

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
November 19, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Nicewicz at 1:20 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Rick Bartlett, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Jon Clements, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Susan Finney, Duane Greene, Ken Nicewicz, Bob Smiley, and Steve Ware. Nicewicz gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Autio presented membership figures for 2004, with 43 active, 79 associate, 16 courtesy, and 7 life members. It was noted that the category for exhibitor members was discontinued after 2003. Autio also presented the minutes of the March 9, 2004 Directors' Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$32,963.11. Receipts to date totaled \$50,471.76, and disbursements totaled \$25,335.55. The balance on November 19, 2004 was \$58,099.32. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$438,664.18. A total of \$19,227.19 in receipts and \$3,647.63 in expenses have occurred to date. The balance on November 19, 2004 was \$526,234.80. So far in 2004, the Horticultural Research Fund has gained 20% of its value. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund, Annual Meeting Facilities, Program, Legislative, Cider, UMass Fruit Advisory, Harvest Labor, and Marketing committees reported.

New Business

Motion: *Future Fall Directors' Meetings will occur only during the first 10 days of November.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: *The Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc. will continue to offer \$150 in support of Ag Day at the Statehouse.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*