

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
November 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Parlee at 1:05 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Ben Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Joanne Dinardo, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Ken Nicewicz, James O'Brien, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Chris Smith, Andre Tougas, Mo Tougas, and Mark Tuttle. Parlee gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 15 directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$40,558.02. Receipts to date totaled \$18,581.08, and disbursements totaled \$22,486.02. The balance on November 16 was \$36,653.08. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$295,502.13. A total of \$322.54 in receipts has occurred to date, and \$6,444.42 has been expended. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 16 was \$293,934.49. So far in 2011, the Horticultural Research Fund has lost 0.5% in value. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports

Legislative (Dowse), Harvest Labor (Davis), and Marketing (Nicewicz) Committees and the Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Davis) gave brief reports.

Autio presented a slate of potential candidates for election at the Annual Business Meeting in December.

Kip Graham provided an update from FSA.

New Business

Clements offered information regarding tree replacement under crop insurance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have Clements and Parlee prepare and send a letter outlining MFGA concerns and suggestions.

Tougas and Clements discussed a proposal by a British Columbia company interested in testing genetically modified apples (non-browning flesh).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*