

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
November 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Cook at 1:00 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Joanne DiNardo, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Chelcie Martin, Ken Nicewicz, Mark Parlee, Al Rose, Chris Smith, Tim Smith, André Tougas, and Mark Tuttle. Cook gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the April 12, 2017, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On November 10, the association had 81 active, 48 associate, 13 courtesy, and 4 life members.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$75,705.33. Receipts as of November 10 totaled \$24,595.76, and disbursements totaled \$25,163.98. The balance on November 10 was \$75,137.11. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$312,793.00. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 10 was \$333,080.39, for a 2017 change of +6.5%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Reports

Legislative Committee (Dowse), UMass Fruit Advisory Committee (Carlson), and Marketing Committee (Nicewicz) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave a brief report on FSA.

New Business

It was announced that the Annual Business Meeting would be on December 13 at noon in Manchester, NH, during the New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference.

Autio presented a draft ballot for presentation at the Annual Meeting. It included Joanne DiNardo for president, Ben Clark, Chris Smith, and Mark Tuttle for vice presidents, Wes Autio for secretary and treasurer, and Ken Nicewicz for auditor. For directors, it included Frank Carlson, David Chandler, Sean O'Neill, Al Rose, Tim Smith, and André Tougas (with the voter choosing five – one to replace the vacating director position of Mark Tuttle). The proposed ballot was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

It was moved to clean out the remaining sprayer grant money by contributing to Jon Clements travel to the International Fruit Tree Association meeting in New Zealand. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*