

APFGA Board Meeting 12-15-22

A. 7:08 pm Call to Order

- Roll Call: Quorum requires the attendance of a majority of the elected Board members.
 - o Mark Wolbers
 - o Mark Findlay
 - o Gary Masog
 - o Doug Damberg
 - o Val Glooschenko
 - o Ilona Farr

- Recognize and welcome any APFGA members in attendance
 - Joe Thomas

- Approval of proposed agenda – approved

B. Approval of minutes

- Board Meeting, November 17, 2022 - approved with one correction: change grafting workshop date from April 15, 2022 to April 15, 2023.

C. Reports of officers

Treasurer Report: Gary Masog

- \$106k CD renewal – Unanimous vote by board: Gary has discretion to renew no later than the end of January to capture the best rate (December rate currently 3.5% for 1 year).
- We have pre-paid \$3,300 for rootstock for 2023.

President Report: GLExp

- MW provided written notes to the Board covering main points of what he learned.
- MW highlight: met premiere Michigan cherry grower at breakfast
- Zestar observation: does better in colder climate. Water may be the bigger factor for fruit texture than sunlight in AK.
- Too large of a fruit set on cherries can lead to softer fruit. If you see heavy clusters of cherries, they should be thinned.
- Tiana Dupont: presentations on soils, root uptake points, ground covers relevant to AK. Read Jeff Lowenfels new book on roots, nutrient uptake, etc.
- Apple tastings: none of the varieties were suitable for AK (long season) and many very sweet, not good for drying. Varieties are largely market driven.
- Grandpa's Orchard: has some unique grafting tools available that might be useful for our clinic. Mark will provide prices.

D. Reports of Committees

None at this time

E. Old and New Business

1. Grafting Workshop Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

- We will do the grafting workshop one week earlier than 2022 (which was on 4-23-22) as it will be better timing on scion collection. Event hours, including setup and APFGA cleanup, will be 11-3, but can be adjusted if needed. Janitor is from 3-4.
- We will pre-sort orders in advance of the workshop at a location TBD.
- We should be set up to accept credit cards at the 2023 workshop.

2. Rootstock order update

- Need to confirm the numbers: Gary will provide totals via email.

3. Winter Social Events

- **We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a winter social event.**

4. New business

- Square: the account is secure after the hack attempt.
- Soil presentation presenter from December: would like to donate his fee – we are looking for an entity to donate it to.
- Web page: recent newsletters and presentations are posted.

F. Programs: Future Planning

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

February 9, 2023 – TBA (Possibly presentation on haskaps from Honeyberry USA)

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

Next board meeting: Zoom Conference, Thursday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm