



Pacific Northwest Ginseng Growers Association

Minutes from the Membership meeting

January 6, 2006

7:00 p.m. Home of Roger & Kathy Sego, LaCenter, WA

Attendance

Members in attendance:

Roger and Kathy Sego, Treasurer
Dalles and Denice Kienbaum, Secretary
Darren Deputy, President
Merle Cisney
Wells and Sharon MaCool
Sandy Fu

President Darren Deputy presided, and Ms Kienbaum kept the minutes of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Roger Sego presented the Treasurer's report. It was reported that the bank account and Certificates of Deposit totaled \$19,994.35 – with no outstanding liabilities. Mr. Sego also suggested that we maintain a running balance for the shipping barrels owned by the association.

Renewal of Oregon Annual Report

Mrs. Sego notified the members that the Oregon registration for the association had lapsed due to the non renewal of the Annual Report. The members authorized Mrs. Sego to pay the \$50.00 reinstatement fine and the back annual fees for the association. The registered agent is currently listed as Charles Pritchard. If, for health reasons, Mr. Pritchard is unable to continue as the registered agent, Wells MaCool agreed to be listed in his place.

Web Site

Mrs. Sego had the web site updated by PlasmaLink and showed it to all those present. It was moved by Mr. Kienbaum and seconded by Mr. Sego to make the web site live as of tomorrow, January 7, 2006. The following URLs had been secured for our web site: www.nwginseng.org & www.nwginseng.net.

Membership dues/ non-paid members

It was discussed and decided upon to keep Elaine Ingham and Charles Brun as members due to their contributions of resources to the association. Mrs. Sego was going to ask Ms. Ingham to email her newsletter to all members.

Barrels for Growers	Mr. Deputy suggested the association pay for barrels for harvest. It was moved by Mr. Sego and Seconded by Mr. MaCool to make this retroactive through January 1, 2005. Mr. Cisney had purchased 9 barrels in 2005. Mr. Sego will issue a check in the amount of \$211.50 to reimburse him for these barrels.
Subsidies of Chemicals for growers	It was discussed subsidizing growers use of Ridomil Gold. Discussion included what percentage would be subsidized, what the cap would be per grower, and if granular would be subsidized as well. Ridomil Gold is an expensive chemical to use and the hope is that by subsidizing it more of our growers will use it and thus improve the quality of ginseng we produce. It was decided that subsidizing would begin with the 2006 growing season. Mr. Sego moved and Mr. MaCool seconded that the association reimburse the growers for Granular or liquid for up to 50% of the cost. The grower must submit their receipt and acres grown. The specifics of this subsidy will be revisited annually and is for Ginseng only.
Approval of Diathane 2006	Mr. Sego will handle the paperwork for the approval of Diathane on an ongoing basis. He will then forward this information to Mr. Gooding so he can acquire Oregon approval.
Use of Dathal W-75 and Fusilade	The use of Dacthal W-75 and Fusilade on both Ginseng and Goldenseal were also discussed. Both are widely used in Wisconsin to reduce weed problems. Dacthal W-75 works by stopping the weed seed from germinating so it cannot be used on a newly seeded crop until later in the season when you are sure all of your seeds have germinated. It works by going into the soil so it must be applied right before it rains, applying it in the rain is even better. Fusilade is a grass killer and does not affect the ginseng seeds, although the grass does need to be growing well in order to be killed.
Freezing of seed	Discussion ensued regarding freezing of seed rather than stratifying it. Mr. Gooding froze his seed, and then planted it. He'll keep us posted on how it sprouts. It was also noted that VanDersalm Bulb Farm would let us freeze seed there for \$4.00/bin.
Future Meetings	It was decided that evening meetings worked well. The next meeting was tentatively set for the evening of Wednesday, April 19, 2006 possibly in Woodburn, OR.
Adjournment	Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Dalles J. Kienbaum, Secretary