

SpudPro Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017
Hancock Agricultural Research Station

Present: Chairman Mike Copas, Tamas Houlihan, Lynn Dickman, Clover Spacek, Dianna Kessler, JD Schroeder, Becky Eddy, Gary Bula, Larry Alsum, Mary LeMere, Yi Wang, Amber Gotch, Jim Mattek, Tony Klink, Emily Bauer, Julie Braun

Chairman Mike Copas called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

The minutes from the November 3, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/P L. Alsum, M. LeMere To approve the minutes from November 3, 2016 as presented.

FY18 Budget

There was about \$10,000 in the budget last year and we came in a few thousand dollars under that. There is about \$10,000 allocated for the 2017-18 fiscal year as well. This budget has been previously approved by the WPVGA Board.

Commercialization Overview

This document is an outline of the commercialization process for new varieties. It explains the role that WARF plays and the patenting and licensing of varieties. It also describes the role of the Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association and the role of SpudPro relating to foundation seed. The process seems to be working. Seed for commercial trials is produced by the State Farm. It used to be sold at a discount to the growers but now growers pay regular price for SpudPro foundation seed. Program money is set aside to cover the cost of unsold seed.

SpudPro Portfolio

Jeff distributed a handout which shows the inventory within the SpudPro program and the status of the varieties. There are currently no chip varieties in the portfolio since the two best new options are not long-term storage varieties.

Jeff has created a website for SpudPro. It includes a varieties page and links to WPVGA and WARF. The licensing agreement can be accessed there as well. It also contains archives of meeting documents.

Agronomic Trials of SpudPro Varieties – Yi Wang

Yi is interested in hearing ideas from growers for agronomic trials on SpudPro varieties. She suggested developing variety management protocol for some of the popular lines. Management recommendations for irrigation, nitrogen and seed spacing might be beneficial. A good time to conduct her research would be during the three years of seed production at the station. She would look at three to four varieties per year and develop specific management recommendations.

Troy and Amber are working on developing storage profiles for new varieties as well. Development of management practices for phosphorus, pot ash, calcium and scab would also be helpful to growers. Yi suggested creating a committee to steer Yi and Jeff toward promising new varieties for which growers want to see these management strategies developed. We need to have benchmark varieties to compare to and look at which markets are preferred for specific varieties based on grower needs.

Yi will prepare a research proposal outlining this concept. She will also seek funding sources outside of WPVGA. The biggest challenge will likely be providing a fertility profile by variety. This is probably a priority though, and a good place to start. Spacing is more objective based on size profiles growers are looking to achieve. It will take three years of trials to produce solid data.

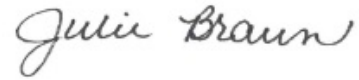
W6609 – This foundation seed is in growers' hands. We have not decided to go ahead with naming the variety at this time because the yield is not comparable to other established varieties. Though the variety

did not have the same speckling in storage this year as Pike, it did not stand out. It does make a good parent variety however.

At this time, the meeting adjourned and the group visited plots at the Hancock Research Station, as well as a W8890-1R trial at Coloma Farms.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Braun".

Julie Braun
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