

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
February 28, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 12:13 p.m.

Location: Fred Meyer 2nd floor, 1000 E. Northern Lights

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

Absent: Karen Leis (conflicting appointment)

1. Minutes Approval. The January 17, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved (moved by Mark F, seconded by Val).

2. Treasurer's Report. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet for January 1 – 31 and his Balance Sheet for February 28.
 - a. **Expired CD**. Our \$20,186.75 CD expired on February 26 and the money went into our savings account. We discussed how much money from our savings and checking accounts should be in the CD when we renew it. **MOTION**: Increase the amount of the CD to \$28, 000 (Moved by Debbie, seconded by Gary, approved unanimously).
 - b. **IRS Filing**. Gary has filed the required Form 990-N with the IRS.
 - c. **February Income & Expenses**. Bank information for February not yet available.
 - d. **Parafilm Purchase**. Gary brought the following parafilm to the meeting for a discussion about which type should be used at the grafting workshop:
 - *Laboratory Film* – one roll (4 inches wide x 250 feet long) \$27.00
Note: the 4" width was Amazon's mistake. Gary ordered 2" film.
 - *Nursery Grafting Tape* – six rolls (1 inch x 1080 inches long) \$28.56Gary bought both for the club from Amazon. The board decided to use the 1-inch rolls at the grafting workshop but also have small strips of the paperbacked Laboratory Film available for customers who prefer it or wish to take their purchased rootstock home to graft. Mark W will bring 4" x 4-foot strips of the Laboratory Film to the next membership meeting and to the grafting workshop for sale at \$1.00 each. Mark F will attempt to locate tape dispensers to hold the 1" Nursery Grafting tape at the workshop.
 - e. **Metal Plant Tags**. Gary plans to purchase 2000 Amekron Impress O Tag, Aluminum Plant Labels for \$190.00. These are the same tags we purchased and sold last year (1" x 3 3/8"). The shipping option offered by the seller is very expensive. Gary will find a cheaper shipping method.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

- f. **MOTION**: Gary's Year-End 2018 Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet should be put in the members-only section of the club's website (motion by Susan, seconded by Debbie, approved unanimously)
3. Membership Meetings.
 - a. **Review February 14 Meeting**. Attendance was good. Val put a notice about the meeting in the free ADN Xtra edition. Val renewed her request that board members greet new people who attend meetings. We discussed sign-in sheets and the need to remind everyone to sign in. There were issues about whether we can

- put recordings of the presentations on our website. Mark W will try to request necessary permissions at the time the speaker is invited. Also, should we use You-Tube or Google to make these recordings available to members?
- b. **March 14 Meeting.** Debbie will speak about “Plant Propagation.”
4. Workshops & Tours.
- a. **Pruning Workshop.** Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. at Boyer’s Greenhouse. Mark F will ask Joe if he can pick up some pizza and juice or other refreshments for this event (up to \$50) which the club will reimburse him for.
- b. **Grafting Workshop.** Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Spenard Church of Love. We will rent the space from noon to 4:00 p.m. at \$50.00 per hour. We will also buy insurance for the event. The cost for this has gone up from \$70.00 to \$185.00. We discussed the recruitment of volunteers for the event. Mark W would like all board members to volunteer again this year – probably in the same roles we took last year.
- *Supplies to be Sold.* We will again sell strips of parafilm and bags of metal tags. Gary said he will not be able to bring **tree wraps** back on his next trip. Mark F will work on this. Gary will give him information on what we bought last year. Hopefully, to avoid big shipping costs, the tree wraps can be sent free to AFF in Fife, WA and consolidated with our rootstock shipment.
 - *Receipt Books.* Debbie will buy what she needs.
 - *Root stock pricing.* Discussed briefly, but not decided.
- c. **Top-Working & Pruning Workshop.** Saturday, May 4 at 1:00, led by Dan at Ellen Vande Visse, Palmer.
- d. **Blossom Orchard Tour.** Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 at Clark Orchard.
5. Free Membership. MOTION: The board will give Erik Johnson a free 2019 membership in appreciation for his work as web master (moved by Susan, seconded by Debbie, approved unanimously).
6. Member Benefits. Because today is the last day in February,
- a. Mark W will now stop sending meeting and event announcements to people that are not 2019 members, but
- b. Mark F will wait until after the April 13 grafting workshop to remove non-2019 members from the directory and access to the members-only website section.
7. Grading Rootstock. Mark F demonstrated the tool he has created for measuring the diameter of the rootstock we bought at the Lawyer auction last summer. Debbie will recruit a crew, including Mark F, to help grade the sizes of the rootstock when it arrives in early April or late March. Next meeting, need to discuss how to hold the rootstock that does not sell this year until next year or what else we are going to do with it.
8. Other Business. Jim Renkert in DNR Division of Forestry updated us on the effort to create an urban farm on the 3rd Avenue site of the former native hospital. He showed photos of growing trees in large containers in Vancouver. He has grant money for demonstration projects (cash match required). Are we interested in such an experiment?
9. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. March 21, 2nd Floor of Fred Meyer on N. Lights

Susan Miller, Secretary - February 28, 2019