

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM

BP Energy Center, Anchorage, Alaska

Call to order

- Quorum of membership (>10%) established: 16 of 151 paid members
- Majority of board members verified: 6 of 7 – Terry Thisius, absent out of State
- Welcome & Meeting announcements:
 - Please, all members sign in on the sign-up sheet
 - Please renew your 2018 membership; see Treasurer Debbie Hinchey

A. Board Approval of minutes of the March meeting and July Board meeting

- Secretary Ken Acton –
 - Meeting minutes for regular meeting in March and special board meeting in July were distributed to the membership by email prior to meeting
 - Motion to approve the March regular meeting minutes as distributed
Moved by Ken, seconded by Susan: passed unanimously
 - Motion to approve the July special board March minutes as distributed
(moved by Ken, seconded by Susan): passed unanimously
 - July minutes approved – moved by Mike; second by Ken

B. Reports of officers

- APFGA Annual Report of Activities – Ken
 - Narrative summary report read to the group by Ken
 - Written summary and report of APFGA activity details attached
- Treasurer's Report - Debbie
 - Read and explained by Debbie
 - Due to statement delays the report is current through September 30, 2017;
 - Statement copy of report attached
 - Motion to accept the financial report as presented
Moved by Mike, second by Doug: Passed unanimously to accept the financial report
- President – Doug Ott

C. Reports of Committees

- Membership – Joe Scarso
151 paid members currently

- Update on resolving receipt of failed 2017 Cupid Cherry plants – Debbie
 - Bron & Sons agreed to reimburse the 76 plants that reportedly died shortly after arrival;
 - Debbie has ordered 100 Cupid's for spring 2018 delivery and availability to replace the same number that were lost;
 - Several questions about who would be eligible for the new cherry plants, the cost, the reimbursement for previous orders, etc.
 - Motion to refund the cost of the Cupids to those who reported dead ones;
Moved by Mike
Tabled by Doug for the new Board to make recommendations and for action after more is known
- Plant Orders – Debbie, Joe
 - Now accepting pre-orders for Malus baccata root stock order;
 - Debbie has pre-ordered 1300 root stock for delivery spring 2018;
 - 300 will be reserved for the spring grafting workshop; remaining available to the membership
 - The order is for 1/4" root stock that is correctly sized since last year's order seemed to be rather small in caliper size
 - Please email Debbie if anyone wants to order additional types of plants

D. Old and new business

- Election of 2018 Board of Directors (7 seats – 3 seats for one year terms and four seats for 2 year terms)
 - Doug read the Board resolution for implementation of the staggered terms and then asked for a pole of members who were interested in board membership; Volunteers also mentioned the preference for membership term length
 - Debbie Hinchey – 2 year
 - Val Glooschenko – 1 year
 - Karen Leis – 2 year
 - Gary Masog – 1 year
 - Susan Miller - 2 year
 - Diana Evans – 2 year
 - Mark Wolbers – 1 year

By consensus of the membership present, the volunteers were unanimously accepted to serve as the new board with their expressed preference for term duration.

Announcements / questions

- Fruit press – Mark W asked the status of previous board efforts and if there was continued interest
 - Outgoing board members described previous challenges to resolving the interest: cost, responsibilities for storing & cleaning, repairs, etc.

- Several questions and good ideas were offered for future consideration, e.g. fruit press type, wood vs. stainless steel, size, control of your own apples, one for the Valley, one for Anchorage, purchase vs. custom design & build (e.g. Ira's press), etc.
- Issue was deferred to the new board to develop a specific proposal for action by the membership in the future
- Ideas for future programs and activities
 - Reports of last season's experience (successes / failures); for December meeting?
 - Tour ideas: Fairbanks orchards (e.g. Lammers)
 - APFGA might consider partnering with the Home orchard society

Announcements and questions were curtailed to allow the new board to hold an organizing meeting and elect new officers.

Regular board meeting was adjourned at approximately 815pm.

