


Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

BP Energy Center, Anchorage, Alaska Court System

- A. 6:30 p.m. - Refreshments and Socialization. 
- B. 7:00 p.m. – Call to Order
- Quorum of membership (more than 10%) present: 24 of 151 paid members
 - All seven members of the Board of Directors present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary); Karen Leis (Director), Val Glooschenko (Director), and Diana Evans (Director)
 - Welcome & Meeting Announcements
 - Please sign in on sign-up sheet
 - Please pay 2018 member dues to Membership Chairman Debbie Hinchey
- C. Approval of Minutes of November 9 Meeting – Susan Miller
Moved by Gary, seconded by Debbie; passed without objection
- D. Reports of Officers.
1. Treasurer’s Report – Gary Masog
 - Total in savings and checking accounts: \$160,610.46
 - Board decision to move \$100,000 CD to Northern Skies FCU for one year
 2. President’s Report - Mark
 - Filed change of officers with Corporations Dept.
- E. Old and New Business
1. **Bank CD re-investment.** The \$100,000 CD that has been at Denali FCU will be moved to Northern Skies FCU for one year. It will expire shortly after the new board takes office in November 2018. The amount invested in the CD will be \$100,001.00 in order to qualify for the “over \$100,000” interest rate (1.35% APY for one year). This is the highest one-year rate currently available at an Alaska financial institution. See discussion in the minutes of the December 14 Board of Directors meeting.

2. **Committees Need Chairs.**

- a. **Grafting Workshop.** No one volunteered. Dan recommended Terry Thisius (not present) who did such a good job on this year's workshop.

Debbie asked that a date be set for the workshop so she can set the date the rootstock must be delivered. After discussing possible conflicts with other gardening events and the best time to cut the scion wood, it was agreed that the workshop should be the third Saturday in April (April 21) and that Debbie should ask that the rootstock arrive one week before the workshop.

- b. **Tours.** No one volunteered to work on scheduling the summer orchard tours.

3. **APFGA Website.** Our web address is apfga.org (or just Google "Alaska fruit growers"). Diana has updated the list of officers and board of directors on the website and added today's meeting to the "latest news" on the front page. She also reported that APFGA has a Facebook page. Members discussed the difficulty of getting into the "members only" portion of the website (the need for a login).

4. **Pending Plant Orders.** Debbie circulated:

- a. a Lawyer Nursery webpage to illustrate available plant sizes, etc.
b. a sheet showing current Romance cherry orders from Bron & Sons
c. the current apple rootstock order (*Malus baccata*) from Lawyer Nursery

Debbie requested that members indicate on the rootstock and cherry sheets if they want to order some. Also, members who want to order other plant material from the Lawyer Nursery with the APFGA order need to contact Debbie.

Debbie also announced that she got her import permit so she can import plant material from Canada (like the cherry bushes we are ordering from Bron & Sons).

Debbie has Ranetka crabapple trees. If anyone would like seed from those apples in order to grow Ranetka rootstock, please call (278-2814) or email Debbie (dhinchey@alaskan.com) as soon as possible.

- F. Program: Member Reports. Members reported on their experiences during the past growing season and some future plans.

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.