

Minutes
S.H.A.P – Extension Advisory Committee
December 19, 2017 – Fruit Research and Extension Center

The meeting was called to order at 10am. Attending the meeting were, Chair, Dave Wenk, Tom Callahan, Rick Keim, Matt Boyer, Clair Kauffman, Mark Apple, Dr. Rob Crassweller, Dr. Jim Schupp, Dr. Tara Baugher, Dr. Greg Krawczyk, Dr. Kari Peter and Tanya Lamo.

A motion was properly made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting as presented.

Dave Wenk gave a review of the financials. There was a balance of \$8777.17 left in the account going into the 2018 proposal year. After some discussion, Clair Kauffmann reminded the committee that the money was from Bob Pollock's 2016 proposal that had staffing issues and was removed from the project. This leftover money will go towards the funding of the 2018 proposals.

Next, there was a discussion of the issues that the members of the committee faced during the 2017 season and how they can be addressed through further extension work.

Dr. Jim Schupp gave a brief update on FREC. He reported that Terry Saliday had officially retired and Tim Baker has filled the position. The transition went smoothly and Tim Baker's prior position has been filled successfully as well. Dr. Daeun Choi has started her position as Ag Engineer at University Park and Dr. Long He will be filling the Ag Engineering position at the FREC facility soon. The Berks County Ag Extension recently hired Don Seifrit on 100% fruit assignment. Dr. Tara Baugher will be retiring in 2018 but will continue on 15% assignment. Mike Masiuk would like to communicate directly to the Extension Committee in regards to finding a replacement for Tara. His contact information is as follows: Mike Masiuk, Penn State Extension, Assistant Director – Horticulture Programs, 342 AG Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802, Phone: 814-863-5903, E-mail: mcm2@psu.edu.

Next, the scientists gave an update on their work. Tanya Lamo joined our group and introduced herself. She took over Carla Snyder's county position as Carla's work is now state wide. Rob Crassweller mentioned that Ag/Hort has seen an increase in students this year which is a good sign. Greg Krawczyk reported that he and Dave Biddinger are not yet involved in Spotted Lantern Fly work yet as it is not considered a fruit issue at the moment. Discussion continued in regards to the Spotted Lantern Fly.


The Priority List was then reviewed and amended and is attached to these minutes.

Under new business, Dave Wenk announced that he will be retiring as chair of the Extension Advisory Committee. A replacement will be needed.

After some discussion, it was approved by the present committee members to move forward with a digital proposal process. Rather than receiving a printed packet of proposals, they will now be found on the SHAP website. Instructions will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patti Keller, Secretary
SHAP Extension Advisory Committee

**Extension Project Fund
Balance Sheet
As of December 13, 2017**

	<u>Dec 13, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Extension Project Fund	8,777.17
Total Checking/Savings	<u>8,777.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>8,777.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>8,777.17</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Inter-fund Transfers	25,500.00
Fund Balance - Prior Period	-16,422.83
Net Income	<u>-300.00</u>
Total Equity	<u>8,777.17</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>8,777.17</u></u>

**Extension Project Fund
Profit & Loss
July 1 through December 13, 2017**

	<u>Jul 1 - Dec 13, 17</u>
Income	0.00
Expense	
Secretarial Services	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>300.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-300.00</u></u>

Priority List
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Concerning Proposals Submitted for 2018 Funding

These priorities are in no specific order.

1. Worms – Internal Feeders – Resistance Management
2. Bacterial Fruit Diseases – 1.Fireblight 2. Bacterial Fruit Spot – Resistance Management
3. Tree Training / Pruning Demonstrations
4. Peach and Apple Systems Trial
5. Sustainable Orchard Floor Management
6. Fruit Thinning
7. Replant Problems/ Site Preparation/ Rapid Apple Decline (RAD)
8. Organic Alternatives
9. New Variety Management (Pink Lady, Cameo, Honeycrisp, etc.)
10. Develop Educational Program for Independent Integrated Crop Management Scouts
11. USDA - NRCS – Education / Participation
12. Young Grower Alliance
13. Orchard Practices to Increase Precision Management and Work Force Efficiency
14. Fertilizer Practices
15. Irrigation
16. Use of Mechanical Weed Control
17. Mechanical Assisted Harvest
18. Brown Marmorated Stink Bug
19. Scab Management
20. Wildlife Damage Management
21. Phytophthora Management
22. Marketing
23. Spotted Wing Drosophila
24. High Density Pears / Pear Culture
25. Food Safety
26. Orchard Monitoring
27. Labor
 - A. Supply
 - B. H-2A
28. Value Added Product Diversification
29. Worker Education
30. Spotted Lantern Fly

An additional priority is to plan ahead for the future retirements in pomology. The SHAP Extension Committee recommends beginning a strategic planning process and would appreciate being involved in the dialogue.