

## Draft Minutes for APFGA Meeting on January 11, 2018

### BP Energy Center

The social portion of the meeting began at 6:30 PM; contributions to the hospitality table included those by Mike Carr (numerous labeled heirloom/heritage apples from Virginia) and by Dr. Ilona Farr (her cherry pie filling with crackers).

The meeting program was called to order at 7:00 pm by Debbie Hinchey. Thirty-one members signed in, but an estimated 50 people attended.

**Treasurer Report:** Gary Masog reported that the bank balances are \$160,424.00 and new banking accounts are at Northern Skies CU. He noted that he had summarized 17 years of financial data, and passed out a year-end worksheet summarizing profit and loss back to 2000.

**Website Report:** Diana Evans reported that she is up-to-date on adding new members to the web site for Member-only access. Debbie replied that she has received numerous new memberships, and needs to send out an updated list so these folks can be added. Diana mentioned that, per a vote of the Board, the APFGA Facebook page has been converted to a private Group for members only. She noted that she will be adding a FB link to the website Home Page.

**Outreach:** Debbie asked members if they were in favor of the social half-hour, with expenditure up to \$50. Val noted that members are encouraged to bring items to the hospitality table if they wished to do so. Members voted unanimously to continue the social half-hour at APFGA meetings and approved a monthly APFGA expenditure of \$50 for this. Karen Leis made a motion that there would also be expenditure of \$50 for such club functions as the pruning workshop; this was approved. Val noted that she would continue outreach coordination re: the hospitality table for members' meetings at the BP Center; she asked for others to support hospitality at APFGA functions occurring elsewhere.

**February 2018 Program:** Scott Lammers is available to speak about the Fairbanks Lammers Orchard on February 15. Debbie asked members if they were in favor of re-scheduling the monthly meeting of February 8 to February 15, instead. Re-scheduling of the next meeting to February 15 was approved.

**Presentation: Cherries in Alaska**, by Dr. Ilona Farr

Dr. Farr began by passing out equipment/products that she recommends for cherry processing at home. This included a multi-steamer, automatic jam/jelly processor, strainer, various gels, powdered pectin, cherry pitters, and the 'Joy of Cherries Cookbook'. This was followed by her detailed presentation (taken from a 16- page handout). Topics discussed included pollination, bloom time, pollinators, pollen source/pollinizer placement/compatibility, honeybee management, cherry rootstocks, pie cherries and pollination websites. She answered many questions from members during the presentation (Dr. Farr's handout is available online).

**Presentation: Plums in Alaska**, by Gary Masog

Gary's presentation noted known successes in AK for plums, pruning, propagation, grafting, types of plums, recommended varieties and information about successful local growers. There were also many questions from members regarding this presentation, (presentation available online at APFGA's website).

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.