

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.**  
*Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts*  
*November 5, 2008*

The meeting was called to order by President Tougas at 1:00 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Tom Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Kip Graham, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Andre Tougas, Mo Tougas, Bob Tuttle, and Steve Ware. Tougas gave words of welcome.

***Secretary's Report***

Minutes of the March 21 directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report***

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$26,285.86. Receipts to date totaled \$146,313.99, and disbursements totaled \$112,936.67. The balance on November 5, 2008 was \$59,662.18. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$522,604.74. A total of \$4,109.55 in receipts and \$9,537.98 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 5, 2008 was \$374,658.30. So far in 2008, the Horticultural Research Fund has lost 28.3% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment loss was 27.2%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

***Committee Reports***

Legislative, Cider, UMass Fruit Advisory, Harvest Labor, 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***

Motion: *For membership development, all fruit growers in Massachusetts will be invoiced for \$200 regardless of previous level of membership.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion: *Clements will lead a committee to study membership, pricing, and benefits.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*