

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
March 21, 2008

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 2, 2007, 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 \$12,462.57, and disbursements totaled \$4,727.33. The balance on March 21, 2008, was \$34,021.10. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$522,604.74. A total of \$2,952.42 in receipts and \$2,400.00 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on March 20, 2007 was \$501,581.16. So far in 2008, the Horticultural Research Fund has lost 4.0% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment loss was 4.1%. 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 17, 2008 at Bolton Orchards.

Strategic planning was discussed and it was decided to meet within the next few weeks with Mary Greendale, who can facilitate the initiation of a strategic plan for MFGA

Motion: *Up to \$500 will be available to Jon Clements and Mo Tougas to travel to a sprayer adjustment workshop in New York.*

The motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The list of courtesy members was discussed and was voted to include Autio, Clements,

Carroll, Coli, Cooley, Garrabrants, Goodwin, Graham, Greene, Krupa, Peterson, Schloemann, Sincuk, Veneman, Weis, and Willis.

General Fund Budget -- 2008

	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008
Beginning balance	\$33,436.91	\$33,436.91	\$30,386.64	30386.64	\$20,478.12
Receipts					
Interest	\$600.00	\$648.24	\$600.00	\$433.66	\$450.00
Membership	\$6,000.00	\$4,714.49	\$4,700.00	\$2,633.29	\$4,000.00
Fruit Meetings (net income)	\$6,500.00	\$7,855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Apple Market Report	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Summer Meeting	\$800.00	\$834.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,516.90	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$14,700.00	\$14,281.73	\$7,000.00	\$4,583.85	\$14,150.00
Disbursements					
Administration	\$1,700.00	\$2,468.35	\$2,400.00	\$2,984.85	\$2,700.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Fruit Meetings (net cost)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Affiliation	\$450.00	\$535.00	\$540.00	\$60.00	\$500.00
Apple Market Report	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,884.00	\$6,884.00	\$6,168.00	\$6,168.00	\$5,935.00
Summer Meeting	\$1,400.00	\$1,914.65	\$1,500.00	\$1,384.66	\$1,500.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,200.00	\$1,975.00	\$500.00	\$594.86	\$500.00
Total	\$(15,234.00)	\$(17,332.00)	\$(14,633.00)	\$(14,492.37)	\$(14,435.00)
Ending Balance	\$32,902.91	\$30,386.64	\$22,753.64	\$20,478.12	\$20,193.12

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*