

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
Proposed Meeting Agenda
January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Ott at 630pm

- Board Quorum
 - All 7 members of the Board present: Doug, Terry, Susan, Ken, Debbie, Joe, Mike
- Attendance Sheet
 - All present were encouraged to sign the attendance sheet
 - Doug announced the club membership records show 169 paid members (including current and 2016 members) and therefore 26 members (15%) would be needed before taking action on the proposed revisions to the bylaws
- All present were encouraged to pay 2017 dues

Approval of December 2016 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve the minutes as distributed by email
 - Moved by Mike Carr, seconded by Bob Daniel
 - Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of officers

- Treasurer's Report - Debbie Hinchey
 - The treasurer's report for year ending 12/31/2016 was announced; copy of report attached
- President, Doug Ott – announcements:
 - The 2017 calendar dates are now posted on the website
 - Reminder - Next month's meeting will be held in Chugiak at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 18444 Old Glenn Hwy, Chugiak at 6:30 PM
 - Other notable upcoming dates:
 - Two events in March – regular meeting on March 9, pruning clinic at Boyer's on March 18
 - Grafting Clinic at Dimond Greenhouse 4/15 with summer tours thereafter
 - The Alaska Bee Club is holding a Treatment-free Beekeeping Symposium 1/27-28 in Palmer for anyone interested;
 - Maria D'Agositino is connected to other beekeepers and volunteered to help match bees to orchards for any APFGA members who are interested

Committee Reports

- Membership – Joe Scarso
 - 2017 dues are due
- Tours – Dan Elliott, Terry Thisius, Doug
 - Open dates for summer tours still to be arranged and subsequently posted on website
- Programs –Need topic/presenter for Feb. 9 meeting
- Newsletter – No report

- Plant Orders –
There are still available cherry starts; the sign-up sheet was circulated
Kevin Irvin placed and is coordinating the order
Distribution coordinators: Randy Arduser (Anchorage) and Terry Thisius (Valley)
- Website Updates – Susan Miller, Erik Johnson, Robert Buchanan
Re-designing of the website is underway; new feature include a searchable archive of newsletter articles and the descriptions of apple varieties can be filtered & sorted
- Grafting Workshop – Coordinator: Terry
Need lots of volunteers and need to locate the grafting tools & equipment

Old and new business

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

Doug briefly described the background and approval process for the proposed amendments:

- These amendments are proposed by the Board
- Approval by the APFGA membership is required
- The sign-in sheet and a head count confirmed 31 people present at the time this discussion began, thus constituting the required 15% quorum of the 169 paid members
- It was announced that 19 votes (i.e. 60% of those present) would be required for approval of any proposed amendment
- As noted in the distributed agenda, the amendments fall into 4 different areas for discussion (a fifth proposed amendment has been removed from consideration due to discovery of a conflict with State Statute)
- There will be an up or down vote on each amended area in the bylaws

1. Amendment proposal #1 – Article III, Clause (2) “Dues”

Clarification of payment of dues and membership rights, and added language pertaining to Lifetime Paid memberships

- Motion to Approve as presented in the 30-day notice
 - Moved by David Evans, seconded by Mike Carr
 - Motion passed unanimously to approve as presented

2. Amendment proposal #2 – Article IV, Clause (3) “Meeting Notice”

Authorization for use of email notification of members for any required notices

- Motion to Approve as presented in the 30-day notice
 - Moved by Bob Daniel, seconded by Debbie Hinchey
 - Motion to amend the original motion by deleting this sentence from the proposal:
“U.S. Postal Service mail will not be used for any communication between the Board and the membership.”
 - Moved by Dan Eliot, seconded by Susan Miller
 - Passed with 30 in favor, no votes against, for amending the original motion
 - Amended Motion passed with 27 votes in favor, 3 votes against, and 1 abstaining, for approval of the proposed amendment without the noted sentence

3. Amendment proposal #3 – Article V, Clause (7) “Elections and Appointment of Directors”
Establishes 2-year board member terms with alternating election of 3 and 4 members each year
 - Motion to Approve as presented in the 30-day notice
 - Moved by Dan Elliot, seconded by Bob Daniel
 - Motion passed unanimously to approve as presented

