

**Olive Oil Commission of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Sacramento, CA**

Minutes of Meeting
April 24, 2017

A meeting of the Olive Oil Commission of California Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Colombini, at 10:04 am on April 24, 2017. Self-Introductions were made and a quorum was established with the following in attendance:

Board Members

Jeff Colombini, Lodi Farming
Adam Englehardt, Boundary Bend Olives
Richard Marchini, Marchini Ag
John Williams, Cal Ag Properties, LLC
Brady Whitlow, Corto Olive
Samantha Dorsey, McEvy Ranch
Mary Bolton, California Olive Ranch
Bruce Golino, Santa Cruz Olive
Vincent Ricchiuti, ENZAO Olive Oil

Board Alternates

Mayo Ryan, California Olive Ranch
Ciriaco Chavez, Boundary Bend
Rolland Rosenthal, Cal Rose Inc

Advisory Committee

Albert Katz, Katz Farm

Guests

Patti Andrade, Borges USA
Carlos Machado, Ag Bio Lab
Roxann Bramlage, CDFa
Dennis Manderfield, CDFa
Nicholas Sciabica, Nick Sciabica & Sons
Jonathan Sciabica, Nick Sciabica & Sons
Marilyn Dolan, Farmers Communication Exchange

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Chris Zanobini
Karli Quinn

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of September 7, 2016 Minutes

Minutes from the September 7, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. No changes were made.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the September 7, 2016 OOCC Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Nomination and Elections

Current nominations for open board seats are Adam Englehardt as the producer representative for District 2; Jeff Colombini and Pat Ricchiuti the producer representative for District 3 Jim Lipman as the handler representative for District 1. . Ballots will be sent out by May 15, 2017. Any open seats and the public member will be appointed at the next board meeting.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board terms are up in June and CDFA has sent a notice for nominations. CDFA will handle the appointing of interested members.

Report from Grades and Labeling Standards Committee

Committee Chair Bruce Golino Reported that the grades and labeling standards committee met on April 18 and recommends the following items.

1). Increasing the number of handler lots to be sampled to increase from 5 to 6 and to conduct as many samples for purist as the budget allows.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to amend the purity testing from 25 to 50 samples and the handler samples from five to six.

2). The committee suggested asking for a proposal from UC Davis to look at adopting a limit for fatty acid C-17.1 in the OOCC standard.

Handler audits as established by the OOCC will begin as soon as the CDFA auditors can schedule.

Outreach Committee Update

Marilyn Dolan of Farmers Communication Exchange presented on behalf of the Outreach committee. She updated the board on 2016/17 activities, Information Meetings, website and google analytics, newsletter statistics, and OOCC media monitoring.

Dolan reviewed the blog section on the website noting that anyone can sign up for this media source.

Dolan is working on a new report over the “Mandatory Sampling and Testing Program” over a three year period. There will be three different charts; one showing the number of samples, one showing the breakdown of the California olive oil industry grade percentage and one showing verification of grades.

Budget was approved at \$60,000 and she thinks they will use \$55,000.

Things to consider in 2017/18 is having an OCCC member or group of members fund attendance to the International Food Bloggers Conference in October.

Research Committee Update

Englehardt reviewed the April 18 meeting minutes.

The committee discussed current and future research. There was consensus from the committee to continue with the following research projects: Neofabreaea, Olive Knot, Off the Shelf, Data Analysis, FAP/Sterols. In addition there was discussion on an MRL project, OCCC joining the California Specialty Crops Council and reserving some funds to assist with a Section 18 or 24C registration,

Report from Budget and Finance Committee

Brady Whitlow reviewed projected year end financials for 2016/17 and presented a working budget for the 2017/18 year with an estimated crop of 3.8 million gallons, assessment rate to remain at \$0.14 a gallon, with total income at \$532,000, total expenses at \$501,500 and a carry forward of \$261,734..

A working budget was presented for 2017/18

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the 2017/18 working budget as presented with the final budget to be approved in June.

The 2014/15 and the 2015/16 fiscal audit was reviewed by Chris Zanobini.

Handler Audits

Chris Zanobini reported that he is working with the CDFA Audit Division to conduct handler audits.

Advisory Committee

Committee Chair Katz asked interested members to apply for the Advisory Committee.

Other Business

The board will need to discuss the voluntary program fee and structure.

Next Meeting

The next OCCC Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 8.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm.

Certification of Minutes

I, Chris Zanobini, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Olive Oil Commission of California Board of Directors at 10:00am on April 24, 2017.

Date

Chris Zanobini, Executive Director
Olive Oil Commission of California