

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, Massachusetts
January 8, 2003

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 12:15 AM by President Timothy Smith. President Smith offered words of welcome to the membership. Twenty-four individuals were present.

Secretary's Report

Autio presented the minutes of the 2002 Annual Business Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented. The Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc. was held on January 9, 2002. Twenty-seven members attended. Directors met on March 20 and November 20, the Executive Committee met on June 6 and July 10, and the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund met on April 18. The Annual Summer Meeting was on July 10 at the University of Massachusetts Cold Spring Orchard Research & Education Center. Approximately 100 individuals attended the meeting.

One-hundred and ninety-six individuals were members of the Association in 2002, an increase from 2001. Below are the membership figures for 1995-2002.

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Active members	52	51	47	45	45	43	42	49
Associate members	58	73	62	59	56	60	65	73
Exhibitor members	67	72	69	56	62	57	60	59
Courtesy members	18	16	15	15	15	14	16	11
Life members	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	4
Total	203	220	200	182	185	181	189	196

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$33,485.81. Receipts totaled \$129,190.25, and disbursements totaled \$88,859.24. The balance on December 31, 2002 was \$73,816.82. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$413,199.98. A total of \$5,665.00 was moved into the Horticultural Research Fund from the General Fund, \$9,625.00 were received as general donations, \$3,485.00 were received as memorial gifts, and \$131.11 were received as interest. In total, \$16,613.08 were expended on grants. The balance on December 31, 2002 was \$360,625.01. Details follow.

GENERAL FUND

Balance -- Fleet Bank + Galaxy Fund, 12/31/01		\$33,485.81
Receipts		
Active member dues -- 2002	\$9,800.00	
Associate member dues -- 2002	\$1,825.00	
Exhibitor member dues -- 2002	\$425.00	
Exhibitor member dues -- 2003	\$825.00	
Annual meeting -- 2002	\$6,487.00	
Annual meeting registration fee -- 2002	\$7,180.00	
Annual meeting -- 2003	\$19,214.00	
Summer meeting	\$640.00	
Subscriptions	\$0.00	
Cider	\$390.00	
Galaxy Fund interest	\$313.15	
Apple Market Report	\$308.50	
Horticultural Research Fund donations	\$685.00	
Specialty Crops Grant -- Clements	\$40,375.10	
Specialty Crops Grant -- Prokopy	\$35,000.00	
Agro-Environmental Tech. Grant -- Schloemann	\$227.50	
Fruit Notes & Healthy Fruit	\$3,550.00	
Horticultural Research Center donations	\$1,305.00	
IPM donations	\$640.00	\$129,190.25
Disbursements		
Administration	\$2,044.39	
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$2,600.00	
Annual meeting -- 2002	\$17,571.80	
Annual meeting -- 2003	\$903.86	
Proceedings -- 2001/2	\$0.00	
Cider	\$3,592.76	
Web page	\$500.00	
Summer meeting	\$1,134.90	
Affiliations	\$450.00	
US Apple Association	\$8,092.00	
New England Tree Fruit Growers Res. Com.	\$2,500.00	
Transfer to Horticultural Research Fund	\$5,685.00	
Specialty Crops Grant -- Clements	\$8,963.03	
Specialty Crops Grant -- Prokopy	\$27,840.50	
Agro-Environmental Tech. Grant -- Schloemann	\$927.50	
Southwick Memorial	\$100.00	
Ag. Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	
Apple Market Report	\$308.50	
Fruit Notes & Healthy Fruit	\$3,550.00	
Horticultural Research Center Donations	\$1,305.00	
IPM Donations	\$640.00	\$(88,859.24)
Balance -- Fleet Bank + Galaxy Fund, 12/31/02		\$73,816.82

HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH FUND

Balance -- Fleet Bank, 12/31/01		\$10,931.16
Receipts		
Sincuk Fund	\$9,625.00	
From General Fund	\$5,685.00	
Carlson Memorial	\$100.00	
Lord Memorial	\$2,470.00	
Southwick Memorial	\$665.00	
Drake Memorial	\$250.00	
Interest	\$131.11	\$18,926.11
Disbursements		
Sincuk Fund	\$5,190.00	
Greene Grant	\$6,037.00	
Prokopy Grant	\$999.00	
Clements Grant	\$1,444.80	
Leahy Grant	\$2,512.00	
Schloemann Grant	\$430.28	\$(16,613.08)
Balance -- Fleet Bank, 12/31/02		\$13,244.19
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/01		\$402,268.82
Cash -- 12/31/02		\$94,680.00
Investments (value as of 12/31/02)		
AMLI Residential Properties	\$4,256.00	
Chesapeake Energy	\$23,220.00	
Consolidated Edison	\$21,410.00	
Exxon Mobil Corporation	\$34,940.00	
General Electric	\$24,350.00	
Philip Morris	\$8,106.00	
Puget Energy	\$11,025.00	
Southern Company	\$14,195.00	
Thornburg Mortgage	\$20,100.00	
TXU Corporation	\$9,340.00	
Franklin Universal Trust	\$7,650.00	
Liberty All-Star Equity Fund	\$38,505.36	
Liberty All-Star Growth Fund	\$6,706.40	
Royce Value Trust	\$23,267.00	
Zweig Fund	\$5,630.06	\$252,700.82
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/02		\$347,380.82
Total Balance -- Horticultural Research Fund/Reserve Fund		\$360,625.01
Overall change in value in 2002		-12.7%
Overall change not related to grant expenditures and deposits		-13.3%
Approved expenditures for operation of the Horticultural Research Center		\$30,744.43

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report. Davis, after auditing the 2002 data, reported that the Treasurer's Report was accurate as presented. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Auditor's Report.

Committee Reports

Greene reported on Program, Dowse reported on Legislative, Ware reported on Cider, Carlson reported on UMass Fruit Advisory, and Davis reported on Harvest Labor and on the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund. Smith presented a slate of candidates for officers and directors, including Tim Smith for President, Ken Nicewicz, Steve, Ware, and Gordon Kimball for Vice Presidents, Wes Autio for Secretary and Treasurer, Bob Davis for Auditor, and Gerard Bierne, Franklyn Carlson, Hamilton Lincoln, Jr., and Maurice Tougas for directors. No nominations were received from the floor, so it was moved, seconded, and passed to instruct the Secretary to cast a single ballot for the slate of candidates.

Bylaws

Dowse and Lincoln presented proposed bylaws changes, eliminating the specific meeting times. Directors' meetings are proposed to occur in fall and spring, and the Annual Business Meeting would be set by the Directors.

Motion: Amend the Bylaws of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc. as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary/Treasurer*