

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

*Via ZOOM.*  
*November 30, 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, Liz Garofalo, Pat Kriksceonaitis, Chelcie Martin, Ken Nicewicz, James O'Brien, Jaime Piñero, Al Rose, André Tougas, Mark Tuttle, and Elly Vaughan. Clark gave words of welcome.

***Secretary's Report***

Minutes of the March 19, 2021, directors' meeting were presented, moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. Autio presented current membership statistics. On November 30, the association had 76 active, 88 associate, 14 courtesy, and 4 life members.

***Treasurer's Report***

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$83,680.88. Receipts as of November 30, 2021 totaled \$19,883.38, and disbursements totaled \$14,153.85, leaving a balance of \$89,410.41. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$245,658.16. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on November 29 was \$284,329.88, for a change of +15.7%. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

***Reports***

Harvest Labor Committee (Carlson), Marketing (Nicewicz), and Legislative Committee (Dowse) reported briefly.

***New Business***

The format and date of the 2022 Annual Business Meeting was discussed and will be decided at a later date. Autio proposed a slate of candidates for election at the Business Meeting. These included: Ben Clark (president), Chelcie Martin (1<sup>st</sup> vice president), Elly Vaughan (2<sup>nd</sup> vice president), Peter Mitchell (3<sup>rd</sup> vice president), Wes Autio (secretary), Wes Autio (treasurer), and Ken Nicewicz (auditor). Bill Broderick, Alex Dowse, Pat Kriksceonaitis, and Andrew Martin were proposed as directors for 3-year terms. Gerry Beirne was proposed as a director for a 2-year term, and Susan Conant and Josh Fitzgerald were proposed as directors for 1-year terms. The ballot was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM and moved into executive session with only officers and directors involved. General discussion involved the relationship between UMass Cold Spring Orchard and other local farms. The executive session adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*