

Michigan Nut Growers Association
July 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1:13 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Mike Dority

50/50: \$67 collected (thank you Dan Hill): John Hohman and Alan Van Antwerp were the lucky winners (Alan donated his winnings back to MNGA)

Copies of the **Spring Meeting Minutes** were passed out. Motion to accept Minutes was made by Bill Nash. Motion seconded by Jim Fydroski. Minutes accepted via a unanimous vocal vote.

Alan provided copies of the **Treasurer's Report**. There were not any questions.

Bylaws: The proposed Bylaws passed a hand count vote at the Spring MNGA meeting and, per the process outlined in the current Bylaws, needed a second vote at this meeting to pass. After much discussion and many options for how to continue, a motion was made by Sheila Hill to use a paper ballot for this second vote of the proposed Bylaws. Motion seconded by Dan Hill. Motion passed by majority with only 2 nay votes. Small sheets of paper were distributed for the vote. Two non-MNGA guests took the paper ballots outside the room to tally them. Mike provided the results: Yes: 7, No 13, Abstain: 3, Blank 2. The proposed Bylaws were not passed. The current Bylaws remain in effect.

Ag Expo: a sign-up sheet was circulated. Ag Expo is July 16-18. It is an opportunity for Roger's Reserve and MNGA to meet the public. Volunteer staff the booth and explain who we are.

MNGA 2013 Convention: Aug 11-15 at MSU Kellogg Center. Tours have been set up at Pete Ivory's chestnut farm, Marc Boone's paw paw farm, and Roger's Reserve for tour. Companion alternate tours have been set up. Volunteers are needed. Dennis Fulbright will be suggesting volunteer assignments.

Old Business: MNGA monogrammed hats \$15 and shirts will go to the auction. Ken: commented that the shirts and hats were intended to be worn at Ag Expo.

New Business: none

Motion made by Tom Latterner to **adjourn** the business portion of the meeting, seconded by Bill Nash.

Auction: John Hohman and runners sold \$358.00 of merchandize.

Building tour of new equipment (oven and pulping machine) provided by Dennis Fulbright.

Property tour: Dennis Fulbright led the group to the paw paw orchard on the west end of the property with many points of interest along the way. Thank you Dennis and thank you to the Rogers for their generous donation to MSU.

Next meeting: Hank Frechtling Farm: Persimmon time!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Strahle
MNGA Secretary.