

HOGS Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2007

Attendance: Roberto Lopez, Nobuko Sugimoto, Kristin Getter, Joseph Tychonievich, Aaron Warsaw, Aaron Walworth, Travis Stegmeir, Sara Tanis, Emma Bradford, Tad Johnson, Matt Blanchard, Ajay Nair, Matt Ross, Kate Long, Linsey Newton

Travel Grants

Travel grants for travel between July 1 and Dec. 31 of 2007 are due June 8. Please submit your applications to Matt Blanchard.

GPC Update

- The HRT 403 postharvest class will be taught this fall.
- The HRT 891 class on flowering will try to be arranged for this coming spring.
- Our college now has a certification for college teaching. Obtaining the certificate involves taking 1 of 2 courses and attending a number of seminars.
- Kristin will be pursuing getting a seminar on extension and how research is disseminated approved by the GPC for the fall. Thanks to Kristin for all her work trying to get a seminar topic chosen and approved!

Summer Social Events

- **Lugnuts Game** - HOGS will be attending a Thirsty Thursday Lugnuts game June 21st. Please let Ajay know if you would like to attend and have not already signed up. HOGS will only pay for tickets for HOGS members, but others are welcome. Tickets should be around \$8.
- **Ice Cream Social and Drive-In Movie** – Matt Ross is organizing an ice cream social at a new ice cream parlor in Stockbridge on Friday, June 29th. If people are interested, they can also go to a drive-in theatre near Flint. The first movie starts at 9 PM.
- **Potluck** – An international food potluck is being planned at Lake Lansing North Park and a date will be chosen soon. Everyone is invited to bring a traditional family or cultural dish.
- **Camping Trip** – A camping trip is being planned for the weekend of July 28th. The location is yet to be chosen.
- **HOGS Field Day** – HOGS is planning a field day in which HOGS members can visit each others research plots or greenhouses and find out what everyone is working on. This would be a very informal event and involve just graduate students. A Friday date will be determined soon.

HOGS Finances – Please see Wendy Klooster for an update on our HOGS finances.