

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
October 4, 2018
9:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mark Wolbers' house

Present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary), Karen Leis, and Mark Findlay

Absent: Val Glooschenko

1. Minutes Approval. The August 23 board meeting minutes were approved (motion by Gary, seconded by Karen, approved unanimously).
2. Treasurer's Report. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet for January 1 to October 2 and his Balance Sheet as of October 2. He requested reimbursement for the cost of the apple grinder he recently purchased for the club from Pleasant Hill Grain Company. **MOTION:** The board approves reimbursing Gary for the cost of the grinder plus the cost of shipping it to Anchorage, \$1,041.41 total. (Moved by Debbie, seconded by Mark, approved unanimously.)
3. Board Vacancy. Diana Evans resigned from the board on August 14. Mark recently emailed the membership to ask if anyone would like to replace Diana on the board. No one responded. **MOTION:** The board appoints Mark Findlay to replace Diana on the board and to serve the remainder of Diana's term - approximately one year and two months. (Moved by Mark Wolbers, seconded by Gary, approved unanimously.) Mark F. has agreed to this and volunteered to try to keep our website up to date as well as compiling apple tasting data and drafting instructions about our apple tasting events. Note: this replacement procedure is authorized by Article V, paragraph (4) of the Bylaws.
4. November Annual Membership Meeting. Mark W. will be out of town, so Debbie will conduct the November meeting. Debbie will determine the number of members at the time of the meeting so we can determine the quorum and vote count needed for any votes. Mark W. will draft an annual report to be presented at the meeting. We discussed a possible incentive to encourage attendance at this meeting. **MOTION:** Every member who attends this meeting will be given four metal plant labels for labeling their trees and bushes. (Moved by Mark, seconded by Gary, approved unanimously.) Karen volunteered to prepare the bags of metal tags to hand out. We currently have 200 of these tags.
5. December Meeting. We discussed making "small fruits" the topics for our December through March membership meetings (including raspberries, blueberries and honeyberries). We decided the topic for our December meeting will be "gooseberries and currents." Gary volunteered to present information on gooseberries. He will also try to recruit a speaker on currents.
6. Apple Grinder. The apple grinder that Gary purchased for the club from Pleasant Hill Grain company in Nebraska has arrived and been tested by Gary and Mark W. The grinder was purchased for use at the club's annual apple pressings. But, we may also allow members to borrow it. We need to establish fees and procedures for this, storage requirements and instructions for operating it. Gary agreed to draft a proposal for our review.

7. Cherry Survey. Debbie will review the suggested changes sent by Mark W. and respond.
8. Urban Farm at Old Native Hospital Site. Debbie and Susan reported briefly on the meeting they attended in August about the possibility of creating an urban farm on Third Avenue downtown where the old Native Hospital was located. The group at the meeting was interested in including fruit trees and other fruits. But, the project is not very far along. The city owns the land and, so far, its land manager (the Heritage Land Bank) has only granted a temporary very limited use permit. Other users will probably compete for this land.
9. North American Plants Update (plant propagation). North American Plants is a company in Oregon that propagates many varieties of plants, including apples. Mark reported that the company has now responded to his inquiries indicating that they are interested in working with us to try to propagate a reliable apple rootstock for Alaska. They asked that certain plant materials be sent to them. These materials will need to be gathered at a certain time and sent overnight to the company. Mark W. asked Gary to help gather this material from our project at the Plant Materials Center at the appropriate time (after 10 days with temperatures below 39 degrees). The company has not yet asked us to pay for this service.
10. **Next Board Meeting:** None scheduled.

Susan Miller, Secretary
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