

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
March 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Nicewicz at 1:30 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, David Chandler, Tom Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Alex Dowse, Duane Greene, Andrew Martin, James O'Brien, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Tim Smith, Andre Tougas, Mo Tougas, and Steve Ware. Nicewicz gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 1, 2006, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$36,444.38. Receipts to date totaled \$10,583.83, and disbursements totaled \$1,825.45. The balance on March 20, 2007, was \$45,202.76. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$523,365.88. A total of \$16,896.08 in receipts and \$0.00 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on March 20, 2007 was \$544,910.45. So far in 2007, the Horticultural Research Fund has gained 4.1% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment return was 0.9%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Legislative, UMass Fruit Advisory, Harvest Labor, and Marketing/Publicity/Promotion Committees and the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund gave brief reports. Autio presented a proposed budget on behalf of the Finance Committee (see details below). The budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

New Business

The Annual Summer Meeting date was set for July 9, 2007 at Bolton Orchards.

Two proposals to be presented to the Agricultural Innovation Center were discussed, one to develop a winery/cider facility at the UMass Cold Spring Orchard Research & Education Center and one to develop a marketing website for Massachusetts agricultural and horticultural businesses.

Motion: *The M.F.G.A. Board of Directors support the two AIC proposal to be submitted by the UMass Fruit Program and will provide a letter of support for them.*

The motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

General Fund Budget -- 2007

	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Budget 2007
Beginning balance	\$34,388.93	\$34,388.93	\$33,436.91	\$33,436.91	\$30,386.64
Receipts					
Interest	\$200.00	\$624.71	\$600.00	\$648.24	\$600.00
Membership	\$10,000.00	\$9,860.18	\$6,000.00	\$4,714.49	\$4,700.00
Fruit Meetings (net income)	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,855.00	\$0.00
Apple Market Report	\$350.00	\$264.00	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$200.00
Summer Meeting	\$500.00	\$710.00	\$800.00	\$834.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$3,637.61	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total	\$19,050.00	\$15,096.50	\$14,700.00	\$14,281.73	\$7,000.00
Disbursements					
Administration	\$2,000.00	\$1,615.09	\$1,700.00	\$2,468.35	\$2,400.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Fruit Meetings (net cost)	\$0.00	\$1,082.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Affiliation	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$535.00	\$540.00
Apple Market Report	\$350.00	\$264.00	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$200.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$7,651.00	\$7,651.00	\$6,884.00	\$6,884.00	\$6,168.00
Summer Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,559.50	\$1,400.00	\$1,914.65	\$1,500.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$376.09	\$1,200.00	\$1,975.00	\$500.00
Total	\$(15,651.00)	\$(16,048.52)	\$(15,234.00)	\$(17,332.00)	\$(14,633.00)
Ending Balance	\$37,787.93	\$33,436.91	\$32,902.91	\$30,386.64	\$22,753.64

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*