



Research Committee Minutes January 22, 2016

Heidrick Western Center for Ag Equipment
154 Hills Drive, Davis, California

A meeting of the Research Committee of the California Cling Peach Board was called to order by Chairman Rick Zolezzi at 1:03 pm. on Friday, January 22, 2016 in the Meeting Room at the Heidrick Western Center for Ag Equipment, in Davis, California. After self-introductions, roll was taken, showing a quorum was present with the following in attendance:

| Research Committee | Processor Advisors | Others |
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| Lou Boer | Christine Ivory, PCP | Jim Adaskaveg, UC Riverside |
| Dennis Flood | Adam Stacy, Seneca | Ted DeJong, UC Liaison |
| Lance Jackson | Ron Yoshimura, Del Monte | Ajayab Dhaddey, CCPA |
| Jag Khera | | Roger Duncan, UCCE |
| Richard Lial | Staff | Tom Gradziel, UC Davis |
| Brian Noeller | JD Allen, Manager | Steve Mobley, CCPA |
| Rick Zolezzi, Chairman | John Gilstrap, Asst. Manager | Rich Hudgins, CCPA |
| | | Brian Sowden, CCPA |

Minutes

On a motion by Noeller, with a second from Jackson, the Committee unanimously approved, with no abstentions, the minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2015.

Presentations and Proposals

Committee Chairman Zolezzi asked that each researcher present a brief report of their 2015-16 work, and then had DeJong walk the Committee through each of the proposals for the upcoming 2016-17 year.

Committee Action 1-22-16 #1 – On a motion from Lial, with a second from Noeller, the Committee recommended funding the proposals as outlined below, for a total amount of \$137,940.

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| ➤ Development of New Cling Peach Varieties - Gradziel | 79,140 |
| ➤ Regional Testing of New Processing Peach Selections - Gradziel | 30,191 |
| ➤ Management of Brown Rot, Powdery Mildew... - Adaskaveg | 20,500 |
| ➤ Detection Survey and Monitoring of BMSB... - Rijal/Duncan | <u>8,109</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 137,940 |

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, NO ABSENTIONS

During the discussion following the vote, Gradziel was asked how we might be able to accelerate the release of the next generation varieties.

Gradziel felt the more evaluation and experience with a variety, the more confident he will be that the variety is ready to be released, and there was some support for this more conservative approach. It was mentioned that Early#5 has been evaluated for over 15 years, and has still not been released, other than in experimental quantities. Gradziel said he realizes the importance of Early#5, but said he would rather be sure it is good for the industry, and cited the "Goodwin" debacle as an instructive example of rushing into a release. DeJong said that if industry wants to plant Early#5, then the variety should be released with growers assuming the risk, and said the Committee could ask Gradziel to begin the process of patenting Early#5. Gradziel said patents are fairly quick, but that once the process is started there can be no more experimental plantings. Hudgins urged the Committee to consider developing a protocol and have a process in place, not just for Early#5, but for all promising varieties as they are developed. Duncan suggested the Board put together a field day to look at some of the newer varieties such as Kader, Early#5 and Early#6, especially in light of the fact there has been some trouble in locating trees to view. Following the discussion, several action items were developed as follows:

- Have Gradziel work with Janine Hasey and Roger Duncan to come up with a date for viewing some of the newer more promising varieties, including those mentioned above, sometime in April or May,
- Have Gradziel begin the process of patenting Early#5, and have the Committee begin to develop a protocol for subsequent, promising varieties,
- Have Gradziel meet with the Research Committee and the appropriate processor representatives, with the purpose of developing a strategy for addressing production gaps with new and promising varieties, and a plan to expedite those varieties to fill those needs.


Following this discussion, the following motion was made:

Committee Action 1-22-16 #2 – Boer moved, with a second from Jackson that the Committee ask Gradziel to immediately begin the patent process for Early#5.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, NO ABSENTIONS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

I, JD Allen, Manager of the California Cling Peach Board, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Research and Statistics Committee of the California Cling Peach Board held in Davis, California on January 22, 2016.


JD Allen, Manager