

**Alaska Pioneer Fruit Growers Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Notes  
November 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm: Zoom Video Conference**

**A. 7:14 pm Call to order**

- Roll Call: quorum was met with the majority of the elected Board members in attendance:
  - o Michael Burke
  - o Doug Damberg
  - o Gary Masog
  - o Mark Wolbers

Long time Board member Val Glooschenko has resigned. The Board recognizes and thanks Val for her many contributions over her years of service.

- Recognize and welcome any APFGA members in attendance: Ken Hoffman
- Approval of proposed agenda – MB motion/GB 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**B. Approval of minutes**

- Minutes for the Board Meeting on April 23, 2025 were approved by all - MB motion/GB 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**C. Reports of officers**

Treasurer's Report: Gary Masog. Gary emailed the Annual Report to Board members earlier in the month. Mark Wolbers provided the treasurer's update at the November Members' meeting.

**D. Reports of Committees**

None at this time

**E. Old and New Business**

1. Board Vacancy: there is an immediate vacancy on the Board with Val Glooschenko's resignation, as she had one year left in her term. President Mark Wolbers moved to appoint Ken Hoffman to fill the remainder of Val's term. GM 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Ken has had a lifelong interest in fruit growing. He is a farmer and is currently on the Alaska Farm Bureau. His interest in seeing the fruit growing industry strengthened in Alaska and commercial ag connections will benefit the club.

2. Elect officers and assign board duties:

The Board Officers agreed to continue their current duties through the next year as follows:

President – Mark Wolbers

Vice-President – Michael Burke

Treasurer – Gary Masog

Secretary – Doug Damberg

Major duties were assigned as follows:

Membership Coordinator: Doug

Website Coordinator: Mark Findlay and Erik Johnson (note: we need to contact to confirm)

Reservation Manager: Michael

Grafting Workshop Coordinator: Doug

Rootstock Manager: Gary

Scion Manager: Mark Wolbers (request/secure scion) and Susan Miller (organize at event - note: we need to contact prior to the event to confirm)

Pruning Workshop Coordinator: Mark W

Top-working Workshop Coordinator: Mark W

Orchard/Garden Tours Coordinator: Ken Hoffman

Apple Pressings Coordinator: Mark W in coord with Doug and others

Fruit Tastings Coordinator: Dawn or Keoki

Membership Social or In-Person Program coordinator: Dawn and/or Keoki

### 3. Lifetime member confirmation/multiple family emails

The Board agreed that completing the lifetime member confirmation every other year is sufficient. This includes contacting life members to confirm their email and information is up to date. This was completed in early 2025. Also, we can include multiple email addresses for a member: the membership list has a column to indicate that a second address is not a 'voting' address.

### 4. Winter Speaker Series

Mark Wolbers is working on finalizing the January and February speakers. The Board discussed several options for January and MB will follow up with a contact.

### 5. New Business

Rootstock order review: we have more member orders for cherry and St. Julian than what we could get from vendors at this point in the ordering season. Otherwise, we will have spare rootstock for everything else.

Mark W discussed interest in following up on the initial member Geneva rootstock trial from 2024. Mark has a list of members who purchased and or received free rootstock from Geneva as part of the trial. Mark will follow up by sending out a form via email that members can report on the success of their rootstock and grafts.

Mark Findlay sent a snapshot of the club's website usage over the last 4 weeks. Apple varieties and tasting results got a larger percentage of visits. The Board will discuss updating the apple variety spreadsheet, and other website needs, at the next meeting, including adding something recognizing members who are given honorary memberships.

835 motion to adjourn MB/GM 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Programs: Future Planning**

December 11, 2024 Steve Masterman

January 8, 2025 TBA

February 12, 2025 TBA

March 12, 2025 Lee Reich

Next board meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2025