

SEIARA Board of Directors

8:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Via Teleconference

In attendance – Virgil Schmitt, Gene Mohling, Greg Brenneman, Jim Howell, John Shaff, Samantha Urmie, Cody Schneider, Myron Rees, Charles Brown, Ralph Sandeen

1. Call to Order at 8:00 am –Virgil Schmitt acting for Jeff Ellis
2. Additions to Agenda – under new business, appointing Sam Groenenboom as director for Mahaska County.
3. Secretary's Minutes – Virgil Schmitt – Accepted as presented
4. Treasurer's Report – Ryan Drollette - Accepted as presented

5. Reports

a. Farm and Growing Season Update – Myron Rees – so far it has been very dry summer with only 1.3” of rain in June (only 1 rain of 0.5” and the rest just dribbles). So far in July almost 3” (about 1.5” around the 10th and 1.5” on the 21st -23rd). They had to do some extra spraying for weeds. In the next week they will be cutting some organic barley and doing some fungicide treatments as a part of trials. They have had some possible dicamba problems. Japanese beetles have been feeding on trees around headquarters.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business - Schmitt

- a. Appoint Lynn Fischer as Director from Keokuk County and Sam Groenenboom as director for Mahaska County Moved by Sandeen and seconded by Howell to appoint them. All ayes
- b. Planning for the Fall Field Day (September 7, 2017) beginning at 1:30 pm.
 - Number the fields so we know what we are going past on the tour.
 - Farm Report - Myron
 - Drought items – harvest and drying – Mark Hanna + “one of us”
 - Cover crops – rate of rye to seed and seeding method – crimping of rye - Meaghan or Sarah Carlson
 - Dicamba issues and trait selection for next year – Hartzler or Owen
 - “Myrons Choice” – something interesting that is happening on the Farm

8. Next meeting in December 2017 - Ellis

- a. Date – December 7, 2017
- b. Time – 10:00 am
- c. Place – SE Research Farm
- d. Agenda items
 - i. 2017 Farm and Season Update
 - ii. Annual Meeting
 - iii. 2018 Research ideas
 - iv. Other

9. Adjourn – Motion by Brown and seconded by Howell to adjourn at 8:45 am.– all ayes.