

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

Via ZOOM.
December 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Clark at 1:05 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, Ben Clark, Jon Clements, Glenn Cook, Joanne DiNardo, Alex Dowse, Liz Garofalo, Kip Graham, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Chelcie Martin, Ken Nicewicz, James O'Brien, Jaime Piñero, Al Rose, Chris Smith, André Tougas, and Elly Vaughan. Clark gave words of welcome.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 18, 2020, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On December 3, the association had 67 active, 55 associate, 16 courtesy, and 3 life members.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$80,063.71. Receipts as of December 3 totaled \$16,148.23, and disbursements totaled \$15,595.53, leaving a balance of \$80,616.41. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$224,297.00. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 3 was \$241,398.87, for a change of +7.6%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Reports

Harvest Labor Committee (Clark for O'Toole), Marketing (Nicewicz), Legislative Committee (Dowse), UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), and Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Carlson) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave a brief report on FSA activities and programs. Autio presented a proposed ballot for the 2021 elections including current president, vice presidents, secretary/treasurer, and auditor. After a brief discussion, Carlson, Mitchell, Rose, and Tougas will be included as director nominations.

New Business

Tougas suggested that we might wish to write a letter of support for Ed Davidian to continue as FSA State Director with the change in administration, and the suggestion was approved by consensus. Tougas and Clark will work on the letter.

The Annual Business Meeting was set for January 13, 2021, at 10:00AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*