

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
August 23, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mark Wolbers' house

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

Absent: Diana Evans (resigned from board), Debbie Hinchey (judging at state fair in Palmer)

1. Filling Vacant Board Seat. Diana resigned from the board on August 14. Mark expressed the board's appreciation for her work (especially on the website) in an email to Diana. We discussed whether the board should appoint a replacement. Mark will email the membership to ask if anyone is interested in taking that position.
2. Minutes Approval. The July 25 board meeting minutes were approved (motion by Gary, seconded by Val, approved unanimously).
3. Finance. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet for January 1 to August 23 and his August 23 Balance Sheet. He reported that, as agreed at previous meetings, he used the money from closing our Denali accounts to buy a \$27, 957.47 one-year CD at Northern Skies FCU. He used the rest of the Denali money and some money from our Northern Skies checking account to deposit \$12,000 into our Northern Skies savings account.
4. August Auction of Root Stock from Lawyer Nursery. Gary reported that he and Debbie Hinchey successfully bid on two lots of two-year-old *Malus baccata manchurica* apple rootstock at the August 16 online auction. The lot of 900 was 55 cents each, and the lot of 1500 was 50 cents each. The total cost, \$1389.50 for 2400 rootstock, includes the auctioneer's 10% fee and a \$20 wire transfer fee. We will still have to pay for shipping the rootstock to Anchorage in the spring and a storage fee (50 cents per day per 4'x4'x2' box) until then. The rootstock must be out of the storage warehouse by March 31.
5. 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 not yet responded to his inquiries about whether they have any interest in working with us on propagating a reliable apple rootstock for Alaska.
6. Apple Pressing this Fall. Barb Henjum has a basket press that club members can use to press apples this fall. Mark reported that the early pressing will be September 15. The late pressing will be October 6. Only members can press apples at these events.
7. Apple Tasting. Mark reported the schedule for apple tasting this fall:
September 20 at BP Energy Center in Anchorage for early ripening apples
October 11 at Plant Materials Center in Palmer for later ripening apples
The board discussed whether non-members would be allowed to attend the tastings.
MOTION: Non-members will be allowed to attend the September 20 tasting at BP Energy Center if they pay a \$5.00 fee or purchase a membership for the remainder of 2018 for \$8.00. Non-members will not be allowed to attend the tasting at the Plant Materials Center because of space limitations. (Moved by Mark, seconded by Karen, approved unanimously)

8. Apple Grinder. Pleasant Hill Grain company in Nebraska has not responded to Gary's inquiries about the size and weight of the box holding the \$899.00 apple grinder we are interested in (information Gary needs in order to investigate our shipping options since free shipping to Alaska is not available from the company).
MOTION: Gary is authorized to purchase the \$899.00 apple grinder from Pleasant Hill Grain when he finds a shipping option with a reasonable cost. (Moved by Val, seconded by Gary, approved by all)
9. Cherry Survey. The board discussed the cherry survey drafted by Debbie. A few suggested changes were recommended.
10. **Next Board Meeting:** None scheduled.

Susan Miller, Secretary
August 26, 2018