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Minutes of the GPC-14 Leafy Spurge Committee Annual Meeting

**Bozeman, Montana
June 21, 1982**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by chairman Cal Messersmith.

Chairman Messersmith welcomed visitors and gave a brief statement of history and purpose of the GPC-14 Committee.

He then introduced the officers:

Harold Alley, Wyoming, Vice Chairman

Russell Lorenz, ARS, Mandan, Secretary

Don Anderson, North Dakota, Administration Adviser

He also introduced Wendell Holmes, Executive Secretary, Great Plains Agricultural Council, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Chairman Messersmith called on our Administrative Adviser, Dr. Donald Anderson for his report. He reported that the committee is doing what it was designed to do and what the GPAC expects from it. The goal of coordinator of leafy spurge control research is being accomplished through meetings like this where interested groups other than those in research can participate in order to keep current on research progress and also help guide the research. The annual report put together by this committee is also very useful.

There were no great revelations from GPAC regarding this committee except that each committee is being asked to provide a 1.5- to 2-page report on their activities. The report will be done about April 1 so it can be used at the annual meeting of GPAC. Dr. Anderson encouraged us to continue in our efforts.

Harold Alley and others entered into a discussion of the annual report. The full report as put together last year involves a lot of work. Dr. Anderson said it was up the committee, but he thought a lot of use was made of that report. In any event, the two page report is needed for GPAC. Further discussion of the full report was delayed until later in the meeting.

Chairman Messersmith called on Dr. Wendell Holmes for a report from GPAC. He said that Dr. Anderson pretty well covered the important items from GPAC. Dr. Holmes appreciates receiving the Leafy Spurge Newsletter and he is interested in further discussion of the Annual Report. He and others, not part of this committee, can make good use of the report. When a question was raised, Dr. Holmes indicated that he was talking about the 2-page report.

During discussion that followed, a BLM representative indicated that the full report was very useful. He said that there is no other way to get this information as fast through other sources.

Chairman Messersmith introduced the subject of election of officers by explaining that the vice-chairman moves up to chairman, the secretary moves up to vice-chairman and a new secretary is elected. He asked for nominations for secretary.

Ken Blan, SCS, nominated Pete Fay.

There were no further nominations.

A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pete Fay for Secretary. Motion carried.

Chairman Messersmith announced that the Executive Committee for the coming year will be Harold Alley as Chairman, Russell Lorenz as Vice-Chairman, Pete Fay as Secretary and Don Anderson as Administrative Adviser.

Chairman Messersmith opened the floor to discussion of time and place for the 1983 meeting. After much discussion of pros and cons of annual or biennial meetings, it was decided to hold annual meetings for the time being, because there is a lot of activity on leafy spurge at this time. Several members and some visitors expressed strong interest in an annual gathering of the group.

George Hittle extended an invitation to the committee to come to Wyoming. After some discussion it was moved and seconded that we meet in Sundance the end of June or early July, exact dates to be established later by the hosts. Motion carried.

A discussion of program format indicated that many felt a little rushed, with too much covered in too short a time. The hosts and the Executive Committee will consider extending the meeting if as much program develops as we had this year. Incoming Chairman Alley suggested starting with a full day, then half-day or slightly more for a tour, planning to adjourn by 2:00 p.m. He will try to plan accordingly.

Chairman Messersmith opened the floor to further discussion of the full-sized annual report as put out following the last meeting. Ken Blan, SCS, said his agency appreciated such reports. A representative from BLM agreed. Dr. Anderson said he feels the report is a valuable tool to those working in the field. Rod Lym said he and Cal put the last one together mostly by cutting and pasting from other annual reports. The biggest problem is in funds for printing and distributing.

Harold Alley moved that we again put out the report. Pete Fay seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary Lorenz asked Harold Alley if there was any problem in handling the cost. He answered that he guessed they could handle it.

Discussion of alternate funding followed. One suggestion was to charge each member a small registration fee to cover the cost of the report. It was the general concession to wait to see what happened by next meeting.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Russell J. Lorenz

Secretary