

Board of Directors Meeting  
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**January 26, 2018**  
10:00 – 12:20 p.m.

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, Diana Evans

1. Minutes Approval. It was clarified that the board, not the general membership, needs to approve the minutes of board meetings. **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 21 board meeting – the December 30 draft (moved by Mark, seconded by Karen). After discussion, the motion was passed (six votes in favor, one abstention).
2. Cupid Cherry Refund. Partial refunds have not been issued yet because Gary has not received a checkbook from our new bank and because the amount of the refund for each plant has not yet been determined. Bron & Sons reimbursed the club \$966.38 for the dead plants that were timely reported to Debbie. **MOTION**: Pay \$12.00 for each dead plant reported timely. (Moved by Diana, amended by Gary; seconded by Val; passed unanimously.)
3. Grafting Workshop.
  - a. Location. Debbie reported that Dimond Greenhouse is willing to host the April 21 workshop. Debbie is exploring other options and will report on this at the February 15 membership meeting.
  - b. Workshop Chairman. Gary asked Mark to be the chairman, and Mark accepted.
  - c. Status of Supplies. Doug Ott gave the leftover supplies from last year's workshop (which Terry Thisius had been storing) to Gary at the January 11 club meeting. Gary made a list of those supplies and sent it to board members on January 16. Gary believes there are enough supplies for the 2018 workshop. He recommended buying some clipboards for use by customers filing out rootstock requests. Storage may be an issue. Instead, we may ask members at the next club meeting if anyone wants to donate clipboards, or we may use stiff cardboard instead. Gary also asked about buying some "rope and hose cutters" for grafting. He agreed to research cost and possibly make a proposal at the next board meeting.
4. Selling Supplies to Members at Club Meetings. At the March 2017 club meeting, we sold extra parafilm and metal tags to members. The board was in favor of doing that again this year. It was agreed that:
  - a. White 24-inch vinyl spiral tree protectors. Gary will research whether he can get them for 89 cents each or a similar low price with no shipping charge. If he can, he will make a proposal at the next board or club meeting.
  - b. Parafilm and metal tags. Susan will let Gary and Mark know the prices we charged for these items at the March 2017 club meeting. If possible, we will offer these items for sale to club members at the February 15 club meeting. If we cannot fill the demand at the February meeting, we may order more so we can sell

them again at the March 8 club meeting. [Susan later emailed that last March we sold 8-foot x 2-inch rolls of parafilm for \$1.00 and 10 metal tags for \$2.00.]

5. Pruning Workshop. Karen reported that either March 24 or 31 is all right with Yael Hickok and that Dan Elliott prefers the 24<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION:** The pruning workshop will be held at Boyer's greenhouse on March 24 at 1:00 p.m. (moved by Karen, seconded by Val, passed unanimously). In addition, Debbie agreed to contact Paul at Paul's Tree Service to see if he will volunteer to chip the pruned limbs as he did last year. And, Mark will contact Dan Elliott to confirm that Dan approves the date and time.
6. Possible Future Events. Board members discussed possible future events after March, including another pruning event. No decisions were made.
7. February Meeting.
  - a. Lammers Orchard. The main speaker will be Scott Lammers. He will discuss the Lammers Orchard in Fairbanks. There is a video about the orchard that Scott would like to show, but we do not currently have access to it. Gary will figure out how to get that video for the meeting.
  - b. Bee Hives. A beekeeper is looking for places to put hives. We will give her five minutes (or perhaps more) at the beginning of the program to explain what she is looking for and what she would need from whoever agrees to house the hives next summer.
  - c. Website. If more topics are needed at this meeting, Diana volunteered to discuss website information.
8. March Meeting. Debbie will present her program about newly acquired trees and shrubs. It will apply to all trees, not just apple trees. Hopefully, Dan Elliott will also be available for questions about care of new trees. People with other questions about apple growing will need to ask those questions.
9. Plant Orders Committee. Susan reported that the committee met on January 3 and got only partway through the list of issues. Gary said he would like to reconsider some decisions the committee made at that meeting. When finished, the committee will present its proposed policies to the board for approval.

**Next meeting of Plant Orders Committee: Monday, January 29 at 1:00 – 3:00 at Debbie's house.**
10. Archiving Club Records. Diana will draft a proposal for archiving records on our website. UAA may also be interested. Renting cloud space is also an option. No decisions made.
11. **Next Board Meeting: Friday, February 23 at 9:30 at Diana's house ([2518 Galewood St](#) in Rogers Park neighborhood).**

Susan Miller, Secretary  
January 31, 2018