

Board of Directors Meeting  
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**February 23, 2018**  
9:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Location: Diana Evans' house

Present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary), Val Glooschenko, Diana Evans

Absent: Karen Leis

1. Minutes Approval. The January 26 board meeting minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer Report. Debbie closed the Northrim savings and checking accounts and received a check for \$14,943.40. **Motion:** Combine \$14,943.40 received from Northrim with \$5,056.60 to be withdrawn from Northern Skies checking account to buy a one-year \$20,000 CD (leaving about \$10,000 in the Northern Skies checking account) (moved by Gary, second by Val, approved unanimously). The new CD will be at Northern Skies unless Gary finds a better interest rate at another Alaska institution.

The club still has a CD (which will be expiring in a few months) and a savings account at Denali FCU. The club's debit card is now from Northern Skies and Debbie has it to pay plant order bills.

3. Grafting Workshop.
  - a. Location. Debbie reported that the Church of Love near Spenard and 36<sup>th</sup> is available on April 21 for \$50 per hour and that it has the tables we need, bathrooms and good parking. **Motion:** The board approves \$250 for Debbie to rent the Church of Love for five hours on April 21 for the grafting workshop unless the club cannot meet the church's insurance requirement or there is another problem (moved by Gary, seconded by Diana, approved unanimously) Hopefully, Debbie can report on this by March 1.
  - b. Tree Protectors. Gary reported that he has found three-foot long white tree protectors for 92 cents each if 250 are ordered, with free shipping. He prefers the cheaper, two-foot tree protectors available from a seller on the Walmart website, but shipping to Alaska is not available. Val mentioned that hardware cloth is cheaper. Gary will research tree guards and shipping options. For example, could the Walmart vendor ship to American Fast Freight in Fife, Washington where the tree guard order could be consolidated with our Lawyers plant order? Also, Debbie may be able to find another shipping option. Hopefully, Gary can report on this at the March 8 membership meeting and we can measure the club's interest in this.
  - c. Jobs and Supplies. We discussed a number of the jobs that need to be done at or before the workshop (for example, drafting the order form, collecting money, handing out rootstock, assisting people to select scion wood, teaching grafting, etc.) Debbie volunteered to draft the order form. Susan agreed to draft and send Mark a list of tasks and items needed. Gary said he will need to buy more parafilm because one partial roll in the supply box was damaged.

4. Pruning Workshop. The workshop at Boyer's Greenhouse will begin at 1:00 p.m. Mark reported that Dan and Doug will be there. Debbie reported that Paul (Paul's Tree Service) will arrange to have the pruned limbs taken away if we leave them outside the gate. Gary and Randy will blow out the leaves.
  
5. Honorariums/Free Memberships.
  - a. **Motion:** The board will give Erik Johnson a free 2018 membership in appreciation for his work as web master (moved by Debbie, seconded by Val, approved unanimously).
  
  - b. **Motion:** Scott Lammers will be given a \$30 check and a free 2018 membership in appreciation for his presentation at the club's February 15 membership meeting (moved by Gary, seconded by Val, approved unanimously). Gary will notify Scott and get his email address for Debbie (membership chair).
  
  - c. **Honorarium Policy.** We discussed several deficiencies in the policy the board adopted at its December 21 meeting. Diana agreed to draft and circulate to the board a proposal to clarify the conditions under which honorariums will be awarded.
  
6. Plant Orders Committee Issues.
  - a. **Price for Apple Rootstock at Grafting Workshop.** **Motion:** Based on the recommendation of the majority (4 of 5 members) of the Plant Orders Committee, members will pay \$2.00 per rootstock at the workshop and non-members will pay \$3.00 (moved by Susan, seconded by Val, approved 5 to 1).
  
  - b. **Apple Rootstock Price for Pre-Orders (orders made before the workshop).** **Motion:** For this year, pre-orders for both bundles and non-bundles of rootstock will be charged the same price per rootstock. That price will be:
    - (1) *For orders picked up at Debbie's house before the workshop:* the Lawyers price plus shipping
    - (2) *For orders picked up at the workshop:* the workshop price (\$2 for members). [Moved by Debbie, seconded by Val, approved 5 to 1.]
  
  - c. **Allocation of Shipping & Handling Costs.** **Motion:** For 2018, the total shipping and handling charges (from both Lawyers and American Fast Freight) for the April plant shipment will be assessed to each plant using the following formula:  
 ("plant price" divided by "total price for all plants in shipment") x "total shipping & handling charge" = shipping cost per plant  
 [Moved by Diana, seconded by Debbie, approved 5 to 1.]  
 Debbie will notify membership about these pricing decisions.
  
7. **Next Board Meeting:** Not yet scheduled.

Susan Miller, Secretary  
February 25, 2018