

Report from the Western Alfalfa Improvement Conference
Held in Quebec City, Quebec with the NAAIC
Business Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2004

The meeting was called to order by vice president Lauren Johnson at 7:00AM. The people who attended were Robin Groose, Fred Gray, George Vandemark, Don Miller, Mark Smith, Lauren Johnson, and Dan Gardner.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The minutes of the December, 2002 business meeting in Reno, Nevada were not available.
- B. Peter Reisen was not present, but submitted a report after the meeting. The current balance was at \$524.37.
- C. No retirements, deaths, or new positions for alfalfa people in the west were reported.
- D. There has been discussion in previous meetings about check seed. Mark Smith reported that the NAAIC crop germplasm committee was handling the problems. It was also reported that Stephanie Green and Larry Teuber were going to start to increase one or two check seed lines per year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The future of the WAIC was discussed. In the past we had been meeting with the Western Society of Crop Science in years when we did not meet with the NAAIC. However, at the Sacramento meeting in July, 2002, it was decided to try to meet with grower groups such as the California Alfalfa Symposium or the Washington State Hay Growers Association. We did have a business meeting at the California Alfalfa Symposium in December of 2002 at Reno, Nevada. At that time we planned on meeting again with the Washington State Hay Grower's Symposium in January of 2004, but this did not happen because of lack of interest. We discussed possibilities for the future. We considered completely disbanding the WAIC, joining with the CAIC, or going back to meeting with the WSCS. We decided to try to meet with the WSCS again this coming summer (2005) in Bozeman, MT.
- B. Fred Gray reported that there are 38 people who requested that they remain on the WAIC mailing list.
- C. Since Steve Fransen (the current President) had not been active in the WAIC for some time, it was moved and seconded that the normal rotation of officers be moved ahead. Lauren Johnson was moved up to President, Fred Gray was moved up to Vice-President, and Dan Gardner was elected to be the next Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Lauren Johnson
President of the WAIC

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