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RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 28, 2011

The CWB Research Committee met on Friday January 28, 2010, at the Inn of the Tides in Bodega Bay, CA. Chairperson Jerry Moore called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Eidsath called the roll and a quorum was established. The following committee members were present:

Jerry Moore, Chairperson
Robert Driver, Vice-Chairperson
David Keyawa
Lynn Morgan
Bill Tos
Pete Turner (on conference call connection)

Committee member Bert Crane was absent. Others in attendance included: David Ramos, CWB Research Director; and CWB staff member Carl Eidsath.

The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Keyawa made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Driver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Moore welcomed Lynn Morgan to the Committee and Lynn gave a brief introduction to the group of her past experiences.

Chairperson Moore introduced the next agenda item, Walnut Rootstock Proposal to USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) Program, and asked Dr. Ramos to lead a discussion of what this will accomplish regarding clonal rootstock research. The proposal will be submitted to the USDA by Dan Kluepfel before the deadline of January 31, 2011. We were not successful in the first two rounds, however, the SCRI reviewers for the second round had strong comments about the quality of the proposal resulting in our being placed in the High Priority category. Dr. Ramos is hoping the third proposal to be submitted on January 31 will be successful. SCRI mandates one-to-one matching; for every dollar that USDA provides, there must be a matching dollar from other sources (direct real costs or salary matches).

There are five proposals listed in the CWB 2011 Research Proposal Budget Summary that are associated with developing clonal rootstocks. These projects will be used for the commitment of matching support from CWB:

Proposal #6	Clonal Propagation of Walnut Rootstock Genotypes for Genetic Improvement/Leslie, Hackett	\$65,500
Proposal #7	Etiology and Management of Crown and Root Rots of Walnut/Browne	23,500
Proposal #8	Generation and Evaluation of <i>Juglans microcarpa</i> Hybrids and Paradox Rootstock Selections for Crown Gall Resistance/Kluepfel	27,000
Proposal #9	Genomic and Horticultural Approaches to Manage Blackline Disease in Walnuts/Sudarshana, Rowhani	40,000
Proposal #10	Methyl Bromide Alternatives/McKenry	<u>24,000</u>
		\$180,000

Mr. Driver made a motion to approve funding of projects 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 for the SCRI proposal to be submitted on January 31, 2011. These projects will be funded through this Research Committee whether or not matching funds from SCRI are received. Mr. Tos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The time and place of the next meeting will be March 1, 2011 at a location to be determined.

An executive session was not necessary. Hearing no further business, Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.