New Board Member Organizing Meeting and Election of Officers
 Convened at approximately 820pm

- Mark Wolbers – President
- Debbie Hinchey – Vice President
- Susan Miller – Secretary
- Gary Masog – Treasurer
- Val Glooschenko – 1 year
- Karen Leis – 2 year
- Gary Masog – 1 year
- Diana Evans – 2 year

Committee interest:

Website – Diana
 Grafting Workshop – Karen
 Membership – Debbie, Susan

Broad discussion followed but no further action was taken
 Meeting adjourned by 850pm

APFGA 2017 Annual Meeting, November 9, 2017 – Narrative Report of Activities

This report covers the activities of the APFGA since the 2016 annual meeting on November 10, 2016 at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. The following board of directors was elected at that meeting and, with the election of our new board tonight, their terms of these board membership expire:

Doug Ott, President
Terry Thisius, Vice President
Ken Acton, Secretary
Debbie Hinchey, Treasurer
Joe Scarso
Susan Miller
Mike Carr

In the 12 months since the last annual meeting, the APFGA has sponsored the following events:

- 5 board meetings
- 5 membership program meetings
- The springtime pruning workshop for members at Boyer's greenhouse
- The annual grafting workshop for the public held at Dimond Greenhouses
- One plant material order of Juliet and Cupid cherry bushes for interested members
- 5 orchard tours at 11 different locations hosted by 11 members and their families
- An annual visit to the Palmer Plant Materials Center to review the root stock trials
- 2 fruit tasting events

In addition to sponsoring these events, the significant official actions of the APFGA included

- Revision of the bylaws for needed clarity regarding email notices for meetings, membership dues & rights, and establishment of 2-year board member terms to become effective at the 2017 annual meeting
- Improvements to the APFGA website including searchable versions of previous newsletters
- Award of 3 honorary annual memberships to individuals who made significant contributions to the Association
- Award of one lifetime membership to Dr. Don Dinkel for his lifelong contributions to Alaska horticulture
- Reinvestment of the Certificates of Deposit upon maturity and no net loss of APFGA financial assets

Thank you to all the numerous member volunteers who helped make this year a success. Although it took several members to make each event a success, special recognition and thanks are due to the following individuals:

- For the cherry bush order: Kevin Irvin, Debbie Hinchey, Randy Arduser, Terry Thisius
- For improvement of the APFGA website: Erik Johnson, Robert Buchanan
- For the pruning workshop: Yael Hickok, Dan Elliott
- For the grafting workshop: Terry Thisius, the grafting instructors and all donors of scion wood
- For the orchard tours: all the members and their families who hosted these events
- For the rootstock trials and meeting space: Rob Carter and the Palmer Plant Materials Center
- For the fruit tastings: Mark Findlay, Mark Wolbers

Respectfully submitted, Ken Acton, Secretary

APFGA 2017 Annual Meeting, November 9, 2017 – Annual Report of Activities

- 11/10/2016 Annual Board & Membership Meeting (BP Energy Center Anchorage “BPEC”):
Annual report of activities and committees
Discussion of October fruit tasting at PMC
Solicitation of volunteers for 2017 events and activities
Description of upcoming bylaw proposed amendments
Election, by the membership, of 2017 Board of Directors, which was immediately followed by a meeting of the newly elected board to elect Board officers:
Doug Ott, President
Terry Thisius, Vice President
Ken Acton, Secretary
Debbie Hinchey, Treasurer
Joe Scarso
Susan Miller
Mike Carr
- 12/6/2016 Board & Membership Meeting (BPEC):
Discussion and description of bylaw changes and the process requirements for amending the bylaws; no action taken. The required 30-day notice of proposed amendments will be accomplished by email to all members and action on their approval is scheduled to take place at the January meeting of the membership provided a quorum of the membership and the board are present at the meeting.
Program:
Member reports and experience of the 2016 growing season;
Solicitation of future program ideas for regular meetings
- 1/12/2017 Board & Membership Meeting (BPEC):
Quorum of the membership and the board was established and voting on the proposed bylaw amendments was taken. Approval by a recorded vote of the membership with minor revisions was accomplished.
Program:
Pruning and espalier videos and slides, Dan Elliot, Debbie Hinchey
- 2/9/2017 Board Meeting (Bella Vista Restaurant, Peters Creek):
Ratification and adoption of the bylaw changes was incorporated into the final version of the amended bylaws, and a resolution was passed regarding transition to staggered 2-year terms for action at the 2017 annual meeting & elections.
Grafting workshop planning
Member Meeting (Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chugiak):
APFGA website demo of new search features & improvements, Erik Johnson
- 3/9/2017 Board & Membership Meeting (BPEC):
Officer & committee reports only; no action taken
Member Program:
Fruit pressing and cider making - Ira Edwards, Jerry Lau
- 3/18/2017 Pruning workshop at Boyer Greenhouse, open to APFGA members
- 4/15/2017 APFGA public Apple Grafting Workshop, hosted by Dimond Greenhouses, Anchorage
Sponsored by APFGA and member volunteers, open to the public
Root stock sales and grafting instruction

