

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA AVOCADO ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE VISTA DEL ARROYO HOTEL, PASADENA.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 16, 1925

Meeting called to order at 2:15 P.M.

President Coit in the Chair.

Roll Call—Forty-seven members present.

Moved by Sprague, seconded by Sutherland that the reading of the minutes of preceding meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

President J. Eliot Coit delivered his annual address.

Secretary read the financial statement.

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It was announced by the President that at the next meeting of the Board of Directors a committee would be appointed to audit the books of the Secretary.

Standardization Committee Report

The Standardization Committee succeeded in getting Avocados included in the Standardization Bill No. 422, introduced by Senator Jones. At the time of this meeting the bill was before the Governor for his signature. It was reported that there was considerable opposition to the Bill from the independent Citrus and Grape growers.

Since the meeting the Standardization Bill has been signed and became operative July 24, 1925. Under this law it is illegal to sell or offer for sale Avocados that are immature or over ripe. Avocados shall not be considered mature when the edible portion shows an oil content of less than eight per cent by weight by chemical analysis.

Quarantine Committee Report by Mr. Dutton

The Committee on Quarantine was appointed by former President Adams as we have advice on pests in Florida and did not want them here, remembering the experiences of the Citrus men for lack of a proper quarantine. The principle Avocado pest appears to be the dictyospermum scale, which is a scale similar to the Citrus red scale. Dr. Moznette has reported damage to the Florida groves to the extent of completely defoliating trees.

The officials of the State Department of Agriculture did not give us much encouragement because of the very rare occasions on which the scale was found attached to the stems.

We made formal application to the Department of Agriculture last Fall asking for protection. At a meeting of the County Horticultural Commissioners Mr. Hecke asked the Avocado Association to have a representative present. Mr. Sprague and myself attended for the Association. As it happened a very fortunate incident occurred in that Commissioner Kellogg had just made a count on forty-two Trapp Avocados and found scale on thirty-nine of them. This made our position very strong and killed any opposition. They stated, however, that before doing anything we should clean up at home. We immediately took the matter up and made a survey which is now complete with the exception of three counties and these will be completed shortly. As soon as this is done we can go to the Department and ask that action be taken.

Los Angeles County has found this scale and will clean it up. We will keep after this matter of a quarantine until some definite protection is secured

Mr. McPherson, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, reported

Moved by Sprague that these resolutions be adopted as read and a copy be sent to Mr. Shedden. Carried.

Mr. Ryerson read the report of the Variety Committee.

Moved by Adams, seconded by Sprague that the report of the Variety Committee be accepted and that the Committee be instructed to continue the study of these seedlings. Carried.

The Variety Committee declined to award the \$100.00 prize offered by Mr. R. A. Dallugge for the best unnamed seedling until they had an opportunity to study the habits of the trees and make further observations of the fruit, stating that they should have at least a year in which to do this. Dr. Lux stated that if the contest was continued for another year he would offer an additional prize of \$50.00 for the second best seedling.

Moved by McPherson, seconded by Hamburg, that hereafter the Variety Committee be instructed to confine itself to a study and discussion of varieties and do away with the recommended list.

Moved by Sprague, seconded by Mather, that this motion be amended and the Secretary be instructed to submit a referendum vote to all members with a resume of all arguments pro and con. Carried by a standing vote of thirty' eight to four.

Election of Directors

Chairman announced that the terms of Directors Dutton, Walker and Kelley expired in 1925 and that nominations would be in order for three new directors to succeed them. Mr. Hertrich nominated Mr. Dutton for director. Seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman nominated Mr. Kelley for director. Seconded by Mr. Sutherland. Mr. Sallmon nominated Mr. Youngworth for director. Seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Moved by Dr. Hardin, seconded by Mr. Hertrich that nominations be closed and Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the three nominees. Carried. Whereupon, the Secretary announced that Mr. Dutton, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Youngworth had been elected directors for the following three years.