

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

*Via ZOOM.*  
*March 19, 2021*

The meeting was called to order by President Clark at 12:05 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, Peter Mitchell, Ken Nicewicz, Joel O'Toole, Mark Parlee, Jaime Piñero, Chris Smith, André Tougas, and Elly Vaughan. Clark gave words of welcome.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the December 3, 2020, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On March 19, the association had 6 active, 2 associate, 16 courtesy, and 2 life members. It was noted that the membership renewal notices were sent only the previous week.

**Treasurer's Report**

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$83,680.88. Receipts as of March 19 totaled \$1,495.00, and disbursements totaled \$3,315.94, leaving a balance of \$81,859.94. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$225,658.16. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on March 18 was \$254,778.22, for a change of +3.7%. 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 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
<b>Beginning balance</b>	\$79,198.34	\$79,198.34	\$83,218.49
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership	\$15,000.00	\$14,952.70	\$15,000.00
Winter meetings	\$14,000.00	\$4,705.45	\$0.00
Summer Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$1,298.51	\$2,500.00
Total	\$34,500.00	\$20,956.66	\$20,500.00
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Administration	\$4,600.00	\$4,350.73	\$4,500.00
Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Winter meetings	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Affiliation	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
U.S. Apple Association	\$6,434.00	\$6,434.00	\$6,754.00
Summer Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$133.27	\$3,000.00
Ag Day at the Statehouse	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Web page	\$375.00	\$750.00	\$375.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,000.00	\$1,548.51	\$3,000.00
Total	\$22,129.00	\$16,936.51	\$21,349.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$91,569.34	\$83,218.49	\$82,369.49
		EPA Sprayer/RimPro	\$735.85
		UMass Programs	-\$273.46
		<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$83,680.88</b>

**Reports**

Harvest Labor Committee (O'Tooley), UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), and Legislative Committee (Dowse) reported briefly. Kip Graham gave a brief report on FSA activities and programs.

**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. It was moved that Sonia Schloemann and Duane Greene be offered life membership. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The date of the Annual Summer Meeting was tentatively set for July 14, 2021 and will be held at Clarkdale Fruit Farm.

Discussion ensued regarding twilight meetings. President Clark will look at the potential of offering at least a few meetings sponsored by MFGA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*