

Board of Directors Meeting  
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
**April 25, 2019**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:20 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), and Val Glooschenko

Absent: Mark Findlay (out-of-state), Karen Leis

1. Minutes Approval. The March 21, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved (moved by Gary, seconded by Debbie).

2. Treasurer's Report. Gary handed out his Profit and Loss Sheet for March 1-31 and his Balance Sheet for March 31. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

- March Income:

Interest:	586.35
Member Dues Lifetime	960.00
Member Dues Annual	432.00
Parafilm Sales	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,990.35

- March Expenses:

2019 Root Stock	303.00 (135 storage fee, 168 packing fee)
Advertising	20.00 (2 monthly meeting announcements)
Insurance for one year	349.00
Food for March Meeting	<u>48.97</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$720.97

Note: Grafting workshop results were not included in this report because the records were not given to the Treasurer until this meeting.

3. Metal Tags and Parafilm.

- *Metal Tags.* Gary reported that the Amekron metal tags he ordered several weeks ago never arrived. He has not been able to contact the company. Apparently, it has gone out of business. Gary stopped payment on his credit card. He will let us know if he doesn't get his money back. It was decided that we will not reorder metal tags at this time because we will not have any membership meetings where we would sell them until this fall.

- *Parafilm.* All the remaining paper-backed parafilm that Mark Wolbers cut into 4'x 4" rolls was sold at the grafting workshop. Mark Findlay had two of the six rolls of 1-inch film (with no paper backing) cut up for use at the workshop. It was decided not to buy any more parafilm until closer to the time we want to sell it to members.

4. Grafting Workshop Review. We discussed the list of issues raised in Mark Findlay's April 20 email along with some other ideas. Some of the possibilities we discussed:

- changing the layout of the room to make more room for each function,

- asking if any audio-visual equipment is available at the Church of Love,
- making posters to explain the steps in the workshop, which variety and size of scion wood to pick, how to graft, etc.
- adding two more grafting tables (for a total of six), and
- adding more information about apple varieties at the scion wood table or around it (what different apples taste like, what size they are likely to be, which varieties ripen earliest, which keep the longest, which are best for applesauce or juice or baking, scores at apple tasting events, etc.)
- adding more apple varieties to the 3-ring binders of color photos at the scion wood table and adding more color copies of the binder pages on the table near the appropriate scion wood

5. Leftover Rootstock. Debbie has sold a lot of the leftover rootstock, but a lot still remains. We clearly received many more *baccata* rootstock than the 2400 we bought at the August 2018 Lawyer auction.

- *Sorting What Remains.* We agreed to meet at Debbie's house tomorrow, **Friday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m.** to separate and count the rootstock that is graftable this year from the ones that are too small. Hopefully, buyers will be found for the graftable ones and we will be able to plant the small ones in pots and grow them for a year.
- *Planting Remainder in Pots.* We discussed a few options for potting the remaining small rootstock in order to grow it one more year. We agreed to meet at Gary's house **next Thursday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.** to help him cut ten 55-gallon soap barrels in half to make 20 pots. If arrangements can be made, we may then take them and the rootstock to *Government Hill Commons* for planting in the pots. Gary will contact the *Commons* to confirm, among other things, that we can store our pots of trees there and that they will water them. Debbie may also experiment with planting some rootstock in pots of Pro Mix.

**MOTION:** It is authorized that up to \$500 can be spent to pot up the remaining rootstock (moved by Mark W, seconded by Gary, approved by all).

Susan Miller, Secretary  
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