

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.**  
*Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts*  
*November 2, 2007*

The meeting was called to order by President Nicewicz at 1:30 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Rick LeBlanc, Ken Nicewicz, Jamie O'Brien, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Andre Tougas, and Steve Ware. Nicewicz gave words of welcome.

***Secretary's Report***

Minutes of the March 20 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 \$18,490.21, and disbursements totaled \$15,698.99. The balance on November 2, 2007 was \$39,235.60. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$523,365.88. A total of \$22,409.77 in receipts and \$5,552.44 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 2, 2008 was \$601,307.47. So far in 2007, the Horticultural Research Fund has gained 14.9% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment return was 11.7%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

***Committee Reports***

Legislative, Cider, 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, and Rick LeBlanc gave a brief report for MDAR.

Nominations for new officers were discussed, and it was decided to present Andre Tougas as the nominee for President, and Mark Parlee, Andrew Martin, and Al Rose as nominees for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, respectively.

***New Business***

Motion: *The directors support the submission of grant proposals to the AIC program and EPA through MFGA.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*