

Board of Directors Meeting
Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
October 11, 2019 9:30 – 10:36 a.m.

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

Present: Mark Wolbers (President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary) and Mark Findlay

Absent: Karen Leis and Val Glooschenko

1. Minutes Approval. The April 25, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved (moved by Mark W., seconded by Gary, approved by all).
2. Rootstock Growing in Pots at Government Hill Commons.

Background. Some of the *Malus baccata* rootstock we received for the April 2019 grafting workshop (purchased at the August 2018 Lawyer Nursery auction) was too small for grafting. We sold some of it to members, but still had a lot left unsold. On May 2, Gary, Mark W. and Susan planted about 420 of that small root stock in 21 half-barrels at the Government Hill Commons (20 to 21 root stock in each half-barrel). Gary reported that the club spent \$439.88 on this planting project (not counting all the work Gary did acquiring the soil, perlite, and 55-gallon barrels and cutting the barrels in half).

At the October 11 meeting, the board discussed the following options:

- a. Overwinter the rootstock in the pots, protected by covering them with leaves, wood chips, or other material. Problem: It would probably be difficult to thaw them out in time for the April 2020 grafting workshop.
- b. Remove the rootstock from the pots in the next couple days, wrap it in protective material and cover it with something on site over winter. Problem: We haven't tried this before, although Paul at the Commons believes it would work. We are not sure what the survival rate is likely to be using this method.
- c. Sell the root stock now to some club members who have expressed interest in buying it.

Mark W. reported that the rootstock in two of the 21 barrels are stunted (due to lack of water) and some of the rootstock has been removed from a third barrel. So, only 18 of the barrels are in good shape, and probably only an average of 12 of the root stock in each barrel have reached graftable size.

Decisions.

Motion #1: Sell the 18 good pots for \$30.00 each to interested buyers (moved by Gary, seconded by Mark F., approved by all).

Motion #2: Sell the graftable rootstock in the remaining three pots for \$2.00 each and any remaining rootstock at a price set by the seller (moved by Mark F., seconded by Gary, approved by all).

Motion #3: Authorize ordering 1,000 quarter-inch *Malus baccata* root stock from Schumacher Nursery in Minnesota (moved by Mark W., second by Gary, approved by all).

Susan Miller, Secretary
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