

Due to time constraints, the February 2010 report for Rehbein did not make it into the March 2010 minutes.

The following written report for February 2010 activities is submitted for inclusion into the minutes of the May 2010 meeting.

***Rehbein reported on February activities:*** Attended the quarterly Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Board Meeting to finalize plans for the upcoming grower school. As the new UW-Extension Fruit Specialist gets more experience with grape production in Wisconsin, more time commitment will the WGGGA board will be turned over to her. Having been served a subpoena by an attorney, testified in court on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> dealing with crop yields for the county and rental rates. Met with the Vernon County Cattlemen Association to plan late winter/early spring activities. Participated in a two day Midwest cold climate meeting in Minneapolis on the potential for submitting a USDA specialty crop grant via Cornell University. Following the meeting, attended and presented at the Minnesota Grape Growers Association annual Cold Climate Conference. The presentation/demonstration was again on pruning and was one of the top two rated presentations for the entire conference. Attended the CAFÉ meeting in Vernon County. Participated in an ash tree de-barking operation to determine the infestation level of the emerald ash borer in the girdled tree. A girdled tree is used as a “trap” tree. Numerous larvae were found. Worked with the Monroe County UW-Extension Ag Agent in hosting the Greenhouse Production program in Cashton. Five UW Specialists presented on various topics ranging from spray equipment to fertility to pathogens. Conducted two private pesticide applicator trainings – one in Viroqua and one in Hillsboro.