Present: Olivia Dally, Rose Gergerich, Bill Howell, Tammy Kolt, Tim Martinson, Vicky Scharlau, Bill Shane, Sue Sim, Rhonda Smith, Keith Striegler, Debbie Woodbury

Agenda Items:

Approval of Agenda – Keith Striegler
Tim Martinson motioned for the approval of the agenda. Vicky Scharlau gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Keith Striegler
Debbie Woodbury motioned for the approval of the minutes from November 26, 2013. Sue Sim gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Farm Bill 2014 Update – Erich Rudyj
NCPN and Ag Appropriations ‘Anomaly’ – Erich Rudyj
FY 2014 NCPN Bridge ‘Funding’ – Erich Rudyj
Farm Bill Section 10201 Nursery Suggestions – Erich Rudyj
Due to extenuating circumstances, Erich Rudyj was not able to attend the teleconference. These items will be moved to a future agenda.

Outreach Efforts by Crop Networks –

Berries
Rose Gergerich reported that NCPN Berries will be represented at the North American Strawberry Growers Association meeting, the Oregon Blueberry Growers Association meeting, the Wisconsin Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association meeting, the Cranberry Growers Association meeting, and the North American Raspberry and Blackberry Association meeting. She also reported that 6 suggestions regarding the Berry Crops Network were submitted to the Farm Bill Section 10201 Nursery Suggestions call for proposals.

Citrus
There was no one on the call from the Citrus Network.

Grapes
Sue Sim reported that NCPN Grapes will be represented at the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento January 28-30. There will be a session specific to Red Blotch led by a panel of winemakers. Tim Martinson reported that he will be working with Marc Fuchs to update the Red Blotch seminar online. He is also planning an opinion piece on the pros and cons of woody indexing. Vicky Scharlau reported that NCPN Grapes will be well represented at the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers annual meeting in February. St. Michelle Wine Estates has donated their booth at the trade show to NCPN. The booth for the Clean Plant Center-Northwest will have the next booth over. There will be a session that will include discussions of clean plant material and the NCPN.
Hops/Fruit Trees

Debbie Woodbury reported she recently participated in a panel with the Hop Research Committee. She also reported that the Prosser Winter Hop Sale is under way. The Hop Convention and Hops Tier 2 meetings are coming up in Portland, OR.

Debbie also reported that Ken Eastwell recently gave a talk on Little Cherry Virus at the Cherry Institute and gave an interview to Good Fruit Grower. He has 8 more presentations on Little Cherry Virus in the next few weeks.

NCPN Education/Outreach Publications Looking Forward – Keith Striegler

Keith Striegler reported that Deborah Golino has voiced interest in updating the NCPN Grapes Red Blotch fact sheet and also having it translated into Spanish. This led to a discussion about the possibility of other fact sheets and whether all crop networks should have fact sheets. It was decided that NCPN doesn’t need to produce fact sheets for viruses that already have fact sheets or informational pamphlets, but should create fact sheets when there is an apparent need as the role of NCPN is to disseminate information about NCPN, the role of clean plant material, and specific virus problems when needed.

A discussion arose about which items should be shared on the collaborative tools website. Documents and publications which mention NCPN or are produced by an NCPN participant should be posted in the corresponding crop network documents section.

Other Business

The next meeting will be on February 18, 2014. Draft minutes and a proposed agenda will be sent out the week before the meeting.

The call was adjourned at 11:09 am Pacific/2:09 pm Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

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