

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
BP Energy Center, Anchorage, Alaska

A. 6:30 p.m. - Refreshments and Socialization

B. 7:00 p.m. – Call to Order

- Quorum of membership (more than 10%) present: ____ people signed as “members” on the sign-in sheet. There were _____ paid 2019 members by the end of the meeting. ____ people signed the attendance sheet.

- Six of seven members of Board of Directors present: Mark Wolbers (President), Debbie Hinchey (Vice President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary), Val Glooschenko (Director), and Mark Findlay (Director)

Excused Absence: Karen Leis (Director)

C. Approval of Minutes of January 10 Meeting. Minutes approved without objection (moved by Gary Masog, seconded by Joe Scarso).

D. Reports of Officers.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Gary Masog. Gary displayed his calendar year 2018 Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement on the large screen and mentioned several items. He reported the following income and expenses for January 2019:

Income

- Interest: \$108.95
- Donation: \$4.00
- Member Dues: \$352.00

Total Income: \$464.95

Expenses

- Honorarium for January Speaker: \$50.00
- Food for January meeting: \$48.17

Total Expenses: \$98.17

January 2019 Balance Sheet

CD expiring 2-26	\$20,186.75
CD expiring 12-27(Clark)	\$100,000.00
CD expiring 7-25 (Clark)	\$28,176.12
Savings Account	\$13,361.45
Checking Account	<u>\$1,821.85</u>
TOTAL:	\$163,546.17

Report approved without objection (moved by Joe Scarso, seconded by Debbie Hinchey)

2. President's Report – Mark Wolbers. Mark reported that the Pruning Workshop will be March 23 at Boyer's Greenhouse. The Grafting Workshop will be April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Love in Spenard. He also reported that the Plant Materials Center (PMC) in Palmer has done some apple rootstock trials and appears to have identified some hardy rootstock for this area. The problem is the PMC is not able to propagate this rootstock. Mark has contacted one of the largest plant propagation companies in the United States, North American Plants. The owner has expressed interest in our project, but has not yet responded to our draft plant materials transfer agreement, so we have not yet sent them any scion wood buds.
3. Vice-President's Report – Debbie Hinchey.
 - **Membership.** Debbie reported that she emailed all 2018 members who have not yet renewed for 2019. Members need to renew by March 1 to stay on the membership list. An alternative to the \$16.00 annual membership dues, there is also the "lifetime" membership option which costs \$160.00.
 - **Plant Orders.** Debbie handed around a sign-up sheet for members interested in buying some of the 2400 *Malus baccata* rootstock we bought at last August's auction of the Lawyer Nursery inventory. The sign-up sheet also included the option of requesting *Selkirk* rootstock. The *Selkirk* will probably be larger because it is four years old and the *baccata* is just two years old. Rootstock will also be available for purchase at the April grafting workshop.

E. Old and New Business

1. **APFGA Website.** Mark Findlay asked members who need passwords to access the members-only section of the website to contact him. He said he is working on getting videos of meeting presentations on the website, but has not yet been able to do that.
2. **Bee Keeping Class.** Barbara Bachmeier said she will be giving a bee keeping class.

F. Program. A presentation by Homer fruit grower and gardener, Judith James, and Ron Matviyak who has made many trips to Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Judith's presentation was titled, "*Backyards and Co-ops: Glimpses of Agriculture in Central Europe.*" Judith shared what she learned from her travels last summer to Germany, Slovakia and Poland where she visited private farms, gardens, cooperatives as well as intensive-method agriculture and high-tech fruit storage facilities. She shared photos and illuminate the challenges and methods of growing food in a variety of cultures, climates, and political landscapes. Ron described the history of the region and discussed many current issues.

G. Next Meeting: March 14, 2019 at BP Energy Center, Anchorage. Debbie Hinchey will probably discuss propagation methods.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Susan Miller, Secretary
February 15, 2019