

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.**  
*Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts*  
*December 9, 2015*

The meeting was called to order by President Rose at 1:30 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Ken Nicewicz, Joel O'Toole, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Chris Smith, Mo Tougas, and André Tougas. Rose gave words of welcome.

***Secretary's Report***

Minutes of the March 25, 2015, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio reported that 105 individuals had paid membership dues. In total, there were 77 active, 55 associate, 13 courtesy, and 4 life members.

***Treasurer's Report***

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$58,486.12. Receipts as of December 9 totaled \$38,516.81, and disbursements totaled \$28,742.25. The balance on December 9 was \$68,260.68. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$390,093.35. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 9 was \$368,089.77, for a 2015 change of -5.6%. A total of \$4,883.41 was expended on a well for the UMass Cold Spring Orchard, and \$28 was expended in fees. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

***Reports***

UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), Harvest Labor (O'Toole), the Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Davis), Marketing (Nicewicz), Legislative (Dowse), FSA (Graham), Risk Management Project (Russell) gave brief reports.

The Prokopy Endowment was discussed briefly.

***Nominations***

Officers and directors for the ballot were discussed: President – Cook; Vice President – Dinardo, Clark, C. Smith; Secretary/Treasurer – Autio; Auditor – Nicewicz; Directors – Broderick, Dowse, Kriksceonaitis, A. Martin, S. O'Neil, and C. Martin. The slate was approved to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting.

***New Business***

Much discussion occurred regarding farm wells and required testing. A motion was made for the President to write a letter to the Governor's Council on Regulation and to DEP to consider compromise regulations regarding farm wells. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*