

Meeting Minutes for the SWQC 2022/2023

The business meeting was called to order by Bryan Penning of the USDA-ARS Soft Wheat Quality Lab and outgoing Vice-Chair at 2:35PM on March 14, 2023.

The meeting was handed over to Dave Green to cover the business overview from the WQC including budget and updates. He noted that the WQC has been going for the last 73 years, and reviewed the history of the WQC and it's forming post WW2

In the 2023-2024, there is a plan to hold two wheat tours. One will be held in Kansas and the other in North Dakota. Despite the work that is done around ensuring quality of the wheat industry, the WQC continues to be known for the wheat tours. These tours give people that are new to the business a chance to see the wheat being grown and furthering their understanding the process of flour growing and milling.

The past year was a more fruitful year financially as the WQC was able to hold the HRW and HRS wheat tours that they had scheduled.

SWQC ASSETS	3/16/2022	3/14/2023	Differences
CD	26,759.26	26,770.27	11.01
Checking	1,322.02	700.13	-621.89
Total Assets	28,081.28	27,470.4	-610.88

Activity

-\$760.56- Lanexa shipment

The CD currently has \$26,770.27 in it, a \$11.01 increase from the previous year. The checking account has \$700.13 in it, a decrease of \$621.89. That money was used for Davis Produce to ship the Lanexa Virginia wheat growout samples to Wooster Ohio.

It should be noted that budget will continue to be \$16000. The outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Miriam Dubin reviewed the minutes from the 2022 meeting.

A motion was made to accept the budget and minutes from the previous meeting and the motion passed uncontested

The meeting was then passed to James Janson of Star of the West Milling, the outgoing chair, to solicit nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Teresa Johns of Siemer Milling was nominated for the position. A motion was made to accept Teresa Johns by Yulai Jin, and the motion was seconded by Nikki Morgan. The motion passed uncontested and Teresa Johns will be the new Secretary Treasure.

Byung-Kee Baik of the USDA lab announced that for the following SWQC, there would be three growout locations.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 2:48PM.

The meeting then turned to reviewing the SWQC bake data with Bryan Penning moderating and introducing the samples if the collaborator was not in attendance. The panelists for the data discussion were David Stevenson from Mondelez, Mohana Yoganandan from Mennel Milling, Miriam Dubin from Ardent Mills, Yulai Jin from Kellogg and Bon Lee from the Wheat Marketing Center.

Flour quality for the samples were discussed at length: and with great interest in the next portion of the meeting.

Group 1 was presented by Nick Santantonio from Virginia Tech. These samples were commented on in regards to the high protein, high Lactic Acid values, low water, and overall difficulty to work with the samples. Comments were made about possible cracker application for the Virginia Tech samples.

Group 2 was presented by Bryan Penning and was grown at the USDA facility in Wooster, Ohio. Overall comments were positive about the sample.

Group 3 was presented by Eric Olson from Michigan State University. Overall, the samples from the Michigan State program received consistent scores across the participants as well as favorable remarks about the performance of the samples in regard to the Sugar Snap cookie application.

Group 4 was introduced by Bryan Penning as Dr. Mergoum was not in attendance. Many of the samples had similar data which was commented on as a favorable attribute. Many of the panelists had similar comments about the favorability of the samples.

There was a fair bit of discussion around if thousand kernel weight was a good indicator of flour quality and yield, with some questioning if the thousand kernel weight indicated a quality flour.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM on March 14, 2023.