

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.

Via ZOOM.
March 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Clark at 1:00 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Frank Carlson, Ben Clark, Jon Clements, Clem Clay, Glenn Cook, Joanne DiNardo, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Andrew Martin, Chelcie Martin, Ken Nicewicz, James O'Brien, Joel O'Toole, Mark Parlee, Jaime Piñero, Al Rose, Sonia Schloemann, Tim Smith, André Tougas, and Elly Vaughan. Clark gave words of welcome. Much discussion of COVID-19 ensued.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the November 6, 2019, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On March 18, the association had 50 active, 37 associate, 15 courtesy, and 3 life members.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$80,063.71. Receipts as of March 17 totaled \$12,167.87, and disbursements totaled \$3,600.52, leaving a balance of \$88,631.06. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$224,297.00. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on March 17 was \$162,981.57, for a change of -27.3%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Budget

Autio presented a proposed budget for 2020 (see below). The proposed budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020
Beginning balance	\$85,486.25	\$85,486.25	\$79,198.34
Receipts			
Membership	\$11,000.00	\$11,396.48	\$15,000.00
Winter meetings	\$3,000.00	\$2,978.09	\$14,000.00
Summer Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$3,187.04	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,500.00
Total	\$21,000.00	\$20,311.61	\$34,500.00
Disbursements			
Administration	\$4,800.00	\$4,401.34	\$4,600.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Winter meetings	\$4,700.00	\$4,673.59	\$1,000.00
Affiliation	\$670.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,598.00	\$6,598.00	\$6,434.00
Summer Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$3,797.75	\$3,000.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$375.00	\$750.00	\$375.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	\$2,658.84	\$3,000.00
Total	\$25,793.00	\$26,599.52	\$22,129.00
Ending Balance	\$80,693.25	\$79,198.34	\$91,569.34

EPA Sprayer/RimPro	\$735.85
UMass Programs	\$129.52
General Fund Balance	\$80,063.71

Reports

Harvest Labor Committee (O'Tooley), Marketing (Nicewicz), and Legislative Committee (Dowse) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave a brief report on FSA activities and programs. Sonia Schloemann and Clem Clay spoke briefly on the UMass Fruit Program and UMass Extension Agriculture and Commercial Horticulture Program. Motion: MFGA supports the University of Massachusetts Fruit Program as a sponsor, donating \$1000. The motion was moved, seconded, and passed.

New Business

Autio presented a proposed list of courtesy members (Autio, Clay, Clements, Cooley, Garofalo, Goodwin, Graham, Greene, Hanley, Jellison, Krupa, Lebeaux, McIntire, Piñero, Schloemann, and Serio). The proposal was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*