

Michigan Onion Committee
Annual Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022, 12:30pm
Devos Place Grand Gallery Overlook C

In attendance: Bruce Klamer, Mark Nail, Mike Bosch, Mitch Schreur, James Young, Amy Bearss, Greg Bird, Darryl Warncke, Ben Werling, Ryan Bounds

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bruce Klamer

12:32pm

2. Minutes: June 9, 2022 (Doc provided post June meeting)

Motion: Mark Nail

Supported by: Mitch Schreur

Motion approved

3. 2022 Onion Season Review - Bruce Klamer

Bruce said the year was average. The onion storage crop has been moving quickly. Bruce is going to the NOA meeting in Arizona. Bruce also plans to go to the NOA meetings in DC. MOC will provide some funding and decide during the March 1 meeting.

4. Financial Reports – Greg Bird (see profit and loss \ balance sheet)

Greg reviewed the financial reports. Greg reported that the latest SCBG payment was received from MDARD the day after the report was printed. This means the revenue and balance is actually \$40,627 higher.

Motion: Mitch Schreur

Supported by: Mike Bosch

Motion approved

5. MDARD Report – Amy Bearss was in attendance

The SCBG 2023 RFP should happen 1/4/23. A SCBG webinar will take place on 1/11/23. The SCBG will be due on 2/28/2023. The USDA is implementing a new system for SCBG and it looks like it will cause extra work for MDARD.

6. Executive Director's Report - Greg Bird

- a. Onion RFP and Grant website updates

Greg will attempt to announce the RFP on the website by 2/1. In the future, the MOC may move its research meeting to November.

- b. Conflict of Interest Document, members sign

Documents were signed and turned in by board members.

- c. 2023 Appointed members (Bruce and Mike expire Aug 2023, replacement potential Nate Brink, Chad Wallinga, Glen Vogel, Grace Kenny)

- d. 2023 NOA Summer Conference in Grand Rapids, tours, etc

A chartered fishing trip is a possibility for an event. Processing of radishes could be happening in mid-June.

- e. SCRI SLB grant support letter, resubmit same letter

The group is in favor of resubmitting a letter of support to Cornell for this SCRI on SLB.

- f. Onion and celery video

The video is playing at the onion booth.

- 7. MSU Extension Report – Ben Werling

Ben announced the new MI Ext vegetable educators.

- 8. Onion Seed Variety Trials 2022 and 2023 – Darryl Warncke

Darryl needs to plan to start stepping away from holding the trials. Darryl will have a discussion with James and Mitch to start planning the changes. MOC would still like trials for the steak dinner. The seed companies will need to start getting more involved if they want to participate. A group call will need to happen this winter to finalize plans for the 2023 trial.

- 9. 2023 Calendar - Greg Bird

- a. March 1, 2023, MSU Agronomy Farm 10am
- b. June 8, 2023, at Celery Co-op, Hudsonville 12pm

- 10. Other Business

Bruce will discuss what it will take to add Michigan Onion growers as NOA members. How many members would need a membership and what would the cost be.

- 11. Adjourn

1:34pm

Motion: Mike Bosch

Supported by: Mitch Schreur

Motion approved