



Growing together™



Minutes of the Technical Committee held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 Stockbridge Technology Centre.

Present:

Edwards, Graeme (Meeting Chair)
 Need, Chris (Technical Secretary)
 Bartel, Elysia (Meeting Secretary)
 Bragg, Neil
 Brough, Wayne (AHDB)
 England, Jill (ADAS)
 Fuller, Andrew
 Agache, Vasile
 Kitchener, Harry
 Mason, Lyndon
 Davenport, Simon
 Richardson, Fay
 Shove, Caroline
 Smith, Michael
 Woodcock, Russ

Apologies:

Braime, Howard
 Lloyd, Luke
 Key, Georgina
 Lisher, James
 Swain, Jon
 Collins, Spencer
 Key, Georgina

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, 16th October 2018

ACTION 1	WB
ACTION 2	CN
ACTION 3	CN
ACTION 4	AF
ACTION 5	CN, SD

Chase Spencer Collins on the re-registration status of Sustain. Actioned—status is 'still under evaluation'.

Contact John Adlam and/or Tim Pettit to provide a quote for creating a decision tree proposal on water treatment. Suggest applying to Innovative Farmers to fund research.

Remove Shelf-life from 'Topics of Interest'. Assign AF to Automation. Assign HK to Light. Remove Niche and Novel Crops from 'Topics of Interest'. Add Plant Growth Control and Manipulation to 'Topics of Interest', assign JE.

Invite Matt Howard to speak to the Technical Committee on automation.

Continue to request NFU representative at Technical Committee meetings. Find out the NFU position on plastics.

BPOA Management Committee meeting feedback

ACTION 6	GE
ACTION 7	GE

The suggestion that the management committee can only recommend approval of the accounts and that approval must be sought from the membership to be investigated.

Investigate potential discrepancy regarding the receipt of proper notices 21 days prior to the AGM.

Topics of Interest

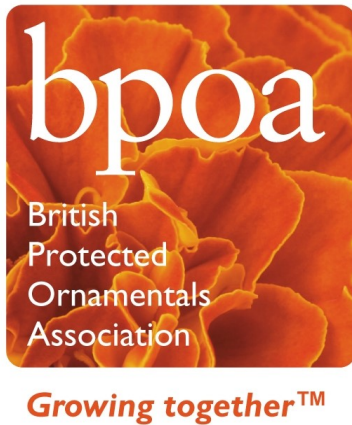
ACTION 8	NB, AF, WB
ACTION 9	WB
ACTION 10	HK
ACTION 11	CS, CN

Form a working party on the BPOA Peat Position. Write a page on the BPOA's position on peat reduction and progress the industry is currently taking towards the 2030 target.

Ask Bolette about the potential to get EAMU's for any triazoles (e.g. Caryx) for use in horticulture to replace Bumper, particularly on Primrose.

Use contacts in EU industry to find out the alternatives that they are using for Bumper since the withdrawal of propiconazole.

To share the link for the news on downy mildew resistant Impatiens varieties with the membership.



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Spring Conference review 2019 and topics for 2020

ACTION 12 CN, SD	Publicise the presentations including additional, un-presented paper from Will Healy, (available on the Homegrown website)
ACTION 13 CN, MS, SD	Suggestion that BPOA Conference 2020 focusses on pot plants and alternative methods of plant growth regulation such as water deficit irrigation. To include a visit to a nursery and master class-style workshop on the following day. To be combined with AHDB Poinsettia day.
ACTION 14 CN	Contact potential headline speakers for Spring Conference 2020 such as Eric Forschelen and Brian Whipker
ACTION 15 HK	Continue with plan to get a speaker from STC specialising in light.

Proposals for 2019 study tours

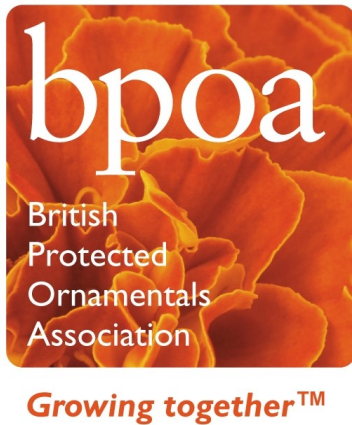
ACTION 16 MS, CN	Organise upcoming BPOA study tour on automation, include visits to see Basewell and ISO machines. Four days in Europe (The Netherlands) in late summer (September). Potential Visits: Van de Haak Beekenkamp Schoeneveld Also small scale production e.g. Natura Plants.
ACTION 17 ALL	Arrange a trip to visit Mark Else to see his water deficit trials with soft fruit.

Review Poinsettia research ideas for Poinsettia events

ACTION 18 GE	To coordinate with Neame Lea to organise shelf-life trials internally as a replacement for University of Lincoln's contribution.
ACTION 19 AF, VA	Make arrangements to host 2019 Poinsettia variety trials at Neame Lea. New varieties only, one site only, monitored by 30MHz, shelf-life trial also on site. Non-chemical growth control as standard practise at Neame Lea.

Technical Secretary—New Responsibilities

ACTION 20 CN	To communicate with growers who are not usually involved with the BPOA: South Holland Growers Club North West Grower Group Southern Growers Investigate regional grower groups in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.
ACTION 21 CN	Arrange regional grower visits with a technical speaker and discussion of research and development to promote activities of the BPOA.
ACTION 22 MS	Consult the Garden Centre Association about potential involvement with the BPOA.



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Technical Committee Procedure

ACTION 23 GK	Discuss progress on research priorities at one Technical Committee meeting per year. Priority will be given to this topic; commencement at the next Technical Committee meeting.
ACTION 24 ALL	Send comments on allocated Topic of Interest to CN in advance of the Technical committee meetings.
ACTION 25 CN	To choose a select number of topics of interest to focus on in the following meeting.
ACTION 26 GK, CN	Cover BPOA Risk Register at meetings in depth, once per year. Commencement at next Technical Committee meeting.

Pesticide Update

ACTION 27 CN	Talk to Spencer Collins about distributing his pesticide updates to members.
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Any Other Business

ACTION 28 CN	In response to potential research call on 'What does the Horticulture industry want from Brexit?' send official email on behalf of the BPOA to WB requesting that the AHDB does not spend levy payer money on Brexit.
ACTION 29 CN	Send photos of Thrips setosis on primrose around to the Technical Committee. Following a report in the South of England of Thrips setosis on autumn cyclamen, unaffected by Biocontrols.
ACTION 30 CN	Give BPOA Plastics Position to other plastics manufacturers for opinions and advised content: Modiform Pöppleman Styropack
ACTION 31 HK	Send condolences on the death of John Farthing to his family on behalf of the BPOA.

**2019 Meeting dates:
Tuesday 2nd July
Tuesday 15th October**