- 5/15/2017 Cupid and Juliet cherry plants received and subsequently distributed –
Thank you Kevin, Susan, Terry, Debbie and distribution volunteers
- 5/28/2017 APFGA Board recognition event, hosted by Dan & Marian Elliott:
Honoring Dr. Don Dinkel for his lifelong contributions to Alaska horticulture
- 7/15/2017 Board meeting, hosted by Terry Thisius in his orchard:
Reinvest CD's
Assess quality of Cupid Cherry order & APFGA response to supplier

Summer Orchard Tours & Demonstrations (members only)

- 5/6 May Orchard Tour:
Demonstration by Dan Elliott of late pruning, topwork, and espalier training –
Hosted by: David & Diana Evans, Ken Acton
- 6/3 Chugiak / Peters Creek Orchard Blossom Tour, hosted by:
Tami Schlies
Barb Henjum
- 7/15 Palmer Orchard Tour, hosted by:
PMC – root stock trials
Ilona Farr
Terry Thisius
- 8/5 Wasilla Orchard Tour:
Sherry & Don Shiesl
Dawn & Fred Deiser
Marjorie Campbell
- 8/17 Anchorage Orchard Tour:
Gary Masog
Ira Edwards
- 9/19/17 Early Fruit Tasting, BPEC
- 10/12/17 Late Fruit Tasting, Palmer Plant Materials Center

Respectfully submitted, Ken Acton, Secretary

5:26 PM

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Cash Basis

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association

Profit & Loss

November 2016 through September 2017

	Nov '16 - Sep 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income	
Interest Income - Denali CD	829.56
Interest Income - Denali Saving	1.83
Interest Income - Northrim CD	172.79
Interest Income - Northrim Sav.	7.18
Total Interest Income	1,011.36
Membership Dues	
Membership Dues - Lifetime	160.00
Membership Dues - Other	2,460.50
Total Membership Dues	2,620.50
Miscellaneous Income	
ParaFilm	11.00
Tags Sold	40.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	51.00
Plants sold - Club Bulk Orders	
Cherries 2017	4,807.00
Grafting Workshop & rootstocks	1,089.00
Pre-Orderd Rootstocks & Plants	1,870.79
Total Plants sold - Club Bulk Orders	7,766.79
Total Income	11,449.65
Expense	
Club Maintenance	
Outreach to new Members	
Brochures	14.87
Total Outreach to new Members	14.87
State of Alaska - Corp. Fees	
Biennial Report	25.00
Total State of Alaska - Corp. Fees	25.00
Total Club Maintenance	39.87
Education	
Grafting Workshop Expense	154.72
Plant Materials - bulk orders	
Cherries 2017	4,095.82
Rootstock & Other Plants 2017	1,854.15
Shipping Charges 2017	376.98
Total Plant Materials - bulk orders	6,326.95
State Fair Prize Winners	100.00
Total Education	6,581.67
Total Expense	6,621.54
Net Ordinary Income	4,828.11
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Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2017

Checking/Savings	
Checking - Northrim 7101552110	19,795.27
Denali 12-Month CD (ex11/20/17)	100,000.00
Denali CD-12 Mo.(7/18/17)	27,957.47
Savings - Northrim 7101552128	10,302.66
Savings Denali Alaskan F.C.U.	2,437.83
Total Checking/Savings	160,493.23
Total Current Assets	160,493.23
TOTAL ASSETS	160,493.23