

Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2022.11.17 at 1900, via Zoom Video Conference

A. Call to Order

Called to order at 1911, with quorum of directors present: Mark Finlay, Val Glooschenko, Gary Masog, Ben Tietge, Mark Wolbers. Member Joe Thomas in attendance. No objection to meeting's proposed agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes-

Motion passed to approve minutes for board meeting of October 13, 2022 (GM, VG 2nd).

C. Reports of Officers

GM provided copies of up-to-date treasurer records. GM provided an updated outlook on CD rates. Board members agreed staying with the current institution and its rates would be the best balance between simple and cost effective.

MF gave an update on the Square hack experienced last month. Under continued investigation by Square. User passwords and 2-step verification updated.

D. Reports of Committees

No committees at this time

E. Old and New Business

1. Elect officers

President- MW

VP- MF

Treasurer- GM

Secretary- BT

Positions approved unanimously by present board members.

2. Assign club duties

APFGA Board Duties

Membership/Website Coordinator- MF

Provide regular updates to President and coordinate with Erik on Website and help members with website questions

Grafting Workshop Coordinator- DD

Handle reservations with ASD for Grafting Workshop. Saturday, April 15, 2022, Begich MS All-purpose room. Arrange for, and contact grafting instructors (6) for Grafting Workshop

Rootstock Manager- GM

Place rootstock orders with nurseries. Arranges shipping.

Scion Manager- VG and IF

Locate, contact and pick up scionwood for 5 main varieties. Manage scion wood and information for grafting workshop

Pruning Workshop Coordinator- MW

Schedule and book instructor/site for pruning workshop (in greenhouse 3rd or 4th Sat. in March)

Top-working Workshop Coordinator- MW

Schedule and book instructor/site for top-working workshop (2nd or 3rd Sat in May) in Anchorage.
Schedule and book instructor for top-working workshop (2nd or 3rd Sat in May) at MidValley Greenhouse.

Orchard Tours Coordinator- IF

Organize and Schedule Summer Orchard tours (3-4 events)

Apple Pressings Coordinator- DD

Schedule and organize apple pressings (2-3 events). Coordinate workers at apple pressings (Press, grinder, filling containers)

Apple Tastings Coordinator- VG will do the first one (in Anchorage), Need one for Valley?

Schedule and organize apple tastings. Early tasting in Anchorage 2nd or 3rd week Sept. Late tasting at MidValley Greenhouse 1st week Oct.). Help with set-up, clean-up and tabulation of results.

Social Events/Meeting Coordinator- tabled

Arrange meeting date/time/place and content. Provide information to President one month in advance.

Receptions for any in-person meetings- tabled

Develop web-site content- tabled

Fruit photos/descriptions- tabled

3. Apple Press/grinder

We may want a backup/second grinder before next fall. Decision tabled

4. Memberships for 2023

Dues will remain unchanged. MF will update the membership document to the website. Discussed lifetime-member-to-quorum issues of the future; MF may add to his renewal reminder process that lifetime members indicate their continued presence with the club by email or contact verification.

5. Winter Social Events

6. New business

MW brought up concept of genetic testing some of the regionally successful apples, as a potential role or service of the club. Tabled for later consideration.

F. Programs: Future Planning

December 8, 2022 – Soil Basics with Bob Vanveldhuizen, UAF Soil Scientist

January 12, 2023 – Making Fruit Wine with Bob Thaden, Tongue River Winery

February 9, 2023 – TBA

March 9, 2023 – WARC Cold Climate Fruit Research with Zach Miller, MtSU Assoc. Prof

Membership Meeting: December 8, 2022 7:00 pm – Zoom

Next board meeting: December 15, 2022, 7:00 pm – Zoom

Motion to adjourn at 2029, GM, MF 2nd