

**Minutes of the NCCC212 Business Meeting (Kim Lewers)**  
**Clearwater Beach, Florida, Tuesday 30 October 2012 3:30pm**  
**Lead by Chair, Vance Whitaker**

**Old Business**

2011 Business Meeting Minutes – Review and Acceptance

Discussion: Amend minutes to say that the 2014 meeting will be chaired by Bob Martin (not Chad Finn), assisted by Chad Finn (who volunteered Bob because Bob wasn't there)

Move to Approve- Gail Nonnecke

Second- Pat Moore

Vote= 7 to approve, none opposed

**Future Meetings (Kim Lewers):**

The 2013 meeting is to be in Maryland, chaired and hosted by Kim Lewers

Week: 21-25 October 2012 (southeastern professional fruit workers not in conflict says Elena Garcia)

Kim Lewers likes the agenda that we have this year and hopes to develop a similar one:

A discussion group: This year we had a marketing discussion, but for 2013, members requested that discussions be led by people active in agricultural policy, such as a lobbyist (Kelly Eversol and Dan Hailey were suggested), someone from the USDA Secretary's office, ARS Administrators (especially Sally Schneider), and Eric Rudyj (Clean Plant Network Coordinator)

Joint sessions of 1) the tunnel production systems group and 2) the Small Fruits CGC (with a GRIN-Global demonstration if that is ready)

One day for state reports

The business meeting

One or two days for tours- requests and non-requests as follows:

My tunnels and others' research at Beltsville- first priority

Butler's Orchards and/or Larriland- another high priority

Dinner at a restaurant on the Chesapeake Bay

Smithsonian basement plant collections

Arboretum

National Ag Library – AGRICOLA pomological watercolors hour before end of day

Botanical gardens at the foot of the capital

Not-APHIS (nobody wanted to see APHIS)

Also discussed: A hotel *not* in the DC area (inside the Beltway is too expensive)

**Meetings Beyond 2013 (Kim Hummer):**

Bob Martin asked Kim Hummer to discuss ideas on activities from Portland to Corvallis, discuss them this time next year: Bob Martin's Unit, breeding, plant pathology, nematology, virology, germplasm facility, Oregon State horticulture, genetics central services, Chad's breeding plots. Portland is the airport of choice, commercial shuttles are available for transport from airport to hotel, stay at the Hilton on campus across from the stadium. There were discussions about sports, but the person taking the minutes couldn't concentrate on those discussions and cannot remember what was discussed.

## **New Business**

**Hosting 2016?** Anyone interested? (Nobody rushed to volunteer, and it was thought it might be premature to discuss the topic... but we did anyway for a short time, because we like these meetings.) Is the next International Strawberry Symposium being held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada that August? Get Michigan or Minnesota to host it? Eric Hanson asks if we have a record of where the meeting has been held in the last 20 or so years. Maybe Michigan State University is a possible host with Eric Hanson (Eric's reaction was positive).

### **NCCC212 Website (Vance Baird)**

Discussion: The idea was to have a website outside of NIMMS that might invite more interaction, perhaps a place to keep historic records of meeting locations, to submit state reports in advance so we don't have to lug around printed state reports. Some of us may be paper dependent. Some of us would want the web site available only to members and not public. There didn't seem to be any consensus about putting the state reports on the web site.

### **Formal Industry Membership (Vance Baird)**

Some people have voting rights and others don't. For example, federal and industry members do not have voting rights. The question is whether they should. There was only one vote in Vance Baird's recollection, so he's not sure how much of a problem that is. An actual advantage of being a member (referring to industry, as federal researchers do not have the option) is being on a mailing list so that you are included as somebody who should get e-mail notifications. But non-members can be added to the list and get the updates, too, so membership is not essential. Industry representatives should contact Vance Baird so there isn't duplication in the mailing. Industry representatives who are interested in actual membership could be contacted as meetings approach. It was asked if industry members would have the ability to log into the proposed web page (see above) and see the state reports.

### **Farm Bill news (Vance Baird)**

Vance Baird understood that the Farm Bill is on hold due to concerns about the January sequestration.

### **Other New Business**

North American Strawberry Growers Research Foundation call for proposals is out. They are due 15 December to Kevin Schooley.

### **Adjournment:**

Move: Pat Moore

Second: Eric Hanson

Vote: All in favor (as evidenced by departure and murmuring)