

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.**  
*Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts*  
*November 1, 2006*

The meeting was called to order by President Nicewicz at 1:40 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, David Chandler, Jon Clements, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Ken Nicewicz, Tim Smith, Andre Tougas, Mo Tougas, Bob Tuttle, and Steve Ware. Nicewicz gave words of welcome.

***Secretary's Report***

One-hundred and twenty-one individuals renewed their membership in the Association in 2006. Twenty-eight are 10-year members, participating in the Mass. Society for Promoting Agriculture/University of Massachusetts matching program.

Minutes of the March 22 directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report***

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$40,745.87. Receipts to date totaled \$25,438.94, and disbursements totaled \$27,393.84. The balance on November 1, 2006 was \$38,790.97. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$542,708.05. A total of \$14,537.49 in receipts and \$72,633.67 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 1, 2006 was \$542,296.24. So far in 2006, the Horticultural Research Fund has lost 0.1% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment return was -0.4%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed.

***Committee Reports***

Legislative, UMass Fruit Advisory, Harvest Labor, Marketing/Publicity/Promotion, and Nominations Committees and the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund gave brief reports. Kip Graham gave a brief update from USDA FSA

***New Business***

The Annual Business Meeting date was set for January 17, 2007 at the UMass Extension Winter Fruit Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*