

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
November 30, 2017
10:00 – 12:00 noon

Location: Summit Spice & Tea, SW corner of Denali & Benson

Present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary); Karen Leis, Val Glooschenko, and Diana Evans

Discussion:

1. Transferring Names on Bank Accounts. The new names with signature authority will be Mark, Gary and Debbie.
2. \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit. This one-year CD (earning .75% interest) just expired, and the money was transferred to a savings account earning .1 % interest. The board discussed reinvestment options. A subcommittee (Gary and Susan) was appointed to research available interest rates and report back at the December general meeting or the board meeting prior to that meeting. Issues:
 1. Limit investment to an Alaska bank or also consider outside and online banks
 2. Limit term to one year or consider up to two-year CDs
3. Registered Agent. The association is required to have a registered agent on file with Alaska's Department of Corporations. **Motion** to appoint Mark as the new registered agent (moved by Gary, seconded by Debbie); passed unanimously. Mark will file with the Department of Corporations a change of officers form and a change in registered agent form.
4. Membership. The membership chair is Debbie.
 - a. **Motion** to revise *membership application form* (both paper and online versions) to require that dues be paid to the membership chair instead of the treasurer (moved by Susan, seconded by Karen); passed unanimously. Membership chair will forward money received to the treasurer for deposit.
 - b. *Lifetime Membership*. Question: Can we keep Marianne Boyer permanently on the membership list so she receives emails from the group? It was suggested that since her husband Bob Boyer had been given an honorary lifetime membership, Marianne should still be a member. Debbie was not sure whether Marianne is on the current list of members. Debbie will check on that and report about it at the next board meeting.
 - c. *Contacting Previous Members Who Have Not Renewed*. Efforts to make such contacts were discussed. No assignments.

5. Bulk Orders. Issue: Should a 10% surcharge be added when the club handles bulk plant orders for members (to compensate for work done by the club in handling these orders)? Discussed. No decision.
6. Publicity. We discussed whether to use free advertising options such as the "Community Calendar" in the free Anchorage Daily News "Community Xtra" edition delivered on Wednesdays. Purpose: to let non-members know about meetings in which they might be interested and let them know that our club exists. No decision.
7. Plant Ordering.

Subcommittee created: Gary, Debbie, Joe Scarso, and any members added at December meeting.
Duties: Deal with the club's 2018 plant orders
Due date: Report at monthly general member meetings.
8. Website. Diane volunteered to work on the website. She has contacted Webmaster Erik Johnson. There was an indication on Google a few days ago that our website may have been hacked. The website is not currently accessible. Diane will report at next board meeting.
9. Home Orchard Society. This society produces an excellent quarterly newsletter (50 pages according to its website). Gary will investigate whether it would be possible for APFGA to somehow associate with the Home Orchard Society so we could get the newsletters mailed to our members for perhaps \$10 per person rather than the society's \$25 to \$30 membership fee.
10. December General Member Meeting. We discussed the agenda. Principally, members will be asked to describe what they tried this past year and what they learned. If possible, we would like members to put these thoughts in writing – for use in the newsletter. We discussed whether to provide refreshments at this meeting.
Motion: Appoint Val as refreshment chairperson for December meeting and authorize her to spend up to \$50 on refreshments at December meeting (moved by Susan, seconded by Karen); passed unanimously.
11. Next Board Meetings.
 - a. **December 14** at BP Energy Center for 30 or 60 minutes prior to general membership meeting.
 - b. **December 21** at Summit Spice and Tea at 10:00 a.m.