4. Amendment proposal #4 – Article VI, Clause (1) “Officers”
This proposal was withdrawn and removed from further consideration after learning that it conflicted with Alaska Statute Sec. 10.20.121 for Nonprofit Corporations

5. Amendment proposal #5 – Miscellaneous edits for clarification of language and syntax:
 - Article IV, Clause (5) – re-state a 5% rule rather than “1/20th” standard
 - Article IV, Clause (6) – clarifies normal annual meeting occurs on second Thursday in November
 - Article V, Clause (2) – replaces “in good standing” with “paid” for board member qualification
 - Article VI, Clause (4) – re-states the sentence for clarity
 - Article VI, Clause (9) – Removes board members from reference to “one year terms”
 - Article V, Clause (11) – clarifies board committee actions do not constitute board or club actions
 - Article X, Clause (1) – simplifies the language for process of bylaw amendments
 - Article X, Clause (2) – removes explicit citation of Alaska Statutes without removing compliance
 - Motion to Approve all miscellaneous edits as presented in the 30-day notice
 - Moved by Gary Masoog, seconded by Karen Leis
 - Motion to amend the original motion by removing the proposed amendments for Article X, Clause (1) and Clause (2), for separate question
 - Moved by Dan Eliot, seconded by Bob Daniel
 - Passed unanimously to amend the original motion
 - Amended Motion passed unanimously for miscellaneous edits as presented and without the proposed Article X edits
 - Motion to Approve miscellaneous edits in Article X as presented in the 30-day notice
 - Moved by Mike Carr, seconded by Karen Leis
 - Motion passed with 25 votes in favor, 5 votes against, approval of amendments to Article X Clause (1) & Clause (2)

Meeting Program: Grafting, top-working and tree pruning videos \

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Sign in Sheet

The undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify APFGA and our Host officers, agents and employees, from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses which are sustained, incurred, or required arising out of the APFGA meeting.

PLEASE Print Clearly

Name	City/Town	Member
KEN ACTON	Anchorage	✓
Terry Johnson	Palmer	✓
Barbara Henjum	Chugiak	✓
Paul Schwartz	Anch.	✓
Day Elliott	Waukena	✓
Bob Daniel	Anchorage	✓
Dorey Ott		✓
Susan Miller	Anchorage	✓
Maria D'Agostino	ANC	CASH \$210/16
Patrick Mulligan	Palmer	CHK 3523 \$16
Peter N. Lunde	Anchorage	CASH 3723
Theresa May		
MICHAEL BURKE	Anchorage	CASH #16
Randy Anduser	ANC.	paid
Gary Mising	"	✓
Jacq. Neiberg	Willow by proxy	chk# 569 \$16
Sonya Anduser	Anchorage	✓
Elizabeth Cannon	Anchorage	✓
Steve Mason	Anchorage	✓

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Joe May

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Debbie Hinchey Anch. ✓

19	35	Susan Beersma						cash
20	36	Steve Mason						cash
21	37	Dyane Couch						cash #16
22	38	Theresa Long						check #16
23	39	Donald Davis						
24	40	Elena Hinds	CHECK #5568			02/25/16		Ch. 16
25	41	Diana & David Evans						PAID
26	42	Mike Carr						PAID
27	43	Josh Traini	check # 1086-16					
28	44	Jack Mosby	check # 13628-16					
29	45	Rachel Pompe	CASH #16 ⁰⁰					PAID CASH
30	46	Joe Darnall						paid
31	47	Mark Fwllay						paid
32	48	Erik Johnson						paid
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- ✓ Elizabeth Cannon - \$16 ch # 290
- ✓ Rosemary + Jack Mosby \$16 - ch # 13628
- Theresa Long - } 32 - \$ 32 ch # 3403
- Henry Long - }
- PATRICK ~~McMinn~~ Mulligan 3523 \$16
- ~~PATRICK~~ - 3408
- Henry LAOS
- JOAN MIDBERRY 569 - 16
- Karen Leis 2378 - \$16
- Elena Hinds 5668 - 16

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