

Michigan Nut Growers Association Summer Meeting
July 13, 2014
Nash Nursery, Owosso, MI

1. After delicious potluck, meeting called to order by President Mike Dority at 1:28 p.m.
 - Thank you Nash's for hosting MNGA.
 - This is an excellent turnout for a summer meeting. Secretary counted 66 heads.
 - Spring Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved with unanimous oral vote.
 - Treasury report reviewed without any issues or concerns. It was noted that Alan Van Antwerp has three MNGA logo hats left @\$15. Alan was thanked for continuing as Treasurer for these many years.
 - Ag Expo signup sheet was circulated.
 - Dr. Dennis Fulbright noted that the brutal winter is a chance to select the most winter hardy specimens. Not to mourn the loss of the 9 out of 10 that died, but propagate the 10th as a vigorous, important survivor.
 - Alan made a motion that Resident Agent Bill Nash and Secretary Dennis Strahle should be added to the MNGA checking account as approved signers. 2nd by Tom Latterner and passed with unanimous oral vote.
 - Duane Rufenacht and Dennis Fulbright offered the story of the red Carpathian walnut meats and how it is important to look for unique specimens.
 - Gordon Barlow made a request for a larger font in the MNGA News.
 - It was reported that Roger and Alice Miller are not well. Roger was hospitalized as last known.
 - Thank you Dan Hill for collecting \$150 for the 50/50 drawing which was won by Cecelia Fydroski and George Horny (they split the drawing portion).
 - The business meeting was concluded.
2. The MNGA fund raising auction was held with the generously donated items and was supported by many substantial bids.
3. Bill Nash and sons provided a tour of the grounds: 200 acres of gorgeous trees and plants, some dating beyond the 1860 founding date of Nash Nursery. Some very unique and rare specimens as well as groves of trees planted years ago with timber and produce in mind. The pond was deep blue colored (controls the algae) and Bill offered that we could take the paddle boat or canoes for a ride. We saw a highly unique stand of American chestnut trees that are undergoing research to create a prevention for chestnut blight. The greenhouses were filled with healthy perennials and young trees. Bill took time to explain many exceptional trees.
Thank you Nash Nursery for the outstanding afternoon!

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Strahle
MNGA Secretary