

**IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2009, IBC OFFICE, BOISE, ID**

**I. Roll Call** – Chairman Ron Elkin called the IBC meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the IBC office in Boise, ID following the annual barley research review. Participants included:

Ron Elkin, Chairman  
Dan Mader, District I Commissioner  
Dwight Little, District III Commissioner  
Clay Kaasa, Industry Representative  
Andi Woolf, Project Coordinator/Fiscal Officer

Guests included: Matt Gellings, IGPA Past President; Clark Kauffman, IGPA Secretary-Treasurer; Dar Olberding, IGPA Legislative Advisor; Pat McCoy, Capital Press.

**II. IBC Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight Little, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

**III. IBC Budget**

**Monthly check-off receipts, balance sheet and income statements** - The board reviewed February 27, 2009 financial reports. Check-off receipts totaled \$280,300.93, which is \$788.75 less than during the same period last year. Total income-to-date was \$287,958.59 (73.5% of budget); and expenditures were \$289,312.36 (65% of budget); leaving a net decline of \$53,447.00 as of February 28. **A motion was made by Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, and seconded, to approve the IBC budget report as presented. The motion carried 4-0.**

**IBC Investment Plan** – The board discussed our new investment plan and was pleased that now most of our money was FDIC insured. Even though the State Treasury continually claimed to be solvent, it is a benefit in our current economic uncertainty to have the extra insurance. The Project Coordinator pointed out that current FDIC insurance rate was raised to \$250,000 per investment; however as it stands right now, it is set to return to \$100,000 on December 31, 2009.

**IV. IBC Program Review**

**US Grains Council report** – Dwight Little discussed his recent trip to the USGC to Japan on January 25-31, 2009. The group met with feed buyers, Minister of Ag & Forestry and other food groups. One item the group discussed was how the Japanese buyers seemed to be unsatisfied with the quality of the barley they were receiving from Australia. Dwight was surprised at how well they protected their domestic producers. He was also interested to learn that the Japanese use barley for feed in their dairies and that the feed was subsidized by their government by 80%. Dwight also enjoyed touring a local distillery and importing facilities.

**National Barley Foods Council Report** – Dan Mader was delighted to report that his USGC International Marketing Conference to Guatemala City on February 7-11, 2009 was the best USGC meeting he had ever participated in. The group toured the oldest coffee plantation in

Guatemala and was able to observe every step of processing. He was able to touch base with many major U.S. barley buyers. One thing that Dan noted was that other underdeveloped nations such as Asia do not seem to be effected by the current economic crisis that is hitting some other major countries, which is positive news from an export perspective.

#### **National Barley Improvement Committee Report (ag research funding requests) –**

Chairman Ron Elkin had collaborated with the Administrator in reviewing NBIC's funding requests and felt strongly that we needed ARS funding, as a result they put it as their number 1 priority. Ron noted that private industry doesn't seem to have a real initiative to push for better barley varieties which is unfortunate and a reason why he feels it is important for IBC to fund ARS projects. Their other rankings are as follows:

1. Full Provision for ARS Personnel Pay Costs
2. \$5 million – Cereal Rust Disease Initiative
3. \$1 million – Regional Small Grains Molecular Genotyping Laboratories
4. \$500,000 – Malting Quality Research, CCRU, Madison WI
5. \$300,000 – Barley Enhancement, NSGGRF, Aberdeen, ID
6. \$670,000 – Barley Biofuels Research, ERRC, Wyndmoor, PA
7. \$400,000 – Obesity Prevention Research, HNRC, Beltsville, MD
8. \$1 million – Biofuels Research, Crop Residues, NCAUR, IL

**National Barley Growers Association Report –** Dwight Little gave a great overview of the NBGA board meeting in Washington, D.C. that he attended with the Administrator on February 22-25, 2009. One question NBGA posed to the members was whether or not industry partners should be included as full members. North Dakota was recently able to raise their assessment and unfortunately seemed to be the only state doing well financially in comparison with the other members.

