

**Minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Orchard Pest & Disease Management Conference  
Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon  
January 14 -16, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order by the Chair Jack Jenkins at 9:00 am on January 14, 2015. Chair Jenkins welcomed the approx. 200 attendees who are presenting 47 papers and posters, asked for each attendee to make a brief self-introduction, and then introduced session moderators. They were:

Biological Control	- Jeannine Lowrimore
Invasive Species	- Peter McGhee
Chemical Control/New Products	- Chris Nobbs
Biology/Phenology	- Brad Higbee
Mating Disruption/SIR	- Larry Gut
Implementation	- Joe Grant
Thresholds/Monitoring	- Reed Britt

**II. Old Business**

**A. Approval of 2014 Minutes:** Secretary Alston announced that the 2014 minutes are posted on the OPDMC website and printed in the back of the abstract booklet. She asked for amendments. There were none. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the 2014 minutes.

Chair Jenkins called for other old business. There was none.

**III. New Business**

**A. Board of Directors' Report**

Secretary Alston gave the Board of Directors' report.

- The board voted to increase meeting registration fees by \$10: pre-registration will be \$50/60 (with and without program abstracts); on-site registration will be \$60/70.
- Discussion to shorten the conference in future years if there are fewer presentations, and end Thursday evening
- Put out a call for keynote speaker suggestions.

**B. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Hays gave the treasurer report.

Total Cash & PayPal Balance as of 12/31/13	\$13,491.18
Total Income	\$10,343.64
Total Expenses	\$12,411.33
Total Cash & PayPal Balance as of 12/31/14	\$11,423.49

There was a motion, second, and unanimous vote to approve the treasurer report.

**C. Other Items**

Don led a discussion about shortening the meeting. There was concern expressed about losing 2-3 hr of certification credit. It was suggested to leave the length the same for 2016 and see how many papers are submitted. We will revisit this topic next year.

There was a motion, second, and vote to close new business.

#### **IV. Committee Assignments**

Chair Jenkins called for volunteers for committee positions. The following committee assignments were made:

**Audit:** Rick Hilton (Chair), Bruce Greenfield, and Betsey Miller

**Nominations:** Larry Gut (Chair), Randy Hansen, and Bob Van Steenwyk

**Resolutions:** Art Agnello (Chair), Peter McGhee, and Mike Lees

#### **V. In Memoriam**

Three members were remembered:

Michael J. Smirle (presented by Gary Judd)

Barry M. Wilk (presented by Cris Wilk)

Tom M. Burlando (presented by Pat Weddle)

Chair Jenkins called for the names of other deceased members; there were none. He then called for a moment of silence to recognize our deceased members.

Chair Jenkins called for a motion, second, and vote to adjourn the opening business meeting at 10:04 am, which was concluded until the closing business meeting on Friday.

#### **VI. Closing Business Meeting**

The closing business meeting was called to order by Chair Jenkins at 10:20 am on January 16, 2015.

##### **A. Further New Business**

Chair Jenkins called for further new business.

- Meeting dates for 2016 will be January 13-15. It will be the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of OPDMC.
- Don announced there were almost 200 pre-registrants for the 2015 meeting, plus on-site registrants totaled about 220.
- Don asked for all members to consider submitting presentations next year, including those who haven't presented before, such as consultants, industry, etc.

##### **B. Committee Reports**

Chair Jenkins called for the committee reports.

###### **1. Audit**

Chair Rick Hilton reported that the committee examined the Report of the Treasurer and recommended that the membership accept the report. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

###### **2. Nominations**

Chair Larry Gut made the following nominations:

President-Elect: Janet Caprile (University of California Cooperative Extension, CA)

Secretary: Diane Alston (Utah State University, UT)

Treasurer: Nancy Hays (Pacific Biocontrol Corp., WA)

Executive Director: Donald Thomson (Pacific Biocontrol Corp., Canada)

Program Co-Chairs: Betsy Beers (Washington State University, WA) & John Dunley (Wilbur Ellis, WA)

Steve Ela (Ela Family Farms, CO) will serve as Chair in 2016

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations of the nominations committee. The motion was passed.

###### **3. Resolutions**

Chair Art Agnello (playing samba drum music on his iPhone and through his iSpeakers) and Committee

Member Peter McGhee (playing the glass-tapping cow bell) proposed the following resolutions with flawless timing to the music (except the cow bell got behind a few times...):

1. Be it resolved that this conference extend written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Hotel for the courteous service and fine accommodations provided.
2. Be it resolved that the members of the conference express their appreciation to Executive Director Don Thomson, the Past Chair Lucia Varela, Chair Jack Jenkins, Chair-Elect Steve Ela, Secretary Diane Alston, Treasurer Nancy Hays, and Program Co-Chairs John Dunley and Betsy Beers for their leadership and dedication in organizing the 2015 meeting.
3. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, and in particular, Chris Sater, for applying for pesticide applicator credits from participating states and preparing the meeting abstracts, and Jerry Tangren for maintaining the OPDMC website.
4. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to the session moderators Jeannine Lowrimore, Peter McGhee, Chris Nobbs, Brad Higbee, Larry Gut, Joe Grant, and Reed Britt for ably overseeing the entomology sessions of the 2015 conference.
5. Be it resolved that the members of the conference extend their appreciation to Tamla Blunt, Colorado State University, for ably overseeing the disease management session of the 2015 conference.
6. Be it resolved that the Secretary write letters of condolences to family of members who passed away during the past year: Michael J. Smirle, Barry M. Wilk, and Tom M. Burlando.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the resolutions.

### **C. Call for Nominations for the Rubber Chicken Award**

Chair Jenkins called for nominations:

1. Jay Brunner was nominated for running a black market in sterile codling moths and smuggling them across the Canadian border.
2. Peter Witzgall was nominated for drinking contaminated water even after being told not to do it.
3. Brad Higbee was nominated for delivering an extended talk under false pretenses, breaking the new OPDMC computer, and bragging about his 40 acre research plots.
4. Larry Gut was nominated for giving his own slideshow while introducing the keynote speaker, and re-using his same slideshow from ESA.

Chair Jenkins called for a vote from the membership by a show of hands. Brad Higbee won his first rubber chicken which was presented to him at the podium by Chair Jenkins.

Chair Jenkins presented Executive Director Thomson with two bottles of wine with entomological themes for his meritorious service to the conference.

Chair Jenkins passed the gavel to the 2016 Chair Steve Ela, who adjourned the meeting at 10:41 am.

Conference dates for next year are January 13-15, 2016. It will be held once again at the Portland Hilton.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Alston  
Secretary  
2015 Orchard Pest and Disease Management Conference