

Soft Winter Wheat Quality Council (SWQC) Technical Meeting Minutes and Closing Discussion

May 1, 2017

Technical Board Committee

Chair: Yan Li

Vice Chair: Tom Baker

Secretary: Joy Battistone

Opening and Introductions

Byung-Kee Baik welcomed the attendees and briefed the status of the SWQC technical board committee. Yan Li and Joy Battistone was unable to attend meeting therefore Tom Baker stepped in for Yan Li to facilitate the meeting.

Kansas City WQC news

Tom Baker briefed on the WQC Board meeting highlights, which included: 1) 150 industry participants in attendance February 21-23, 2017 at the KCI Embassy Suites Hotel in Kansas City, MO; 2) Talked about how the WQC is the only Industry-wide organization that brings together all wheat interest from breeders and producers to millers, processors and bakers. These participants are provided information on the milling and baking qualities of wheat varieties that will be released, grown and processed in the next few years. 3) The "Full Kernel Award" was presented to Ben Hancock who was retiring after this meeting. He was the Executive Vice President of the Wheat Quality Council. At the dinner that night we spent the evening reminiscing Ben's long and appreciated career. 4) Dave Green was introduced as the new Executive Vice President. 5) There were two speakers at the meeting. Ron Sterk from Sosland Publication who lead a talk about "Baking and What Flour Trends Affecting our Industry". And Chandler Goule of National Association of Wheat Growers presented on the "Wheat Action Plan to Help Reverse the Decline in Wheat Acreage in The United States".

Review Minutes from Last Year's SWQC Meeting by Tom Baker

Approval of the Minutes were motioned by Jim Schuh, seconded by Ed Tanhehco, and voted to be approved.

Financial Report by Tom Baker

Eastern Soft Wheat CD	= \$26,160.23
Eastern Soft Wheat Checking	= \$1,296.11
Total	= \$27,456.34

Financial Report was approved with the motion by Jim Schuh and second by Yulai Jin

SWQC Technical Board Committee Secretary Election

Dr. Yulai Jin of Kellogg was nominated and elected to be Secretary

Officers for 2017:

Chair	– Tom Baker- Mennel Milling
Vice Chair	– Joy Battistone- Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
Secretary	– Yulai Jin- Kellogg Company

Closing Discussion

- The Soft Wheat Council would like to continue a separate meeting from the HRW and HRS WQC meeting held in Kansas City. There was discussion on the meeting being held in Wooster, OH next year.
- We had a discussion on Soft Winter Wheat Breeders participation in the SWQC. The question was how do we get breeding programs more involved? Explore the option of growing-out the SWQC entries at 3 different locations. We currently have one northern location in the NW Ohio and one location in Virginia where both northern and southern varieties can be grown. Pre-harvest sprout damages at our Ohio location in 2015 crop season was the reason for some samples to be pulled from being tested by SWQC. The third location in Georgia was secured and could be a place if we can get some breeders interested in participating. We have a list of potential breeders that need to be notified.
- Having two check varieties for all the entries, one with weak gluten protein and the other with strong gluten protein was also discussed.

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