**Idaho Grain Producers Association Report –** IGPA Legislative advisor Dar Olberding gave a legislative overview: A major underlying issue right now that the legislature is dealing with is a lack of revenue and has been communicating to the state agencies that they need to cut budgets by 8%.

- HB52, A per-use charge on new electrical hook-ups.
- HB96, Ethanol credit which has helped blenders more than anyone else. IGPA wants to promote ethanol use and supports a 2.5 cent per gallon credit.
- HB122, Energy Enterprise Zones, a tax break for people who can produce energy aimed at dairies
- SB1052, Repeals Fresh Produce Act.

IGPA Secretary-Treasurer Clark Kauffman has requested additional funding for the 2008 Convention after receiving only 61% (\$31,050) of projected sponsorship and a decrease in attendance has left them with a deficit of approximately \$19,000. IBC board members decided to have a conference call at a later date to discuss and determine appropriate funding.

## ***V. IBC Research Funding***

Board members began discussions of FY 2010 research funding priorities. They agreed on the following research projects –

| <b>Project No.</b>            | <b>Abbreviated Title &amp; PI(s)</b>   | <b>FY 2009 Funding</b>        | <b>Request FY 2010</b> | <b>IBC Action</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                               | <b>UI RESEARCH PROPOSALS</b>   |                               |                        |                   |
| NEW                           | Influence of Soil Moisture and Herbicide Application Timing on Wild Oat and Broadleaf Weed Control in Spring Barley (D. Morishita and H. Neibling) | \$0                           | \$12,540               | <b>\$0</b>        |
| NEW                           | Lab set-up for precision ag education and research (D. Shrestha)   | \$0                           | \$12,000               | <b>\$0</b>        |
| BJ-K999                       | Mealybug/cereal root diseases in Soda Springs (J. Windes)  | \$7,700                       | \$7,700                | <b>\$0</b>        |
| BJ-KW24                       | ESN Fertilizer in Dryland Malt Barley Production in Soda Springs (J. Windes)   | \$3,500                       | \$3,500                | <b>\$0</b>        |
|                               | Development of Barley Production Systems to Express High Yield Potential (S. Guy)  | \$2,000                       | \$0                    | <b>\$0</b>        |
| BJ-KB90                       | Support Scientist Funding – Education for Idaho Barley Production / North ID Extension Nurseries (R. Zemetra)                                      | \$4,000                       | \$5,100                | <b>\$5,100</b>    |
| BJ-KB52<br>BJ-KB85            | Herbicide Soil Persistence and Herbicide Resistant Weeds Prevention Expert System (D. Thill and D. Morishita)                                      | \$3,051                       | \$8,102                | <b>\$3,000</b>    |
| BJ-K945<br>BJ-K946<br>BJ-K942 | Education for Barley Production / Extension Nurseries (Guy, Brown, Windes)   | \$9,206 – IBC cut # nurseries | \$9,206                | <b>\$9,206</b>    |
|                               | <b>UI TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$32,458</b>               | <b>\$58,148</b>        | <b>\$17,306</b>   |
|                               | <b>OTHER RESEARCH PROPOSALS</b>  |                               |                        |                   |
|                               | ARS barley breeding (ARS, D. Obert)  | \$30,116                      | \$28,836               | <b>\$28,836</b>   |
|                               | Winter barley breeding (OSU, P. Hayes)   | \$19,000                      | \$19,000               | <b>\$19,000</b>   |
| NEW                           | Breeding Barley with Resistance to Selective Herbicides (spring barleys) (S. Ullrich, WSU)   | \$0                           | \$20,200               | <b>\$5,000</b>    |
|                               |  |                               |                        |                   |
|                               | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$81,573</b>               | <b>\$126,184</b>       | <b>\$70,142</b>   |

A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Mader, and seconded, to approve the research projects as discussed. The motion carried 4-0.

## VI. Other

**Travel authorizations** – There were not any travel authorizations the board recognized that needed approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Mader, and seconded, to approve all acts and transactions of the March 3, 2009 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.**

With no other business, the IBC meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ron Elkin at 5:12 p.m.

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Ron Elkin, Chairman

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Date

**MOTIONS PASSED**  
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