

2022 Herbert Regional Variety Committee (RVC) Meeting Minutes

Welcome to the 2022 Herbert RVC Meeting 5th April 2022

Chairperson: Lawrence Di Bella (HCPSL)

- Introduced the new chairperson governance – chair to be a rolling 3-year term.
moved by Ian Kemp 2nd by Adam Douglas
- Michael Pisano wanted clarification on who introduced this motion - was motioned by SRA

Present:

HBT RVC MEMBERS (VOTING)

MILLER REPRESENTATIVES:

Wilmar:

Adam Douglas
Line Jessen
Jay Venning

GROWER REPRESENTATIVES:

HR CANEGROWERS:

Jeff Cantamessa
Sam Torrisi

ACFA, AG Force & HCQR:

Ian Kemp, Matthew Pappin & Steve Castorina

HBT RVC MEMBERS (Non-voting & Administrative)

CHAIRPERSON (HCPSL) Lawrence Di Bella;

SECRETARIAL (SRA) Linda Di Maggio.

Jason Caruso

Richard Hobbs

Fengduo Hu

Juan Briceno

Jason Eglinton

Felicity Atkin

Rob Magarey

Glen Park

Robert Quabba

Rhiannon Harragon

Tony McClintock

Dave Matsen

Frank Scardamaglia

Steve Guazzo

Paul Steine

Michael Pisano

Glen Irlam

Joe Girgenti

Terry Motti

Michael Reinaudo

Eric Girgenti

Zenan Reinaudo

Ed Morris

Jayden Spina

Sam Vecchio

Tony Crisafulli

Apologies

Carole MacKee.

Vince Russo.

Minutes from 2021 Herbert RVC Meeting by Secretarial: Linda Di Maggio (SRA).

Moved by Ian Kemp Seconded by Jay Venning: Carried.

Update on clean seed sales by Executive Manager: Dr Jason Eglinton (SRA).

- Break down on the uptake of recently released new varieties.
- Smut ratings explained.

Update of Herbert District program by District Manager: Phil-Anthony Patane (SRA).

Variety Presentation 2022 by Herbert Variety Officer: Juan Briceno (SRA).

- SRA36 (QA07-2978) conditional release 2021 waiting on leaf scald tests. *The meeting agreed in - 2022 to release the variety to growers. The leaf scald rating for the variety is resistant.*

- SRA6 update on fibre was provided. Millers now have no objections to release of the variety, but stated caution is needed around harvest time for FLOC issues.
- **Clones for *MaxProp* (Maximum Propagation): No new clone for MaxProp.**
 - QS10-7130 by RVC decision was put back to ACC due to Smut concerns observed in the Helens Hill 2019 trial: with more field observations for smut required: Millers asked for further milling characteristics and if possible, put trial rakes through the mill.
- **Clones for Accelerated (ACC).**
 - QA08-2979 - SRA decision to hold to 2R harvest data on 2nd series.
 - QS09-7559 - SRA decision to hold to 2R harvest data on 2nd series.
 - QS10-8458 - SRA decision to hold to 2R harvest data on 2nd series.
- **Clones for Repeat (FAT_R) to be moved to Accelerated (ACC) in 2022.**
All clones are to get more fibre, floc and disease testing.
 - QS07-7049 – Floc and low CCS concerns.
 - KQ07-5018.
 - QN11-5047 – RVC has Smut concerns, HCPSL to put into 2 RVT's.
 - QS10-8459.
 - QC05-829.
 - QC08-786 - caution needed as this clone has high red rot rating (8).
Rob Magarey issued caution as red rot can be yield effecting if environmental & crop conditions are favourable to red rot (dry conditions and the cane is under stress).

Herbert Recommended Variety List - General Discussion

Changes (in RED) to the Herbert Recommended Variety approved planting & harvesting list at the 2022 RVC.

Variety	Planting	Harvesting	Reason
Q216*	No	Yes	Put back on the list - Mill has consignment data
MIDA*	No	No	No tons 2021 HBT Mill data
Q220*	No	No	No tons 2021 HBT Mill data
Q171*	No	No	No tons 2021 HBT Mill data
Q157*	No	No	No tons 2021 HBT Mill data

All previous varieties not on the approved list for either planting or harvesting have been removed from the list. Q152, Q174, Q179, Q187, Q194, Q206.

Other topics to discuss

- **Governance update** – covered in the chairperson's introductions.
- Matthew Pappin enquired about QN08-2274 looking really good at his place in plant crop with the odd smut whip evident. This clone was put on hold again this year 2022 RVC for the (4th year) waiting on field observations and inspections from HCPSL strip trials and RVT's.

Close of Meeting: 12.00pm

