

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
BP Energy Center, Anchorage, Alaska

- A. 6:30 p.m. - Refreshments and Socialization
- B. 7:00 p.m. – Call to Order
- Quorum of membership (more than 10%) present: 38 of 81 paid 2018 members
  - Six of seven members of the Board of Directors present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary), Val Glooschenko (Director), and Diana Evans (Director)
- Absent: Karen Leis (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 December and January Meetings  
Moved by Debbie Hinchey, seconded by Joe Scarso; passed without objection
- D. Reports of Officers.
1. Treasurer’s Report – Gary Masog
    - \$916.00 from membership dues payments was deposited in bank accounts in January (\$912 membership dues and \$4.00 donation).
    - Gary announced that he had Cupid cherry order reimbursement checks for 10 named members if they wished to pick them up.
    - The treasurer’s report for January is attached.
  2. President’s Report - Mark Wolbers
    - List of upcoming events and note that the board is considering options for preserving organization records
- E. Old and New Business
1. **Pending Plant Orders.** Debbie Hinchey sent three clipboards around the room so members could sign up for the following:
    - cherry bushes (only Cupids are left unspoken for)
    - apple rootstock
    - Mazzard cherry rootstock (34 of 50 left)

Debbie announced that Dr. Bob Bors from the University of Saskatchewan will be at the Master Gardeners Conference in Fairbanks on March 24. Also, Dr. Bors is one of the authors of a new book, *Growing Fruits in Northern Gardens*, which will

be available at that conference. About eight members expressed interest in buying a copy.

Debbie also announced that there was parafilm (for grafting) and metal plant tags for sale. After the meeting, Gary reported the following sales:

- 19 bags of tags (\$2.00 for 10 tags), and
- 8 rolls of parafilm (\$1.00 for an 8-foot x 2-inch roll)

Total sale: \$46.00

2. **Honey Bee Hives.** Beekeeper Barbara Bachmeier spoke briefly about honey bees in Alaska and asked if anyone would be interested in hosting a bee hive or two for her. Several people signed her sign-up sheet, expressing interest.
- F. Program: Scott Lammers from Fairbanks answered many questions about the Lammers Orchard. This large Fairbanks orchard was built by his father, Clair Lammers, beginning about 35 years ago. Scott's presentation included a short video about the orchard. That video is on the orchard's Facebook page at:  
[https://www.facebook.com/pg/ClairsCultivations/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ClairsCultivations/videos/?ref=page_internal)  
There is also a link to the video on the front page of the club's website (apfga.org)

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Susan Miller,  
Secretary  
February 18, 2018

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Pruning Workshop at Boyer's Greenhouse:** Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

**Grafting Workshop:** Saturday, April 21 (possibly at Dimond Greenhouse)