

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
December 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Rose at 1:05 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, David Chandler, Ben Clark, Tom Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Joann Dinardo, Kip Graham, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Jamie O'Brien, Joel O'Toole, Mo Tougas, and Mark Tuttle. Rose gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 14, 2014, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio also reported that the Association has 66 active, 45 associate, 13 courtesy, and 4 life members for a total of 128 members for 2014.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$49,259.40. Receipts as of December 3 totaled \$29,535.92, and disbursements totaled \$16,699.85. The balance on December 3 was \$62,095.47. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$392,902.21. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 3 was \$395,40.11, for a 2014 change of 0.6%. A total of \$12,481 were expended on a well for the UMass Cold Spring Orchard. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports

UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), Harvest Labor (O'Toole), Marketing (Nicewicz), the Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Davis), Marketing (Clements), and FSA (Graham) gave brief reports. Regarding the Prokopy Endowment, David Chandler announced that the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture pledged \$100,000 toward the effort. The potential for other New England states participation was discussed, and the committee will meet before the annual business meeting.

New Business

All current officers were nominated to serve for 2015. The nominated slate of directors (t serve 2015-17) included: Sean O'Neill, Chris Smith, Tim Smith, Frank Carlson, David Chandler, and Andre Tougas.

Sean O'Neill was nominated and elected to serve as the MFGA representative to the New England Apple Council.

The Annual Business Meeting was set for January 14, 2015 at the UMass Cold Spring Orchard Research & Education Center, Belchertown, MA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*