

HOGS Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2008

Attendance: Sara Tanis, Joseph Tychonievich, Matt Blanchard, Matt Ross, Mike Von Weihe, Ajay Nair, Aaron Warsaw, Rita House, Travis Stegmeir, Ryan Warner, Linsey Newton

Invited Seminar Speaker

Don Huber, the seminar speaker HOGS is hosting, will give his seminar April 17th. HOGS will contribute \$500 to his travel and lodging costs. The department will cover the rest.

Graduate Student Recruitment Weekends

Volunteers are needed to take potential graduate students out to lunch and/or dinner Friday and to a potluck on Saturday evening. The department covers the cost of food. The two weekends volunteers are needed are Feb. 21-24 and Feb. 28-March 1. Please e-mail Greg if you are interested.

Plant Research Symposium

The annual Plant Research Symposium will be March 25. A call for abstracts has been sent out to departments involved in plant science. It looks like we will be able to use the poster boards free of charge, but we will need to pick them up and return them. Additional sources of funding for this event are also being pursued.

Spring Show

Selling grasses at the Spring Show is our main fundraiser. The first potting session will be Wednesday Feb. 27 at 10 AM. We will meet in the teaching greenhouse head house. We will have a second potting session sometime the week after spring break.

T-shirts

We are going to print about 20 T-shirts for HOGS members. These shirts will have the design Sara's sister made for us on the back. In addition, 50 general department of horticulture T-shirts will be printed. We will sell these at the spring show.

Officer Updates

COGS Rep.

- Since Kate has decided to no longer pursue graduate school, we elected Mike Von Weihe as the new COGS rep.

Matt Ross (Hort Club Rep.)

- The Hort Club will be having potting parties every Wednesday at 6 PM in the head house if anyone would like to help them pot up plants for the spring show

Sara (GPC Rep.)

- Please send any ideas you have for the fall seminar class to Sara

Matt Blanchard (Faculty Rep.)

- Nothing pertaining directly to graduate students was discussed at the last meeting. The main topics were how to use a donation to the department, the formation of

the search committee for a department chair, and the priority of any new faculty positions.