

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
March 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rose at 1:15 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Ben Clark, Tom Clark, Glenn Cook, Bob Davis, Joann Dinardo, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Ken Nicewicz, Joel O'Toole, Mark Parlee, Chris Smith, and Tim Smith. Rose gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the December 3, 2014, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$58,486.12. Receipts as of March 25 totaled \$10,980.38, and disbursements totaled \$4,332.53. The balance on March 25 was \$65,133.97. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$390,093.35. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on March 25 was \$386,751.76, for a 2014 change of -0.9%. A total of \$4,883.41 were expended on a well for the UMass Cold Spring Orchard. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Autio presented the budget for 2015 (see below). The budget was discussed, moved, and passed unanimously

Reports

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

The Prokopy Endowment was discussed briefly.

New Business

The Annual Summer Meeting was set for July 21, 2015 at the Red Apple Farm, Phillipston, MA. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*

General Fund Budget -- 2015

	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Beginning balance	\$42,267.94	\$42,267.94	\$51,494.66
Receipts			
Membership	\$12,000.00	\$8,680.99	\$11,000.00
Winter meetings	\$10,000.00	\$13,173.48	\$746.02
Summer Meeting	\$500.00	\$1,355.25	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$291.22	\$500.00
Total	\$22,600.00	\$24,820.94	\$12,746.02
Disbursements			
Administration	\$4,500.00	\$4,096.22	\$4,100.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Affiliation	\$100.00	\$560.00	\$600.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,268.00	\$6,268.00	\$6,352.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Total	\$14,918.00	\$15,594.22	\$15,102.00
Ending Balance	\$49,949.94	\$51,494.66	\$49,138.68
EPA Sprayer		\$4,991.46	
Mangan Apple Export Grant		\$2,000.00	
General Fund Balance		\$58,486.12	