

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
April 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President DiNardo at 1:00 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Ben Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Joanne DiNardo, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Pat Kriksceonaitis, , Andrew Martin, Chelcie Martin, Brad Mitchell, Ken Nicewicz, Joel O'Toole, Mark Parlee, Jaime Piñero, Al Rose, Sonia Schloemann, Chris Smith, Tim Smith, André Tougas, and Mark Tuttle. DiNardo gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the December 5, 2018, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On April 12, the association had 78 active, 37 associate, 14 courtesy, and 3 life members.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$86,318.05. Receipts as of April 12 totaled \$14,638.83, and disbursements totaled \$8,983.89. The balance on April 12 was \$91,972.99. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$217,846.27. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on April 12 was \$247,150.06, for a 2019 change of +13.7%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio also presented the 2019 budget (see the top of the following page). The budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Reports

UMass Fruit Advisory Committee (Carlson), Harvest Labor (O'Toole), and Marketing Committee (Nicewicz) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave a brief report on FSA. Sonia Schloemann spoke briefly on the UMass Fruit Program. Motion: MFGA will sponsor the UMass Fruit Program at a level of \$1000. The motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

New Business

Autio presented a list of current life and courtesy members and proposed the same for 2019. The list was amended to include Liz Garofalo as a courtesy member, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding potential sponsorship of the Boston Local Food Festival in September. It was decided by consent not to sponsor it.

The Annual Summer Meeting will be at Sholan Farms and was set for July 10. WHDH meteorologist Jeremy Reiner will present a talk on weather and will receive the Ronald J. Prokopy Award for Support of Massachusetts Agriculture.

The fall directors' meeting was set for November 6, and the Annual Business Meeting (for 2020) will be at the New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference on December 10.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*

General Fund Budget -- 2019

	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
Beginning balance	\$73,110.23	\$73,110.23	\$85,486.25
Receipts			
Membership	\$11,000.00	\$10,251.80	\$11,000.00
Winter meetings	\$10,000.00	\$15,644.50	\$3,000.00
Summer Meeting	\$2,000.00	\$3,192.90	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,000.00	\$4,291.23	\$4,000.00
Total	\$27,000.00	\$33,380.43	\$21,000.00
Disbursements			
Administration	\$4,700.00	\$4,715.15	\$4,800.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Winter meetings	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,700.00
Affiliation	\$600.00	\$670.00	\$670.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,230.00	\$6,230.00	\$6,598.00
Summer Meeting	\$1,800.00	\$3,729.26	\$3,000.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$1,010.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$19,855.00	\$21,004.41	\$25,793.00
Ending Balance	\$80,255.23	\$85,486.25	\$80,693.25

EPA Sprayer/RimPro	\$452.28
UMass Programs	\$379.52
General Fund Balance	\$86,318.05