

Board of Directors Meeting  
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**March 21, 2019**  
9:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Location: Fred Meyer 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1000 E. Northern Lights

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

1. Minutes Approval. The February 28, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved (moved by Mark F, seconded by Gary).
2. Treasurer's Report. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet for February 1-28 and his Balance Sheet for March 20. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
3. Alaska State Fair Awards. Debbie explained what the awards are for and that other organizations also provide cash awards for contests at the fair. MOTION: APFGA will continue to spend \$100 for four \$25.00 awards for fruits (moved by Mark F, seconded by Gary, approved unanimously).
4. Liability Insurance. Debbie told us about National Garden Club general liability insurance. Mark W told us about his research into insurance for non-profits. MOTION: We will buy the general liability policy from State Farm Insurance that Gary sent us a quote for on March 7, costing approximately \$350.00, including an increase in the medical coverage from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (moved by Gary, seconded by Debbie, approved by all). This means we will not have to buy insurance for the Church of Love for our April 13 grafting workshop.
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Urban Farm. We agreed we will not apply for a Division of Forestry grant to plant trees in pots at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Project. Depending on what happens with this project, we agreed we may someday be able to supply some grafted rootstock and some pruning, but we cannot offer daily maintenance, feeding and watering.
6. Sign-In Sheet. Mark F handed out a page with three options for the sign-in sheet, including a new section asking how the signer heard about the club. We discussed the purpose of having a sign-in sheet and whether other events besides meetings should have sign-in sheets. We decided not to change the current sheet that Debbie created.
7. Root Stock Order. Debbie reported that our *Malus baccata* rootstock (11 boxes) will be shipped together with the *Selkirk* for Steve in Fairbanks (5 boxes). The total shipping cost will be \$1647.75. American Fast Freight (AFF) will truck the rootstock from Lawyers to Fife, WA, then ship it from Fife to Anchorage, then truck Steve's *Selkirk* and his share of our *baccata* to Fairbanks. AFF will pick up the rootstock from Lawyers on March 25. It will ship from Fife on March 27 and should arrive in Anchorage in 5 or 6 days (April 1 or 2). Debbie and Mark F will pick it up when it arrives and take it to Debbie's house for sorting.

The gross weight of the two pallets of APFGA rootstock is reported to be 1097 pounds. The gross weight of the one pallet of Steve's rootstock is reported to be 332 pounds.

8. Rootstock Grading. Debbie said Lawyers policy on grading rootstock was to measure the diameter of each rootstock six inches above the roots. If the diameter is above ¼ inch and below 3/8 inch, it is classified as ¼ inch.
9. April 13 Grafting Workshop.
  - a. **Volunteers.** All board members will be volunteering. Mark will send an email to members asking for more volunteers. Volunteers will report to the Church of Love at 12:00 noon to help set up. We agreed to have a sign-in sheet for volunteers. Volunteers should wear name tags.
  - b. **Scion Wood.** We agreed to follow the policy described in the March 16, 2018 board meeting minutes. That is, members not buying rootstock do not have to wait until the end of the workshop to pick scion wood. Members can, before or during the workshop, pick five pieces of scion wood plus one piece for each rootstock they buy. For more scion wood, they should wait until the workshop is almost over. We will try again this year to keep a list of scion wood donors and the varieties they donate.
  - c. **Receipt Books.** In the past, rootstock buyers have filled out a “rootstock order” form and handed it along with their money at the treasurer’s table. The workshop treasurer then issued a pink and yellow copy of the receipt to the buyer. The pink copy was to be taken to the person handing out rootstock and exchanged for the correct number of rootstock. This year, instead of buying more receipt books, Debbie plans to give buyers a ticket for each rootstock they buy. This should allow things to go faster at the treasurer’s table because workers at that table will not need to copy information from the “rootstock order” form onto receipts. They will still need to check the spelling on forms when the buyer’s writing is not legible.
  - d. **Tape for Labeling Scion Wood.** Mark F will buy some name tags for volunteers and some more tape for labeling scion wood (either masking tape or blue painter’s tape).

Susan Miller, Secretary  
March 22, 2019