

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
November 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tougas at 1:10 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Joanne Dinardo, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Andrew Martin, Jamie O'Brien, Mark Parlee, Rick Robar, Al Rose, Andre Tougas, Mo Tougas, Bob Tuttle, and Cleve Willis. Tougas gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the February 20, 2009 directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$53,174.22. Receipts to date totaled \$75,992.62, and disbursements totaled \$91,562.50. The balance on November 13, 2009 was \$37,604.34. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$286,774.17. A total of \$7.11 in receipts and \$4,400.00 in disbursements have occurred to date. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 13, 2009 was \$325,068.02. So far in 2009, the Horticultural Research Fund has gained 13.4% in value (including income and expenses). The overall investment gain was 14.9%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), Harvest Labor (Davis), Research & Grants (Tougas), Legislative (Dowse), and Nominations (Autio) Committees and the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund (Davis) gave brief reports. Kip Graham gave a brief update from USDA FSA.

The following motion was offered by the Research & Grants Committee

Motion: *Up to \$2,000 will be available for future grant writing.* The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*