared their experiences. By and large, damage from drought has been extensive. Wet weather has done as much damage. It has also added cost to production.

#### **E-312 Revision:**

There was much discussion regarding revising E-312. E-312 will be revamped. Moved by Phil T, seconded by Beth B. to use \$3000 and have Roger coordinate a rewrite of e-312 with Mary H, Beth B and Jim B. advising. The floor was open to discuss the motion. Ron brought up that Fruit AoE is paid by Ag Hall to keep their fruit spray guide updated and is wondering if there might be a fundamental inequity between us. If they get paid, then, at the least, we should not have to pay Ag hall to update ours. Larry Olsen was not aware of any differences in the handling of the two bulletins and will check into it. The motion was amended to look into John Wise's funding stream, but give \$3000 if needed to update the bulletin anyway. All approved.

#### **AoE Matching Grant Deadlines:**

How long do we have to spend match dollars? Larry says you can make a case to spend matching grant monies for three years.

Larry Olsen addressed the team. See his handout for a point by point of what was covered.

--The next meeting will be January 29, 2008, in the Crops Barn.