

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
Meeting Minutes
November 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: About 35 of 212 paid 2019 members were present.
 - Six members of Board of Directors present: Mark Wolbers (President), Gary Masog (Treasurer), Susan Miller (Secretary), Val Glooschenko (Director), Karen Leis (Director), and Mark Findlay (Director). Vice President position is vacant.
- C. Approval of Minutes of March 14 Membership Meeting. Minutes approved without objection (moved by Mark Findlay, seconded by Karen Leis).
- D. Approval of Minutes of October 11 Board of Directors Meeting. Minutes approved without objection (moved by Gary Masog, seconded by Mark Findlay).
- E. Treasurer’s Report . Gary Masog projected his Balance Sheet (as of November 11) and Profit & Loss Statement (Jan 01, 2019 to Nov 11, 2019) on the front wall and explained each item. The report was approved without objection (moved by Ilona Farr, seconded by Mark Findlay).
- F. President’s Annual Report. Mark Wolbers listed the highlights of the year, including
- the board’s efforts to preserve the excess rootstock from the Lawyer’s auction (rootstock too small to graft this year) by planting it in large pots at Government Hill Commons (all sold in October),
 - the plan to buy Red Splendor crabapple rootstock from Schumacher’s Nursery in Minnesota for next year’s grafting workshop,
 - the board’s decision not to participate at this time in the possible urban farm on a portion of the land on 3rd Avenue formerly occupied by the native hospital,
 - how global warming may be affecting our growing season, insect populations, etc.,
 - our three apple pressing events August 31 & September 14 & 28 at Barb Henjum’s Brown Hen Farm,
 - the effect of state budget cuts on the Plant Materials Center (PMC) in Palmer and on their work with us,
 - so far unsuccessful efforts to develop a hardy Alaskan rootstock by working with an Oregon plant propagation company, North American Plants, that uses in vitro propagation methods (no agreement yet reached)
 - five monthly membership meetings, and
 - six workshops and tours.

G. Old and New Business.

a. **Plant Orders.** Gary Masog passed around a “Root Stock Wanted” sheet and asked people to indicate on it what kinds of root stock they would like to see the club order. Note: the club will only order material if there is enough interest and if high volume purchases result in savings. Gary will report on this at the December meeting.

b. **Election of New Board Members.** There are four vacancies on the board due to expiration of member terms. Mark stated that the following four people had indicated their willingness to serve on the board:

- Mark Findlay
- Ilona Farr
- Nick Riordan
- Ben Tietgeb

No one else at the meeting indicated an interest in serving on the board. By unanimous consent, all four persons named above were elected to two-year terms on the board of directors (moved by Debbie Hinchey, seconded by Susan Borsma).

H. Program. Members were invited to describe anything they learned about fruit growing this year.

I. Next Meeting: December 12, 2019 at BP Energy Center, Anchorage. Program: Annie Brownlee on Fruit Tree Physiology and Growth.

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Susan Miller, Secretary
November 20, 2019