

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
April 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Cook at 1:20 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Ben Clark, David Chandler, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Joanne Dinardo, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Chelcie Martin, Ken Nicewicz, Chris Smith, André Tougas, and Mark Tuttle. Cook gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the December 14, 2016, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$75,705.33. Receipts as of April 12 totaled \$4,362.83, and disbursements totaled \$4,670.45. The balance on April 12 was \$75,397.71. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$312,793.00. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on April 10 was \$321,175.17, for a 2017 change of +2.7%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Budget

Autio presented the proposed budget for 2017 (see below). The 2017 budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Beginning balance	\$56,732.31	\$56,732.31	\$70,659.13
Receipts			
Membership	\$12,000.00	\$10,980.15	\$12,000.00
Winter meetings	\$10,000.00	\$16,865.69	\$2,104.33
Summer Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$2,028.12	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total	\$24,500.00	\$33,873.96	\$20,104.33
Disbursements			
Administration	\$4,400.00	\$4,241.78	\$4,400.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Winter meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Affiliation	\$600.00	\$1,260.00	\$600.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,345.00	\$6,345.00	\$6,548.00
Summer Meeting	\$1,800.00	\$1,735.00	\$1,800.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$2,340.36	\$2,500.00
Total	\$17,670.00	\$19,947.14	\$20,773.00
Ending Balance	\$63,562.31	\$70,659.13	\$69,990.46

Reports

UMass Fruit Advisory Committee (Carlson), Marketing Committee (Nicewicz), and Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Chandler) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave an update from FSA.

New Business

Autio distributed a proposed list of life and courtesy members. Bob Davis was approved as a new life member, joining current life members of Dom Marini, Tony Rossi, and Bob Smiley. Kristen Hanley and John Lebeaux were approved as new courtesy members, joining current courtesy members of Wes Autio, Jon Clements, Kathy Carroll, Bill Coli, Dan Cooley, Steve Goodwin, Kip Graham, Duane Greene, Jim Krupa, Shawn McIntire, and Sonia Schloemann.

The Annual Summer Meeting will be held at Cider Hill Farm in Amesbury on July 11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*