

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Old Mill Restaurant, Westminster, Massachusetts
December 5, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Broderick at 1:45 PM. Individuals present were Wes Autio, Rick Bartlett, Bill Broderick, Frank Carlson, David Chandler, Jon Clements, Bob Davis, Alex Dowse, Kip Graham, Mary Jordan, Tony Lincoln, Ken Nicewicz, Jamie O'Brien, Bob Smiley, Tim Smith, Bob Tuttle, and Steve Ware. Broderick gave words of welcome and introduced Mary Jordan and Kip Graham.

Secretary's Report

Autio presented the minutes of the April 4, 2001 Directors' Meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Autio presented the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund began 2001 with a balance of \$27,156.69. Receipts totaled \$48,945.22, and disbursements totaled \$45,123.79. The balance on December 5 was \$30,978.12. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$426,015.72. A total of \$2,500 was moved into the Horticultural Research Fund from the General Fund, \$6,778 were received as donations, \$693 were received from UMass Extension Twilight Meetings, \$226.98 were received as interest, and \$1,845 were received in memory of Walter Carlson. In total, \$11,385.65 were expended on grants, \$11,606 were returned to a donor, and \$1 was expended on fees. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 5 was \$406,376.56. Over the year to date, the Horticultural Research Fund lost 4.6% of its value. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Autio reported for the Trustees of the Horticultural Research Fund and for the Program Committee. Smiley reported on the Meeting Facilities. Specifically, he reported that there were 74 booth spaces rented and that increasing consolidation of support industries continues to reduce the number of potential exhibitors. Ware reported on Cider, Carlson reported and the UMass Fruit Advisory Committee, Davis reported on Labor, and Nicewicz reported on Marketing, Publicity, & Promotion. Dowse announced that he was elected president of Mass. Farm Bureau and requested that someone else represent MFGA on Farm Bureau's Legislative Committee.

Motion: It was moved, seconded, and passed to allocate \$150 to support Ag Day at the Statehouse.

Other Business

Jordan reported on activities of the Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture, and Graham reported on FSA. Clements updated the group on the MFGA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary*