

Board of Directors Meeting  
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**November 15, 2018**  
9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Location: Mark Wolbers' house

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

1. Minutes Approval. The October 4 board meeting minutes were approved (motion by Mark F., seconded by Gary, approved unanimously).
2. Treasurer's Report. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet and his Balance Sheet for January 1 to November 8 (the same ones discussed at the November 8 general membership meeting).
  - We discussed the **\$100,000 CD** that expires December 27 (a one-year CD earning 1.35%). The general sentiment was to reinvest the CD for only one year because interest rates are expected to continue rising. Investment at an Alaska institution rather than an online bank is preferred. Susan will research current interest rates like last year and the board will decide how to reinvest the CD at the December board meeting. Gary will ask Northern Skies whether it is possible to add the interest earned by this CD (about \$1,000 so far) to our \$20,123.85 CD (earning 1.25%) on December 28 or whether we have to put those earnings into our savings account until the smaller CD expires on February 26.
  - **IRS Form 990 EZ**. Mark W., Gary and Debbie briefly discussed filing this form.
3. Board Officers. Mark W., Gary and Val were re-elected to the board for two-year terms at the November 8 membership meeting. So, membership on the board remains the same. A director asked whether officers should be elected by the board or by the general membership. The bylaws require the board to do this. (Note: A proposal to revise the bylaws to make the membership elect the officers was withdrawn in 2017 when it was pointed out that such a bylaw would conflict with Alaska Statute 10.20.121. See January 12, 2017 minutes.) All four current officers expressed willingness to remain in their current positions. **MOTION:** The officers will remain in their current positions (moved by Gary, seconded by Val, approved unanimously).
4. Program for December Membership Meeting. Gary will speak about gooseberries and will continue to try to find someone to speak about currents. Before the meeting, Debbie will survey the membership about their experience growing these two berries. It was also suggested that Saskatoons (juneberry, serviceberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*) should be a topic at one of our winter meetings.
5. Website. Mark F. will research and report back on the process of responding to questions asked in the member forum on the website and on Facebook. He will also clarify with the webmaster who is authorized to remove items from the website.
6. Plant Orders. Debbie will draft and send to club members a list of questions about what plants they are interested in buying through the club. Mark will include those questions in his email to members about the December club meeting, asking that responses be sent to Debbie.

7. Satellite Clubs. The board discussed whether we should be trying to broaden our outreach to more parts of the state and how that could be done.
8. Other Business.
  - In order to answer a question from last week's membership meeting, Susan will draft a document showing the earnings and expenses from the 2018 grafting workshop. The board will review the draft.
  - In order to expand accessibility to information provided at club meetings, we will attempt to videotape the presentations at the December meeting and put the videos on our website.
9. Next Board Meeting: December 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Mark W's house

Susan Miller, Secretary  
November 16, 2018